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Bridgewater Credit Union to Host Second Annual Pet Adoption Day on July 28 in Bridgewater

Bridgewater, Mass. (July 17, 2019) – Bridgewater Credit Union (BCU), a division of Merrimack Valley Credit Union (MVCU), will host its second annual "Wags and Woofles" pet adoption day on Sunday, July 28, from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. at its headquarters at 75 Main Street in Bridgewater, Mass. BCU is partnering with Last Hope K9 Rescue of Boston and the Nemasket Orphaned Animal Haven of Raynham to create a fun-filled day with music, giveaways and games where people can meet dogs and cats looking for their forever homes.

"The pet adoption event is one of the ways that we work to make a lasting, positive impact in our community," said John Howard, President and CEO of Merrimack Valley Credit Union. "And nothing is better than helping a family find a pet to love. Animals are a part of our community too, and bring so much joy to others. We hope that we can help introduce dozens of cats and dogs to their forever homes through this event."

Working with Last Hope K9 Rescue and Nemasket Orphaned Animal Haven for the inaugural event last year, BCU helped to facilitate the adoption of 19 cats and 8 dogs.

<u>Last Hope K9 Rescue</u> is dedicated to saving all abandoned, neglected, and abused dogs from high-kill shelters throughout the country; the organization doesn't discriminate on the basis of age, pre-existing medical conditions, or breed because every animal deserves to know love. The organization works to place each dog in a stable, loving environment. Last Hope K9 Rescue doesn't have a physical shelter; dogs are placed in foster homes where they are nurtured, trained and loved until they find their forever homes. Since its founding in March 2012, the organization has found forever homes for 7,600 dogs.

<u>Nemasket Orphaned Animal Haven</u> was founded in 2004 to provide a safe haven for homeless, abandoned and abused cats and kittens. The organization works to match cats with families that will provide loving homes compatible with the cats' individual needs. Since its founding, Nemasket Orphaned Animal Haven has placed nearly 7,000 rescues in loving homes.

For more information about the pet adoption event, visit https://www.bridgewatercu.com/home/mycommunity/wags_and_woofles. For more information about Merrimack Valley Credit Union and Bridgewater Credit Union, visit www.mvcu.com and www.bridgewatercu.com.



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About Merrimack Valley Credit Union

Merrimack Valley Credit Union (MVCU) is a state-chartered community credit union with \$1 billion in assets. MVCU serves anyone who lives, works, volunteers, or attends school in the Merrimack Valley region, and through its Bridgewater Credit Union division, Barnstable, Bristol, Norfolk or Plymouth counties. MVCU offers a wide range of savings and loan products to meet the financial needs of its members, and has 10 branch locations in Bridgewater, Fairhaven, Haverhill, Lawrence, Methuen, North Andover, Plymouth, and Quincy Mass., and Plaistow and Seabrook, N.H.