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Paws 'N Claws for Art, Del Ray Artisans art exhibit at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter

Show Dates: February 21 - May 31, 2015

Reception: Friday, February 27 from 7-9pm

Location: 4101 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304

Alexandria, VA (released: February 5, 2015) – “Paws ‘n Claws for Art” art exhibit opens on February 21, 2015 at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, as a part of Del Ray Artisans’ Gallery Without Walls program, in partnership with the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria. Please join us for a reception to view the artwork on Friday, February 27 from 7-9 pm at the animal shelter at 4101 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304.

This is this third exhibit at the animal shelter and Del Ray Artisans member artists are showing two-dimensional works of art celebrating the animals that enrich and inspire them. Artworks include a variety of styles and media inspired by these animals.

As a fundraising effort, a percentage of each sale goes directly to the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria and Del Ray Artisans—both 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations. An added benefit is patrons may immediately take possession of purchased artwork at the time of purchase.

In addition, a special showing by UpCycle’s Fur-Vor Community Art Project will be featured. This community-based project is funded by the Alexandria City Commission for the Arts. It was designed to encourage and enhance students in the creation of animal-inspired art with recycled materials. On exhibit will be 40-50 8”x8” panels of recycled dog art created by area students—these pieces will not be for sale at this time.

Light fare and refreshments will be served during the reception, and Animal Welfare League staff will be available to conduct tours of shelter facilities and introduce guests to current residents. The Vola Lawson Shelter is open to the public for adoptions and viewings during the following hours: Monday-Thursday 12-7 pm, Friday CLOSED, Saturday and Sunday 12-5 pm. It is handicapped-accessible. For more information, please visit TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW or contact Gallery Without Walls curator Eileen O’Brien at GWW@TheDelRayArtisans.org or exhibit coordinator Linda Goetz Mierke at lgmierke@gmail.com.

Del Ray Artisans, founded in 1992, is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote art for the benefit of artists and the community.

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“Paws ‘N Claws for Art” exhibit runs February 21-May 31, 2015 at Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, 4101 Eisenhower Ave, Alexandria. Del Ray Artisans and Animal Welfare League of Alexandria teamed up to present this animal-themed, fundraising exhibit. Both nonprofits receive a percentage of each sale. Also showing, but not for sale, will be UpCycle’s Fur-Vor project community-based student-recycled dog art. Reception: Friday, February 27, 7-9pm. View the art: Monday-Thursday 12-7pm, closed Friday, Saturday-Sunday 12-5pm. www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW

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