



Run was more than a run

By Fiona Green

The 1st annual Run for Hope in Coppell on Saturday, Nov. 8, offered far more than a regular Saturday race. Organized by the Ranch Sports Rehab Clinic in Irving the event benefitted the HOPE Humane Society of Texas, a non-profit, no-kill, volunteer animal welfare group. In addition to the timed 5K run, there was also an untimed 1-mile walk/fun run. While no age group awards were distributed, the top 3 overall male and female winners received gift certificates for local restaurants. In addition to an adoption clinic, the group had also organized various activities to raise much needed funds for the organization. Runners and their families were invited to bid in a silent auction or purchase raffle tickets for a variety of prizes ranging from a feline fun basket to vouchers to Run On retail stores. There was also a bake sale, an offer to microchip pets for only \$20 and an opportunity to listen to guest speaker Dr. Robert Fowler who spoke about sports injuries, rehab and recovery.

In an event all about animals, it was only fitting that the top 3 female winners are all devoted animal lovers. Both Fiona Green and Leana Sloan are budding crazy cat ladies with 3 cats apiece while third place finisher, Robin Athens, is the proud owner of 3 dogs. The top 3 are shown from left: Athens, Green and Sloan.

The Humane Society's website can be visited at <http://www.hopehumanesociety.org/index.php>. The group is always interested in finding foster homes for their furry friends. Anyone interested in this rewarding activity should contact caitlin@hopehumanesociety.org.