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# Andersen RacePark's Charity Endurance Kart Event Raises \$2,200 For Best Friends Animal Society

PALMETTO, Fla., March 24 — A total of \$2,200 was raised for the notfor-profit Best Friends Animal Society Wednesday afternoon via a charity endurance kart race at Andersen RacePark here.

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Members of the public were paired with professional racers, most of whom will be competing this weekend at the Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg. Teams of two or three drivers shared karts for the two-hour event at the facility, located at 10101 U.S. Highway 41 North in Palmetto, Fla. A 0.55-mile portion of the facility's 1-mile road course test track was used for the race, which began with a running, Le Mans-style start.

Winning the event was a team dubbed MJ Racing. It consisted of Firestone Indy Lights driver Jonathan Summerton of Kissimmee, Fla., USF2000 driver coach Jonatan Jorge of Sarasota, Fla., and Morgan Healey of Bradenton, Fla., who is a regular at Andersen RacePark. They completed 122 laps in the two-hour time span.

Coming in second, one lap down, was Team Demolition's Dane Cameron of the Grand-Am Rolex Series and his co-driver, Mike Forristall.

Finishing third, two laps down, was a team called Magnattach, represented by Star Mazda driver Tristan Vautier, Jonathan Ziegelman and Rodney Polen.

The fourth- and fifth-place teams both finished just three laps down, completing 119 laps. Just missing the podium was Team A, which consisted of Star Mazda driver Anders Krohn, Annie Hayden and USF2000 manager Michelle Kish. That team set the fastest lap of the race with a time of 56.307 seconds (35.164 miles per hour).

Right behind them was the fifth-place team, Dogs Driver, represented by Firestone Indy Lights driver J.K. Vernay and Bob Durfee.

Team ME — Grand-Am driver Ricky Taylor, Matthew Barrnebey and Zachary Hurst — finished sixth.

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Coming in seventh was No Blocking Racing and its drivers, Firestone Indy Lights driver Gustavo Yacaman and Indy Racing League officials Tony George Jr. and Tony Cotman. Despite their team name they received the most black flags.

The Good O' Boys had fun and came in eighth. That team consisted of Star Mazda driver Mikael Grenier and Anders Krohn's father, Helge Krohn, who like his son represented Norway in the international field.

Rounding out the field was Los Locos. Its roster consisted of Grand-Am driver Jordan Taylor, Ken Johnson and Marcelo Daucourt.

The Best Friends Animal Society operates one of the biggest no-kill animal sanctuaries in the United States and offers outreach programs throughout the country, including Florida. Vicki Kilmer-Rinker made the trip from Best Friends' headquarters in Utah to represent the charity.

Michelle and Eddie Kish and Jonny Baker of Andersen RacePark organized the event, which was very well received. They thanked everyone for attending, and said they hope to do it again next year with an even bigger turnout of both participants and fans.

For more information see andersenracepark.com and bestfriends.org.

Andersen RacePark is home to Andersen Racing's karting, Star Mazda and Firestone Indy Lights teams, which are sponsored by Allied Building Products Corp. It is also home to a sister company, Andersen Promotions, which administers the newly revived USF2000 National Championship presented by Cooper Tires and powered by Mazda. USF2000, Star Mazda and Firestone Indy Lights will all be in action at the Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg this weekend in support of the IZOD IndyCar Series headliner.

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#### About Andersen Racing:

Andersen Racing strives to provide the best and most comprehensive training possible for future open-wheel superstars while giving its marketing partners media exposure and hospitality opportunities at some of the most prestigious events in North America. It provides a unique program utilizing multiple entries in three different platforms: karting, Star Mazda and Firestone Indy Lights.

A sister company, Andersen Promotions, administers the USF2000 National Championship presented by Cooper Tires and powered by Mazda. It is part of both the Indy Racing League's Road to Indy program and the MAZDASPEED Motorsports driver development system.

Andersen Racing is sponsored by Allied Building Products Corp. The team is headquartered at Andersen RacePark, an 18-acre facility in Palmetto, Fla. that includes a 1-mile road course test track. For more information see andersenracingteam.com, andersenkarting.com, andersenracepark.com and usf2000.com.