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50 Haircuts in 50 States in 50 Days to Benefit Central Dakota Humane Society

On Sept. 3, the 50 States Tour to benefit homeless animals will be in Bismarck for a day of hair cutting and fund raising at City Looks Salon in the Kirkwood Mall. Funds raised will help the Central Dakota Humane Society care for the more than 100 pets waiting for forever homes.

World-record holder and master hair stylist Patrick Lomantini will be cutting hair in an effort to perform 50 haircuts in 50 states in 50 days. During his 50 States Tour, Lomantini is bringing awareness to humane societies and shelters and the animals in them. He is donating all proceeds in every state to a local humane society or shelter.

"Last year was the inaugural run of the 50 States Tour which was a record setting event that raised nearly \$47,000 for organizations that help homeless animals across the United States," said Lomantini. "This year we're looking to top the fund raising for all the organizations involved and are excited to see this event grow."

The event will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Appointments can be made by contacting Mandy Schaaf at the CDHS shelter at 667-2020 or via email at cdhsvolunteers@midco.net. The suggested minimum donation to CDHS is \$20, the approximate cost to take care of three animals a day.

"We're looking forward to working with Patrick again," said Schaaf, CDHS volunteer coordinator. "This is a unique event to benefit the animals and it's exciting to be part of a grass roots effort that is helping homeless animals across the country."

CDHS is a no-kill animal shelter that serves Bismarck-Mandan and the surrounding communities by housing and finding homes for lost, strayed or abandoned animals, promoting spaying and neutering and offering educational opportunities. CDHS recently celebrated its 50th anniversary. The shelter is open Tuesday through Saturday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. People may visit the CDHS website at www.cdhs.net to view pictures of adoptable animals.

The 50 States Tour is presented by BarkAID, an organization with a mission to raise funds and awareness for homeless animals, as well as educate people about what is happening with animals in their communities.