

BARKtoberfest is celebrating its 9th year and will be held **Saturday, October 29 from 11am until 4pm at Rayola Park in Owasso**. For more information and to follow updates, visit www.BARKtoberfestonline.org and follow on Facebook 'BARKtoberfest Owasso.'

BARKtoberfest Owasso is a free annual event to promote pet adoptions from the Owasso Animal Shelter, other regional municipal shelters and local animal welfare groups. This event is a great place for local pet businesses to meet the community and promote their business. Previous year's attendance ranged from 5,000-7,000 people visiting over 40 booths consisting of local nonprofits and businesses. BARKtoberfest Owasso is part of the Owasso Harvest Festival, so there are plenty of free activities and entertainment for children and adults.

Pet overpopulation is a serious problem for Oklahoma and providing a venue, like BARKtoberfest, for animal welfare organizations to introduce pets looking for permanent homes is key in saving lives. BARKtoberfest also provides services (low cost vaccinations, low cost microchipping, free id tags and free canine heartworm tests) to help pet owners keep their pets healthy and safe. Keeping pets current on vaccinations (especially rabies vaccinations) and having pets microchipped/tagged promotes a pet-friendly community for pet owners and non-pet owners. We thank our local veterinarians SAHO (Small Animal Hospital of Owasso), FAM (Family Animal Medicine) and Dr. Karn from the Owasso Shelter for providing these services.

By donating online through our website www.CAAREonline.org or mailing a check to the address below, you will help support the Owasso Animal Shelter and homeless/disadvantaged pets in our community. CAARE, Inc. is an exempt organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Our programs include: pet food bank, veterinary assistance for low-income families, rescuing and rehoming pets in need and providing items for the shelter. Operating costs remain low to accomplish our mission resulting in more funds to help those in need. CAARE's volunteers do not receive any compensation for their work on this event or for helping homeless and disadvantaged pets throughout the year. Volunteers do this because of their compassion and commitment to help others.

Please consider placing an ad in the BARKtoberfest Owasso information pamphlet to promote your business and help homeless/disadvantaged animals. The pamphlet is distributed the day of the event and available for viewing from the website for a full year. *A 4x1 or 2x1.5 size ad is \$40. A 4x2 ad is \$75.* If you elect to have your business take advantage of this opportunity, please submit your request **no later than Friday, October 7**. Send an email to help@CAAREonline.org or call 918-585-1144 for more information.

Please consider making a donation no matter how small. If you are unable to make a donation, consider becoming a volunteer and together we will continue the mission.

Thank you for your time and support.

