The Vanderpump Dog Foundation

The Vanderpump Dog Foundation Third Annual Fundraising Gala Once Again Star-Studded Success

LOS ANGELES, November 17, 2018 (Newswire.com) - On Nov. 15, 2018, Lisa Vanderpump and The Vanderpump Dog Foundation hosted its 3rd Annual Gala, presented by Zappos for Good, for the Taiga Aborigion Complex in Los Angeles. The purpose of the Gala was to raise awareness about their efforts to end the dog meat trade, draw attention to their current and future campaigns within the US and internationally, and raise money to continue the Foundation's work. The Gala also focused on drawing attention to their disaster relief efforts and assisted in raising money for these initiatives. Once again, the night was a huge success — hundreds of people gathered together to celebrate dogs, and help improve the lives of abused and mistreated dogs both domestically and internationally.

The Gala’s red carpet kicked off at 6 p.m., with a beautiful candlelit cocktail hour and a silent auction. Celebrities and attendees bid on a variety of donated luxury items ranging from hotel stays to dog beds and luxury beauty packages. At 7:30 p.m., the doors opened to a stunning ballroom complete with beautiful flowers and candelabras for a dinner that included music, dancing, celebrity performances, celebrity speakers and an incredible Live Auction of one-of-a-kind experiences.

Mario Lopez, the event’s host for the third year in a row, began the evening and continued to host throughout the night. The Vanderpump Dog Foundation’s founder, Lisa Vanderpump, made a heart-wrenching and moving speech, while recapping the successes of the Foundation, Lisa delineated the Foundation’s medical missions to China, the opening of their first China-based rescue facility, the successful passing of House Resolution 401, and the incredible success stories of the 750+ dogs adopted out since the Vanderpump-Dog Rescue Center opened on West 3rd Street in Los Angeles in March of 2017.

The Vanderpump Dog Foundation also presented the 2018 “Dog Hero” Award for his commitment to creating a more humane world for dogs worldwide. In light of the research conducted, Lisa Vanderpump & Ken Todd began the long journey towards trying to stop the barbaric torture of dogs both domestically and internationally. In 2010, inspired by the activism and efforts of Lisa and Ken Todd, they launched the campaign Stop Yulin Forever, which ultimately led to the successful passing of House Resolution 401, co-authored by the Vanderpump Dog Foundation. Leona Lewis, a strong supporter of the Foundation, also presented an award.

The Vanderpump Dog Foundation honored Congressman Joe Courtney, raising awareness about the dog meat trade in Asia, in attendance. Vanderpump Dog Foundation’s founder, Lisa Vanderpump, made a heart-wrenching and moving speech, while recapping the successes of the Foundation. Leona Lewis, a strong supporter of the Foundation, also presented an award.

Many of Lisa’s close friends showed up to support the cause, including a wonderful amount of celebrities who helped raise awareness on the red carpet and through social media. Aside from Zin’s Mario and Courtney Lopez, and Lisa Vanderpump, Rosé & Studio Smiley, Veuve Clicquot, Lisa Vanderpump’s partner Dr. John Sessa, they launched the campaign Stop Yulin Forever, which ultimately led to the successful passing of House Resolution 401, co-authored by the Vanderpump Dog Foundation. Leona Lewis, a strong supporter of the Foundation, also presented an award.

This event would not have been possible without the generous support of presenting sponsors Zappos for Good, hosting sponsor Planet Hollywood, Corporate Sponsors, JetBlue, Randy and Kimberly Levene, Palm Bay International, SUR Restaurant, Bankruptcy and Scruff-a-Luvs. Other sponsors of the event included Emmy’s Inn, Shady Paws, Loyola High School of Los Angeles, Evolution Media, Brain, Deutsche Bank, Metropolitan Animal Specialty Hospital and Asia Rama.

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