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## **PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE USE**

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### **“WALKIES IN THE WOODS”: YOU’D BE “BARKING” TO MISS IT!**

There’s to be a special fun-filled fundraising day for the whole family, especially the four-legged members, at the Yorkshire Arboretum, Castle Howard on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

The day, rescheduled from last year when it was postponed due to poor weather, is in aid of the arboretum and Ryedale Special Families and starts at 10.00am with a choice of long or short sponsored dog walks along the tree-trails winding through this picturesque 120 acre garden of trees.

From 1pm to 4pm there’ll be a Fun Dog Show organised by local dog trainer “Paws For Louise”. The show features 10 classes, including waggiest tail, best biscuit catcher, dog most like its owner and best “6 legs!” plus an overall “Best in Show” award.

The first 200 sponsored walk groups will each receive a doggy goody bag and a free entry to the raffle, kindly sponsored by Linton Pet Shop, The Studio Malton, James Wellbeloved foods and Stugdale Kennels.

Anna Porter, Marketing Manager at the Yorkshire Arboretum said: “The arboretum is a popular destination for dog owners as it offers acres of glorious woodland and open spaces for four- and two-legged visitors to explore. We hope “Walkies in the Woods” will enable us to welcome even more canine friends to this very special place and at the same time raise funds for both the arboretum and our partners at Ryedale Special Families. It promises to be a fabulously fun day!”

Rob Davies, Funding Coordinator for Ryedale Special Families said: “We’re delighted to have been able to join forces with such a fantastic local venue and hope that dog owners everywhere will come along and have a brilliant day out, whilst at the same time helping to

raise funds for these extremely worthy charities”

Gift aided entry is £6.00 for adults, £3.00 for 12-16 year olds, and £15.00 for a family ticket (2+2). Under 12's are free. Food and drink is available from the Arboretum Café, or bring a picnic. Fun Dog Show entry costs £1 per class, payable in the ring on the day (maximum 8 classes per dog). All proceeds from the day will be shared between the Yorkshire Arboretum and Ryedale Special Families.

For more details, and to download a copy of the Dog Walk Sponsor Form, please visit [www.yorkshirearboretum.org](http://www.yorkshirearboretum.org) or [www.ryedalespecialfamilies.org.uk](http://www.ryedalespecialfamilies.org.uk)



**Two- and four-legged members, visitors, staff and supporters of the Yorkshire Arboretum and Ryedale Special Families make plans for the Walkies in the Woods event (© Darren Rose)**

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