

DOG LOVERS SHOW®

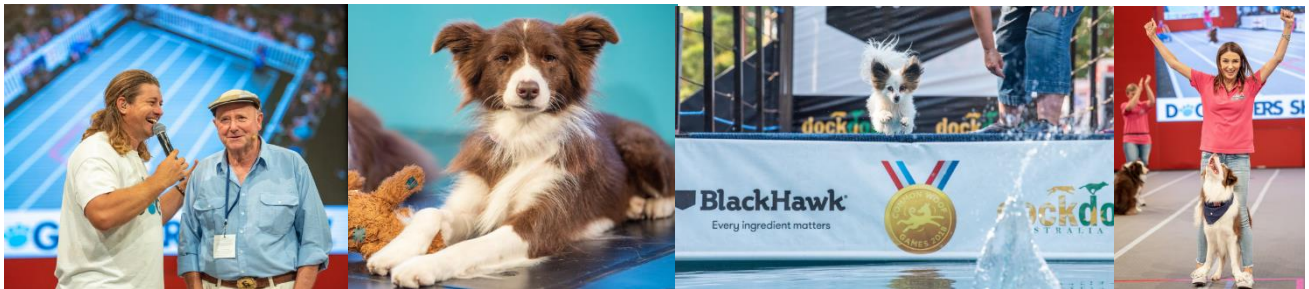
S-PAW-TING SENSATIONS MAKE A SPLASH IN THE SUNSHINE STATE

Over **12,500 K9-traffic visitors** flocked to the Brisbane Showgrounds last weekend to cool off with diving dogs, a plethora of pooches and over 150 Exhibitors at the **2018 Brisbane Dog Lovers Show** on 3 and 4 November.

The success of the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast earlier this year was clearly not enough to quench the thirst of Queensland s-paw-ts lovers as the **inaugural Brisbane Common Woof Games** was deemed crowd favourite feature.

Canines representing Australia, New Zealand, Canada and England thrashed it out in a spectacular competition in the **Royal Canin® Arena** for their place on the podium. Stand out paw-formances included 'Robin' the Black Barb Kelpie taking out gold in the **Vault**, reaching an ast-hound-ing height of 3.2 metres. 'Roxy' the Kelpie from Whakatane in New Zealand followed as a close second reaching 3.1 metres.

An **invictus-inspired race** featured a heart-warming performance by **wheelchair Dachshund** 'Waddle' from Storybook Farm-Sacred Animal Garden, in a wonderful display of inclusive sports culture. **Mini Dog Hurdles** world champion 'Pablo' the German Spitz Klein from England, held onto his title by a whisker in a photo finish final against 'Louis' the Canadian Papillon.



Black Hawk DockDogs® made their Brisbane Dog Lovers Show debut with dogs of all shapes and sizes launching into a 100,000-litre pool. Splash-tastic performances cooled off a sea of fans in the Queensland heat and saw a **world record Speed Retrieve** of 4.52 seconds by 'Merlin' the Tri-Border Collie, representing Australia with young handler Perry. 'Scud' the Blue Healer Collie Cross also snapped up gold in the aquatic long jump, leaping 25-feet 5-inches alongside handler Darcy from Gundiwindi.

"The 2018 Brisbane Dog Lovers Show hosted the last-leg of the inaugural Common Woof Games series. The program demonstrated the incredible bond, trust and respect between dogs and trainers, which created such joy for the dog-loving community." said Farmer Dave Graham.

Visitors were treated to an abundance of educational talks and special guests on the **Pet Circle Stage** hosted by **The HIIT Network's 'Those Two Girls' - Lise and Sarah**. Beloved TV-vet **Dr Harry Cooper** provided top tips on 'How to solve the most common dog health problems,' new **Bondi Vet's Alex Hynes** discussed what to do in animal emergency and **Dr Katrina Warren & Kelly Gill** presented 'Easy tricks you can teach your dog at home.'

The glitz and glamour of the **Insta-Pooch Zone** was not to be outdone by the Show's s-paw-ting sensations. Fans lined the red carpet as more than 20 Insta-famous dogs strutted their stuff, snapped selfies with fans and posed for the pup-arazzi. Some of the biggest names in attendance included **Daisy Rey the Dachshund** with over 55k followers and **Charlie and Frankie** with a shy 62k followers!

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The beloved **Dog Adoption Zone** returned with more than 30 rescue groups dedicated to finding fur ever homes for four-legged friends in need taking part in the show. The new **Dog Adoption Stage** hosted talks from shelter representatives who educated visitors on all things adoption and answered burning questions from hopeful adopters.



Other Show highlights included the **Breed Showcase** which housed an A to Z of pooches, from cheerful Chihuahuas to giant German Shepherds, alongside the dedicated **Pat-A-Pooch Zone** for oodles of fluffy cuddles.

The Dog Lovers Show returns to Melbourne (3 to 5 May), Sydney (3 and 4 August) and the sell-out Cat Lovers Show pounces back to Melbourne at a date to be announced shortly around late November 2019.

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