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FINALS MANIA IS BACK, AND THIS TIME THERE WILL BE FURRY FRIENDS

Houston, April 19, 2013 – There will be a new twist to Finals Mania when it returns to campus at the end of the month: cute and cuddly dogs.

The specially trained therapy dogs will be at the M.D. Anderson Library during the April 30 event for students to pet, cuddle and adore. The idea of bringing them to campus is to provide students stress relief.

Finals Mania is a tradition at UH that happens at the end of the spring and fall semesters to provide a quick break for students preparing for final exams. It will take place from 9 to 11 p.m. in the library’s Rockwell Pavilion.

During that short two-hour period, around 1,500 students are expected to line up for a plateful of pancakes and turkey sausage, as well as some coffee and orange juice. They’ll be able to chat with their friends, load up on snacks, collect Cougar Trading Cards, and if they choose, play with the dogs before returning to study for final exams.

Students must bring their Cougar Cards in order to participate in Finals Mania. The canines will be available from 6 to 10 p.m. in rooms 106P and 106T.

Finals Mania, which is hosted each semester by University Services, Dining Services and UH Libraries, will kick off with members of the UH band performing several songs from the balcony of the
Rockwell Pavilion. Dozens of volunteers will make the food and drink lines move quickly. Students can choose plain, blueberry or chocolate chip pancakes. A wide variety of toppings are available, including strawberries, whipped cream, butter and syrup.

Faculty and staff who are interested in volunteering should contact Jessica Mize, marketing coordinator for Auxiliary Services, at 832-842-9141 or jfmize@central.uh.edu.

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