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**SEAWORLD SAN ANTONIO INTRODUCES “PETS AHOY!,” A BRAND-NEW SHOW  
FEATURING ADOPTED DOGS AND CATS**

SAN ANTONIO, TX (Jan. 28, 2013) – As an animal park, we realize our guests love all animals and many of them have pets of their own at home. “**Pets Ahoy!**,” opening in June 2013, is a brand-new comical show featuring the talents of a menagerie of dogs, cats, birds, rats, pot-belly pigs, and other animals performing a series of uproarious and amazing skits. Most impressive is the fact that nearly all of these animals will be rescued from animal shelters.

“Not only is ‘**Pets Ahoy!**’ a hilariously funny show, but it also talks seriously about the importance of properly caring for animals,” park president Dan Decker said. “Last year, ‘SeaWorld’s Happy Tails’ thanked more than 8,000 animal lovers with free admission tickets to SeaWorld for adopting a dog or cat from either Animal Care Services, Animal Defense League or the San Antonio Humane Society. These shelters are doing phenomenal work to save as many animals as they can, yet this remains a significant issue for our community. By continuing the Happy Tails program in 2013, we’re supporting these incredible organizations and saying ‘thank you’ to people who help save animals.”

Nationally acclaimed SeaWorld animal trainer Joel Slaven has more than 30 years of animal training experience, with numerous television appearances and major film credits such as “Ace Ventura, Pet Detective” and “That Darn Cat.” For SeaWorld’s newest show, he directs the training of more than 130 animals, from the initial selection to the shaping of behaviors. “There is nothing

more gratifying than adopting a shy, untrained cat or dog from a shelter,” said Slaven, “and seeing the animal transform into an amazing, confident and happy show animal. I’m looking forward to building relationships with all of these animals.”

Show producers will be in San Antonio next month to scout for animals from the park’s three Happy Tails shelters for SeaWorld’s new show.

### **About SeaWorld**

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