

Bonnie-Jill Laflin to Emcee Pet Parade at Jameson Animal Rescue Ranch's Yearly Fundraiser

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<u>Bonnie-Jill Laflin</u>, well known as the first female NBA scout in history will emcee a rescued animal Pet Parade at the yearly fundraiser for {Jameson Animal Rescue Ranch} (JARR), <u>WineaPAWlooza</u>.

An ardent animal lover, Laflin who is also a model, sportscaster (ESPN and KCAL CBS), a former cheerleader for the Golden State Warriors, San Francisco 49ers and Dallas Cowboys and star of VH1 reality TV show Basketball Wives, will introduce the special line up of goats, donkeys, pigs, dogs and other furry friends.



"As a passionate animal advocate, I am excited to be visiting the beautiful Napa Valley and partnering with Jameson Animal Rescue at WineaPAWlooza this year," said Laflin, "I was in Napa when the horrific fires broke out and my heart was with all the animals that suffered through it all. I am proud to be helping raise awareness around animal disaster rescue."

This year, the focus of the paddle raise, Fund A Need auction lot will be disaster relief and preparedness for animals. Headquartered in Napa, JARR responded within minutes of the first calls to come in during the Napa and Sonoma firestorms of 2017 and continued to be a leader in the community for animal rescue and care through the entire disaster.

Taking place on Saturday, July 28th and hosted at Gamble Family Vineyards in Oakville, WineaPAWlooza, known as one of Napa Valley's most prestigious wine auctions, brings together Napa Valley glitterati, top vintners and Chefs to raise funds for Jameson Animal Rescue Ranch. Last year's auction raised more than \$1.3 million for the animals.

Before the big parade and auction, a two-hour grand wine tasting will allow attendees to sample some of the most sought-after wines in the Napa Valley from more than 50 renowned vintners and winemakers. Celebrity Chef, Casey Thompson, who was the star of Bravo's reality show, Top Chef for two years, is preparing plant-based bites to compliment the

evening's grand tasting including: Beyond Burgers, bulger chili tacos, avocado toasts, chilled white gazpacho, fried pizza bites, chips & queso, and French fries!

Berkshire Hathaway private jet company, NetJets Inc, is one of the sponsors of the event this year.

Jameson Animal Rescue Ranch is a no-kill rescue and sanctuary in the Napa Valley for companion and farmed animals in need. The nonprofit provides transitional and permanent shelter, adoption and rescue services, humane education, animal advocacy, and is committed to ending animal hunger, cruelty, and overpopulation.