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## Love Dogs? Love the Arts? Enjoy the Perfect Blend at “*Dog Days of Stockholm*”

Inaugural gathering turns up the heat in heart of the “Dog Days” of summer

**Stockholm, Wis.** (August 1, 2010) – Dog lovers and art enthusiasts from around Minnesota and Wisconsin are set to gather on the banks of Lake Pepin to participate in the inaugural “*Dog Days of Stockholm*” festival Friday, Aug. 13 and Saturday, Aug. 14, 2010, in historic Stockholm, Wis.

“*Dog Days of Stockholm*” is the perfect blend of dog-related events and the arts.

### **Friday, Aug. 13, 2010**

- From 7 p.m.-9 p.m., authors Pete Hautman, Mary Logue, John Graber and friends, along with musician Nicolas Kees, will take you on a rollicking romp of reading as you taste wine and cheese under the stars at the Old School House in Stockholm.

### **Saturday, Aug. 14, 2010**

- From 10 a.m. -5 p.m. in downtown Stockholm, there will be Writing Workshops by authors Faith Sullivan, Katrina Vandenberg, Paul Larson, Marsha Chall, and several other authors. Ben Barnhart, Editor at Milkweed Editions, will also be available.
- From 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Pat Kessler, WCCO-TV, with his dogs, Pugs, Rupert and Shelby, will preside over the hippest dog-friendly festival at the Stockholm Park. There will be books and dog-related demonstrations, music, artists, educators, adoptions and the coolest pet products throughout the day at the park. The day will start with the ‘Blessing of the Pups’ at 10:15 a.m. The Smarty Paws Parade will take place at 12:30 p.m.
- At 7 p.m., David Rhodes, prize winning author of “*Driftless*,” an unforgettable story of contemporary life in rural America, will be the closing keynote speaker at Widespot Performance Center in Stockholm. He will be followed by a musical and literary tribute to the arts.

*“The purpose of Dog Days of Stockholm is to celebrate both writers and readers and the dogs that love them. Taking place during the dog days of summer-the perfect time to stretch out near the Mississippi and indulge oneself in reading a favorite book, the weekend will give readers a chance to talk to writers, writers a chance to meet other writers and learn a bit more about their craft, all the while extolling the virtues of a good dog.*

*Celebrating dogs, Stockholm and words.”*

-Quote By Author Mary Logue

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### **About Dog Days of Stockholm**

The “*Dog Days of Stockholm*” was created by locals from the village of Stockholm, Wis. to share a love of canine friends and a community’s appreciation of the arts. Stockholm, population 99, is nestled on the banks of Lake Pepin along the Mississippi River, about 75 miles from Minneapolis/St. Paul, 50 miles from Eau Claire, Wis. and 60 miles from Rochester, Minn. The village is known for its tasteful blend of small town living. The community is richly populated by artists of all disciplines, who enjoy the scenic countryside amidst generations of farm families and local industry.

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