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## 14th ANNUAL BONES AND BREW: LOCAL CRAFT BREWS AND BARBEQUE IN ROGUE'S BACKYARD

PORTLAND, OR, July 8, 2008 – The **14th Annual Bones and Brew Festival** to benefit the Oregon Zoo will be held August 2nd-3rd at the epicenter of Portland's historic Northwest and Pearl Districts. Three closed-off city streets overlooking the buzzing I-405 transform into Portland's largest neighborhood backyard BBQ. Authentic grill-masters will be competing, cooking up traditional barbeque, along with Hawaiian, Asian, seafood and vegetarian options.

Thirsty festival goers can choose from 40+ microbrews from local craft breweries like Rogue, Laurelwood, Amnesia, Eugene City Brewery, Lucky Lab, Hopworks, Ninkasi, Lompoc, Walking Man, Double Mountain and more. Home brewers can visit the Brewer's Lounge to take notes and exchange ideas with the pros.

Bones and Brew is a family-friendly event with plenty of activities for all educational crafts with the Oregon Zoo, buckets of chalk for hopscotch and sidewalk drawings, face-painters, musical acts, and a designated kid zone. And don't forget the four-legged members of your family. Dogs are also welcome at Bones and Brew and can sample gourmet BBQ dog treats, non-alcoholic dog brew, visit the dog psychic or play with other pups in a recreational dog area. For some good clean fun, a dog wash station will be sudsing up and hosing down canines for charity.



Local live music such as *Oh Captain, My Captain* and *Bucyrus Erie* will take the main stage. Other attractions will include a Kobe Bleu Ball eating contest, tricycles races, boxer taste tests, fire dancers and other games for the big kids.

Last year, Bones and Brew raised \$10,000 for the Oregon Zoo's new Predators of the Serengeti exhibit. 100% of admission donations will go to the Oregon Zoo.

Bones and Brew takes place on NW 15th Avenue between Everett and Glisan and on Flanders between 14th and 15th. Hours are Saturday, August 2nd from 11am-9pm, and Sunday, August 3rd from 11am-7pm. A \$3 donation is requested at the door. Dogs and Kids are welcome.

