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**5th annual St Pawtty's Day celebration returns to OWA Parks & Resort
*Costume contest, pet adoptions, and pet parade among many offerings***

(Foley, Alabama) – Everyone loves their furry friends, so OWA Parks & Resort invites you to bring them along to enjoy the fun at our 5th annual St. Pawtty's Day celebration! This event is perfect for pet lovers, pet parents, and St. Patrick's Day party goers. The festivities are sure to delight guests of all ages featuring a DJ, dog adoptions, a pet kissing booth, pet parade, and more!

The fun begins with pet adoptions on OWA Island from 1-4pm provided by Mobile County Animal Shelter. OWA will cover the adoption fee for those wishing to bring home their fur-ever friend. Don't miss the doggy dance party beginning at 2pm on the Island, along with the pet kissing booth for a priceless photo opportunity!

The pet parade kicks off at 3:30pm on OWA Island and will travel throughout Downtown OWA. A pet-friendly costume contest will immediately follow the parade on the OWA Island stage. Cash prizes will be given for OWA Choice, Dynamic Duo, Mr. & Mrs. St. Pawtty's, and Most Creative. Top dog will bring home a \$200 cash prize! Be sure to pre-register your pets online today for a discounted rate of \$10, or \$15 the day of the event. Pups must be registered prior to the parade and costume contest.

All St. Pawtty's Day events are complimentary to attend and open to the public. Registration fees are required for those who wish to participate in the pet parade and costume contest with all proceeds donated to the Mobile County Animal Shelter. The most up to date information on St. Pawtty's Day and future OWA events can be found on VisitOWA.com.

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About OWA Parks & Resort: Award-winning OWA Parks & Resort in Coastal Alabama is owned and operated by the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. OWA's name is derived from a Creek word for "big water," and the tropical theme of the 520-acre property was inspired by the Gulf of Mexico, minutes away via the Foley Beach Express.

At the heart of OWA is Tropic Falls, which includes a 23-ride theme park, outdoor wave pool and the region's largest indoor water park—bigger than a football field and covered by a convertible roof. Just outside the ticketed areas is Downtown OWA. This pedestrian-only streetscape was inspired by Southern small towns and features numerous options for dining, shopping, and entertainment.

The destination resort offers a full calendar of events, from Downtown OWA's own Mardi Gras Parade to the annual Christmas tree lighting with fireworks and snowfall. With its own award-winning TownePlace Suites by Marriott, OWA is the place in Coastal Alabama to thrill, then chill.