



**“A *DOGGED* AFFAIR” HOSPICE OF CITRUS COUNTY’S 2008
INVERNESS CHRISTMAS PARADE ENTRY**

INVERNESS—In 2008, Hospice of Citrus County’s Inverness Christmas Parade entry “went to the dogs”. (From left) Hospice of Citrus County Volunteer Mike Stokley and *Lucy*, Hospice of Citrus County Thrift & Gift Shoppe Manager Cheryl Kruger and *Chase*, Hospice of Citrus County Development Manager Linda Baker and *Toby* and Hospice of Citrus County Education Manager Dee Peters and *Willard* prepare to participate in the 2008 Inverness Christmas Parade held Saturday, December 13.

Hospice of Citrus County volunteers and their beloved pets visit patients in institutional settings to uplift spirits. They also participate in community functions and special events. Hospice of Citrus County works with the volunteer to train and certify the dogs through the organization’s PUPS (Pets Uplifting People’s Spirits) program. These specially trained dogs help comfort patients at a special time.

Hospice of Citrus County, Licensed in 1985 and serving Citrus County since 1983, is the only local hospice program awarded the Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval. Hospice of Citrus County is preserving the integrity of the hospice philosophy in the finest traditions of service. For additional information, contact Public Relations Manager Joseph Foster at (352) 527.2020.