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**MERCURY CANINE CRUISE, CHICAGO'S ONLY CANINE CRUISE,
PARTNERS WITH OUTDOOR CAFÉ FOR DOGGY MENUS**

Annual Anti-Cruelty Society of Chicago benefit set for June 25

CHICAGO – Mercury, Chicago's Skyline Cruiseline opens the 2009 season of Mercury Canine Cruises with an outdoor café partner offering doggy menus. The cruise departs 10 am, Sunday, July 12, 2009 departing from Riverside Gardens at the southeast corner and lower level of the Michigan Avenue bridge and Wacker Drive.

Dog-loving first mates welcome well-behaved and leashed canines aboard for the 90-minute lake and river tour with lively commentary about dog-friendly Chicago. On-board amenities include large bowls of fresh water, a newspaper-lined restroom and, of course, dog treats.

New this season, Mercury will be partnering with restaurateur Didier Durant at his dockside café, Cyrano's Riverside Café, to offer a five-dollar four-course doggy menu to canines accompanied by humans. The menu includes beouf a la jerky, bone marrow gateau, ostrich county pate, white rice croquettes, grilled staeh hache, root vegetables, carrot cake and mineral water.

The 2009 season will kick-off with the annual Mercury Canine Cruise benefit for The Anti-Cruelty Society of Chicago, Thursday, June 25 at 7 pm. Tickets are \$35/humans; dogs are free!

The 2009 cruise schedule is: July 12 – September 27 – Sunday – 10 am. Tickets are \$7/dog, \$23/adults, \$10/children under 12. Children under three are free. Tickets go on sale each Sunday at 8:30 am