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2nd Grader BECOMES AN AUTHOR AND DONATES PROCEEDS TO PAWS CHICAGO

Dad helps inspire and co-author the book about their beloved family dog, Sabu.

Chicago, Ill. - Seven-year-old Chicago student Maura Lane, published her first book (for children ages 2-6) , SABU & ME, with the help of her father, Jeffrey Markowitz. SABU & ME is the story of Maura and her dog Sabu and the wonderful times they spent together during Maura's early life. Written by Maura herself, the book is a re-telling of her earliest memories with her best friend. Since Sabu was a rescue dog Maura thought it was a good idea to donate profits from her book to PAWS Chicago.

Maura is a student in Chicago, who speaks French and loves to travel. Her passion is playing with, and taking care of, her dog Sabu. Sabu was rescued in St. Louis, and he has also lived in Chicago and London, where he chased the Queen's guards every morning. Sabu lives with Maura and her parents, Jeff and Marianne, in Chicago and Miami.

Maura's father, Jeff, inspired her to write the book. It's the perfect bedtime story, and a great way to introduce children to the value of friendship, and to the unconditional love that our pets have for us. Jeffrey Markowitz is currently the President of WheeGO, the find-n-seek game with clues. Prior to WheeGO, Jeff was President of a software technology subsidiary for a Fortune 200 company. Jeff was also an adjunct faculty member for several business schools in New York City.

Maura's words are complemented by the wonderful illustrations of Hazel Mitchell. Through a rainbow of colors, her illustrations bring the story of SABU & ME to life. Mitchell works from her studio in Maine, and has illustrated many children's books as well as commercial illustrations and painting. Originally from Yorkshire, UK, she has clients worldwide and her art has been received by the British Royal Family. Most days her four dogs and one cat oversee her work schedule.

To purchase the book, visit www.sabuandme.com. The book is also available at www.barnesandnoble.com, www.borders.com, www.amazon.com etc.

About PAWS Chicago

PAWS Chicago is the city's largest No Kill humane organization, focused on implementing solutions to end the killing of homeless pets. Since PAWS Chicago's founding in 1997, the number of homeless dogs and cats killed annually has dropped more than 50 percent: from more than 42,000 homeless pets killed in 1997 to 19,288 killed in 2008. PAWS Chicago is working to build a No Kill Chicago-a city where pets are no longer destroyed just because they are homeless.