

# DOG LOVERS SHOW®

**Fri 29 Apr - Sun 1 May**

Royal Exhibition Building  
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## FOURTH ANNUAL MELBOURNE DOG LOVERS SHOW WAS THE HAPPIEST PLACE IN AUSTRALIA!

Over three massive days, around 30,000 Pooch-enthusiasts packed into the iconic Royal Exhibition Building last weekend for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual **Melbourne Dog Lovers Show** and judging by the number of smiling faces it was arguably the 'happiest place in Australia'.

Building on the popularity of previous years with a loyal following, the award-winning event celebrated the unconditional love we share with our 'best friends'. It's now one of the largest events in the world dedicated to Dogs and featured over 250 exhibitors, around 500 Dogs, dozens of breeds, celebrity vets, pooch experts and K9 performances to entertain the huge crowds.



For the first time, **Dr Chris Brown** delighted his massive fan base talking about some of his own personal veterinary experiences and those 'Dog dangers' all fur-parents need to know. Dr Chris was joined by other popular Dog Lovers Show ambassadors including **Tony Knight**, **Laura Vissaritis**, the **Village Vets Dr Anthony** and **Dr James** and they covered essential training and behaviour tips for visitors. **Dr Harry** also delivered an incredibly popular talk each day on how to 'find your perfect match breed'.

Dog shows in the **Royal Canin Arena** had visitors in awe with world renowned animal trainer **Peta Clarke** coming on board as the perfect MC. High-octane canine demonstrations included **Flygility**, **Discgility** and a '**Big Dash**' K9 Relay competition with demonstrations from the **Police Dog Squad**, **Guide and Seeing Eye Dogs** and a new '**Meet the Breeds**' showcase.

Some of Australia's highest flying pooches from Australian Working Dog Rescue Inc. (AWDRI) took a leap of faith in trying to break the canine high jump World Record of 2.91 metres but fell just short with Nimble and Woody jumping 2.81 metres.



Over 35 different DOGS Victoria Breed Clubs of all shapes and sizes were featured in the incredibly popular **Optimum Breed Showcase**; from Bullmastiffs and Boxers to Rhodesian Ridgebacks and Rottweilers.

The **CANIDAE Rescue Dog Zone** again gave show visitors the unique opportunity to meet Dogs from a wide array of shelters and rescue groups from across Victoria. By the end of the show dozens of abandoned and homeless Dogs had already found loving homes with hundreds more being finalised now. It proves again the incredible impact the Show has had on successfully finding safe, suitable and loving homes for thousands of Dogs in need since 2013.

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The **Pat-A-Pooch Zone** resembled a relaxing backyard setup, complete with faux grass and comfy beanbags. Dog lovers got the chance to cuddle and connect with dozens of Dogs across the breed spectrum with experts on hand to answer any questions.

Returning again, the **Military Working Dog Tribute** acknowledged the incredible contribution that Australian Dogs have made in war over the last 100 years. **Nigel Allsopp, Lance Corporal Shaun Ward, Major Kendall Crocker and Ray Thomas** presented some emotional educational seminars over the weekend, paying tribute to Dogs that have made the ultimate sacrifices during conflict over the years for their human counterparts.

Visitors also found the latest and greatest stuff to spoil their pooch, with loads of free samples and fantastic **new products and services** being launched at the show; it resembled a doggy department store!



**Founder & CEO, Jason Humphris, said:** *"The Dog Lovers Show again proved the incredible connection, love and respect that Victorians have for our Best Friends. In saying this, we're committed to building on the popularity and reputation of the event with an even more dynamic and entertaining show planned for 2017. The event also demonstrated that it's not just for actual Dog owners, with thousands of people turning out who don't own a Pooch because it's a cracking day out for anyone who loves our furry friends."*

For additional information visit the website at: [www.dogloversshow.com.au](http://www.dogloversshow.com.au) or Facebook: [www.facebook.com/dogloversshow](https://www.facebook.com/dogloversshow)

The **2017 Melbourne Dog Lovers Show** returns to the Royal Exhibition Building from Friday 5 to Sunday 7 May, 2017.

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