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The second Helping Paws Military Appreciation Day at the Crosby National Golf Club will be held October 17, 2017. The event includes 18 holes of golf, a boxed lunch, and an awards dinner and presentation. In addition a Silent Auction will give our guests the opportunity to bid on items such as get-away experiences, food, art work, collectables – with all proceeds going to this most noble cause! Look for the auction catalog on our websites in September!

Helping Paws is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization founded by Dr. Craig Mohnacky providing veterinary care for military families in need; including routine and more complex medical and surgical procedures. The program is open to all active, retired and disabled veterans of war, who possess family pets or service dogs. Dr. Mohnacky's commitment to Helping Paws has earned him the San Diego Military Advisory Council Service Award, Channel 10 News Leaderships Award, Henry Schein "Cares" Award, and the LEAD 10 San Diego Visionary Award for dedicated service to the San Diego military community.

Our purpose is to keep military families united with their pets by providing financial assistance so no pet is prematurely relinquished to a humane facility, or worse yet, undergoes euthanasia due to financial constraints (economic euthanasia). A pet in a military household can sometimes be the only source of stability because of demands put on these families. Studies demonstrate both the emotional and physical benefits that pets can bring to their owners by lowering blood pressure, circumventing suicide rates, and creating an increased sense of purpose. With your help, we can continue to expand our program nationwide. Through our Pet Care Rewards Program, Helping Paws receives a 2% donation for every dollar spent by clients of Mohnacky Animal Hospitals. It is our way of helping our clients help our fine men and women in the military.

Helping Paws Foundation relies on Sponsors and Volunteers for this event! Last year our Helping Paws Patriots included Avid Microchip, CP Medical, The Crosby, Fischer Farm, Merck Animal Health, Moradi MD, Virbac, Zoetis, Sound Technologies, California Center of the Arts, Dexter's Deli, Elanco, Pupologie, San Diego Patriots, Starbucks, members of the Crosby National Golf Club and more!

All those interested in sponsorships / volunteering are invited to contact Crystal Monroe, Executive Director of Helping Paws.

About the Crosby: "The elegant but comfortable Crosby Clubhouse was designed by Oz Architects of Scottsdale, Arizona. This beautiful property offers broad views of the course and the hills that surround it, while providing the highest level of service and amenities for club members and their guests. The Crosby Sports Center's Tennis Garden is devoted to the game, with a sunken stadium court, surrounding hard courts and an elegant veranda. The Sports Center also includes a junior-olympic swimming pool and a full range of strength-training and aerobic facilities. The Club also provides ideal opportunities for dining and entertaining, its architectural excellence matched by impeccable service and attention to detail."

<http://www.thecrosbyclub.com/Club/Scripts/Home/home.asp>

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