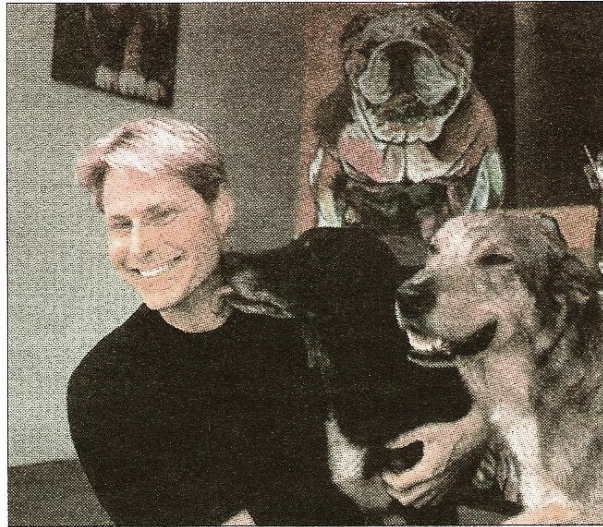


Arizona Artist, Ron Burns, to be First Humane Society Artist in Residence

The Humane Society of the United States, the nation's largest animal protections organization, has announced that it has named Ron Burns its first Artist in Residence. Burns, a painter renowned for his unique and colorful portraits of dogs and cats, will work with the Humane Society to bring attention to the work of the organization and the needs of the animals. Among the planned activities are exhibits of his work, a lecture series at major art colleges, visits to local animal shelters and the donation of the art work to be used for the benefit of the Humane Society.

Burns has had a long-standing interest in and commitment to animals and has found inspiration in



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animal shelters, using them as the models for his art. "Ron Burns' striking portraits of dogs and cats in animal shelters and his amazing ability to capture his subject's personality reflect his deep dedication to animals. We're thrilled that Ron will be working with the Humane

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Society to support our efforts to protect animals," said Patricia Forkan, executive vice president of the Humane Society.

"I'm honored to be selected as the Humane Society's first Artist in Residence," said Burns. "I hope that my work will inspire the organization's efforts to protect animals and to help the millions of shelter animals who are waiting for good homes. I've met thousands of dogs and cats in shelters across the country who would make wonderful companions. I'm pleased to be able to support the work of shelters and the Humane Society through my art."

For more information on Burns' work, contact the