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Press Release

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Bond for Life Exhibition
Friday, May 22 – June 21, 2009
Opening reception Friday, May 22 (7 – 10 pm)

Bond for Life Exhibition Explores the Human/Pet Companion Connection

Alexandria, VA (April 20, 2009) The Del Ray Artisans (DRA) is hosting an exhibition that explores the centuries old bond between humans and their pet companions. The exhibition opens on Friday, May 22nd (opening reception from 7 – 10 pm) and runs through Sunday, June 21nd. Admission to the reception and the gallery is free of charge and open to the public.

Using the media of their choice, artists were asked to consider what animals bring to us as they create their original works. Is it the spirit of bravery, the devotion of loyalty, the joy of playfulness, the warmth of companionship, the power of love, the weight of sorrow, the strength of hope, the determination of endurance, or the dignity of pride?

Original works from over 50 artists, DRA members and non-members, will be the backdrop to an all out celebration of the special connection that humans and their animal companions share. There will be numerous additional programs during the days of the show that complement the exhibition. Special thanks to Your Dog's Best Friends for its sponsorship of this exhibition.

For show details, special events and gallery hours visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org or contact coordinator Christina Richardson at 703.683.2949 or Christina@FigaroConsulting.com.

The Del Ray Artisans gallery is located at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301 and is wheelchair accessible. New, extended gallery hours are Thursdays 12 noon - 4 pm (First Thursdays 12 noon - 9 pm), Fridays 12 noon - 9 pm, Saturdays 10 am - 9 pm, Sundays 12 noon - 6 pm.

The mission of the Del Ray Artisans is to foster a community of artists and art supporters who are a viable source for the development, teaching, and furtherance of appreciation of the arts through exhibits and events for members and the diverse populations in the City of Alexandria, the communities of Northern Virginia, and the greater Washington metropolitan area.

Special thanks to the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, the Virginia Commission for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts and the City of Alexandria for their continued support of Del Ray Artisans, a 501(c)(3) organization.