

# 'Dog Days' exhibit partners with Pawsitive thrift



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The dog days of August are usually time to relax, but not at Art & Antique Gallery, where an exhibition, plus authors meet-and-greet will keep visitors hopping.

The Melbourne gallery's "Dog Days of Summer" show opens with a 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. free reception Aug. 1. Light refreshments and beverages are in store, but that's not all folks, for the evening also includes meet-and-greet sessions with authors Darryl Gentry and Linda Jump.

Gentry's "Let the Good Times Roll: Birth of Rock 'n Roll" documents the infancy of the powerful musical genre.

Reporter-photographer Linda Jump is the author of five books for readers young and old and facilitates the "Writing your Life" classes at Shepherd's Center of South Brevard and other facilities.

Art & Antique Gallery is also partnering with Hope Pet Rescue and its Pawsitive Hope Thrift Store during the "Dog Days of Summer" exhibition. Information on the organization that fosters homeless animals and help pet owners in need will be available at the opening reception. Donations of dry and canned pet food, blankets, towels and toys will be accepted.



Dawn Whedbee helps at the Pawsitive HOPE Thrift Store at Post Commons Shopping Center at 4100 N. Wickham Road in Melbourne. Money raised goes toward helping local abused, homeless or stray animals.

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