***Melissa Etheridge Performs at Living Free Animal Sanctuary on* Saturday, October 5, 2013**

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Living Free Animal Sanctuary is hosting its annual fundraiser, *It’s All About the Animals*, on **Saturday, October 5th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m**. Full details are available at <https://www.living-free.org>. This year Grammy Award winner Melissa Etheridge has agreed to donate a performance to support Living Free.  Along with Melissa will be actress Sharon Lawrence (One Tree Hill, Drop Dead Diva, Desperate Housewives, etc.) as emcee, along with the hilarious comedienne Debi Gutierrez. There will be live entertainment, a silent auction with outrageous items, vendor and Arts & Crafts booths, a Beer & Wine Garden, Food Court, and lots of fun for the entire family. The event is held on Living Free’s 153 acre campus in Mountain Center, CA just outside of Idyllwild in the beautiful San Jacinto Mountains. This year they are including a special tribute to the Firefighters who battled the Mountain Fire as it approached the property lines of Living Free and managed to keep all the animals safe.

Presale tickets are available online at Living-Free.org starting at $40 for general admission ($45 at the gate) and sales have been outrageous. Special VIP seating is also available. Clay Helgren, Living Free’s Marketing Manager and event coordinator, said, “There is a very good chance we may end up selling out before October 5th so people should get their tickets early by ordering online at [www.living-free.org](http://www.living-free.org). We had a limited number of VIP seats which included a meet and greet with Melissa Etheridge; those sold out in the first 2 weeks, however other VIP seating is still available.”  Melissa is such a great sport that she’s granting a few more meet and greets so Living Free can put them up for auction on CharityBuzz.com. Visit Living Free’s website for more information at [www.living-free.org](https://www.living-free.org) or contact Clay Helgren, Marketing Manager, at 951-659-4687

This fundraiser benefits Living Free’s mission to help them rescue abandoned cats and dogs facing euthanasia in public shelters and find them new forever homes. Living Free is a nonprofit, no kill, public supported cat and dog rescue founded in 1980.  “Rescuing these adorable cats and dogs and seeing them leave as they’re adopted into new loving homes is exceptionally heartwarming” says President and Executive Director, Sharon Maguire.