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Mixed Mutts Make Money for PAWS Chicago!

***DNA Swab-a-Thon™ sponsored by [Canine Heritage Breed Test™](#)
at PAWS Chicago's 8th Annual Run for Their Lives***

Beltsville, MD, September 23, 2008 - Representatives for the [Canine Heritage Breed Test](#) will be on hand ***Saturday, September 28*** at the annual ***Run for Their Lives*** sponsored by Chicago's largest No Kill humane organization, PAWS Chicago. Pet owners curious about the make up of their lovable mixed breed pups can come to the ***DNA Swab-a-thon™*** to have their dog's cheek swabbed for DNA analysis. ***A donation of \$30*** from each DNA test sold will go directly to PAWS Chicago.

The Canine Heritage Breed Test is an exciting new product that uses DNA to pinpoint the breed-mix of a mutt. Although the technology is complicated, the test, itself, is simple. It requires only a gentle swab that is rubbed along the inside of the dog's cheek to gather cells. The swab is then mailed to the lab with results coming back to the pet-parent in about 4 weeks.

"We are so grateful to the makers of the [Canine Heritage Breed Test](#) for their generous donation to our organization" said Lisa Dawson, Director of Communications and Donor Relations. "We hope every mutt owner in the Chicago area will take this opportunity to find out more about their pet AND at the same time make possible a contribution to our organization!"

The event will be held Sunday, September 28, 2008 beginning at **9:00 AM** at **Montrose Harbor, Chicago**. The price for the Canine Heritage Test kit will be \$120. For more information, visit www.pawschicago.org. Go to the "Run for Their Lives" page and click on "What Mix is Your Mutt?"

About MetaMorphix, Inc.

MetaMorphix, Inc., the maker of the Canine Heritage Breed Test, is a life sciences company that uses DNA to improve animal wellness. Its wholly owned subsidiary, MMI Genomics, has more than a decade of experience in the area of canine DNA research. As a world-leader in the discovery and commercialization of DNA-based marker systems that enhance the ability to identify individual dogs, verify parentage, determine breed type and confirm gender, MMI Genomics has been at the forefront of developing technology and providing value-added services to the canine community. This unparalleled leadership continues to help protect the efforts of canine registries and support dog owners and breeders around the world.

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