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## All Paws On Deck At Prime Restaurant

*North Shore Animal League raises \$14K at restaurant's second Gold Coast Affair*

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A night of luxury helped raise thousands of dollars for four-legged friends in need – and helped a handful find new homes, too.

Prime: An American Kitchen and Bar teamed up with the North Shore Animal League, their spokeswoman Beth Stern and Hamptons magazine for a “Gold Coast Affair” July 21 to raise money and awareness for the Port Washington-based shelter.

This is Prime's second Gold Coast Affair, but the first benefiting a charity, co-owner Michael Bohlsen said, noting his family's long history of dog lovers made their benefactor a natural fit.

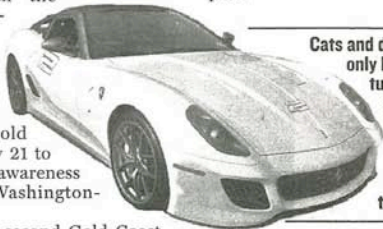
“We do a lot for the people in the community. We wanted to do something for the animals that make the people so happy,” he said.

Kurt Bohlsen and his daughter Hannah continued the tradition by adopting their first dog, an 8-week-old Shepherd mix who will join the family's 2-year-old cat, Eric. All told, seven puppies were adopted and \$14,000 was raised, including \$5,000 from the Bohlsens.

“These animals are a great representation of what you can get at a shelter,” Devera Lynn, North Shore's vice presi-

dent of communications, said. The dogs range from small breeds to Bella, a purebred St. Bernard puppy, who is expected to weigh 150 pounds at maturity.

The dogs and cats are rescued from all over the country – from puppy mills, local municipal shelters and from owners who no longer can care for their pets.



Cats and dogs weren't the only beautiful creatures on site, a fact made evident by a line of Ferrari, Maserati and Rolls Royce automobiles.

Stern said her parents taught their children to always adopt.

“I live and breathe animals, and it's my passion to spread the word – once you adopt a pet, you're saving a life,” she said.

She and her husband, legendary radio jock Howard Stern, have a 9-year-old bulldog, Bianca, and two cats, Walter and Apple. Their feline family members were introduced to their home through the League's foster adoption program.

“I think I just pretended they were fosters to get them in the house,” Beth quipped. “That's what I told my husband as I had the adoption papers in my back pocket.”



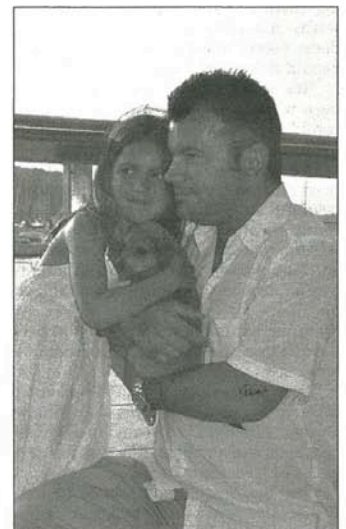
North Shore Animal League spokesperson Beth Stern cradles a Golden Retriever puppy during Prime's second annual Gold Coast Affair.



How can you say no to a face like that? Bella, a 3-month-old female St. Bernard, turns on the charm. She was one of about 35 cats and dogs who came to Prime for the event.



Guests dined on Prime's signature cuisine, including sushi.



Kurt Bohlsen and his daughter Hannah with the new puppy they adopted at the event.

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