

# DOG LOVERS SHOW®

## THE WORLD'S GREATEST FESTIVAL FOR DOG LOVERS RETURNS

Friday 3 until Sunday 5 May 2019

Since its inception in 2013, the **Melbourne Dog Lovers Show** has seen almost 200,000 K9-fanatics from around Australia bound into the **Royal Exhibition Building**. Celebrating its seventh year, the Show has cemented its place as one of the world's largest and most popular festivals dedicated to educating and entertaining dog lovers, whilst paying tribute to just how much these wonderful creatures enrich our lives and contribute to the community every day.

The southern hemisphere's premier dog-dedicated festival will be 25% bigger when it opens **Friday 3 to Sunday 5 May**, with more **K9-inspired experiences** than ever before and **over 600 dogs** represented by **more than 120 breeds**.

The 2019 program is packed full of never-before seen entertainment in the all-new **VitaPet Arena** including the inaugural **K9 Ninja Warrior competition** alongside **Skipping, Frisbee and Drag-racing Dog Shows** that will amaze spectators.

The Royal Exhibition Building's forecourt will host the very first **Outdoor Arena** featuring the inaugural **High Jump Competition** and the spectacular return of the **Sheepdog Speed Trials** by **Australian Working Dog Rescue Inc (AWDRI)**.

The **BlackHawk DockDogs** competition will once again WOW visitors with a wide range of talented dogs launching themselves off a raised dock into a massive 100,000 litre swimming pool – BYO umbrella!

The newest veterinary talent to hit Aussie TV screens this year will host educational talks on the all-new **RACV Pet Insurance Stage** with Victoria's own **Bondi Vet, Dr Danni Dusek** set to make her debut, while **Dr Lisa Chimes** is heading south to entertain her adoring Melbourne fans for the first time at the event. Devoted crowd favourites **Dr Katrina Warren** and **Kelly Gill** will also provide tips on how to teach your dog cool tricks alongside the famous **Wonderdogs**.



From Great Danes to Golden Retrievers, **over 40 leading Clubs** will feature in the **Breed Showcase** including a **Meet the Breeds Collective** showcasing a range of rare breeds. Visitors can meet, cuddle and snap a selfie with some of the biggest 'K9 Stars of Instagram' as they take part in media interviews, strut their stuff and sit on giant thrones to interact with fans.

**Founder and CEO, Jason Humphris** said "we have partnered with the **PETstock Assist** team for the first time to take the important **Dog Adoption Zone** to the next level and hope to find more loving, well-suited homes for dogs in need than ever before. **Over 30 rescue groups and shelters are taking part** to provide trusted, reliable information for aspiring and committed fur-parents about adoption and a chance to meet dozens of rescue dogs at the show."

Dog enthusiasts can get up close and paw-sonal with dogs of all shapes and sizes in **Pat-A-Pooch**, find their one true pup in the **Bow Wow Meow Pawfect Match Zone** and solve pretty pooch problems in the new **Ask-A-Groomer Zone** presented by **Melanie Newman Salon Essentials** with daily grooming demos.

Shop and save with hundreds of exhibitors and thousands of dog products and services, new product launches, Show specials and stacks of prizes including the chance to **WIN a \$30,000 dog-friendly Chameleon Caravan**. Visitors can also experience **Speed Dating for Dog Lovers**, live demos from leading **Street Artists Painting Pooches**, free **Doggy Face Painting and Dog Painting for kids**, some of Melbourne's yummiest food trucks and loads more!

### EVENT LOCATION DATES & TIMES TICKETS

Royal Exhibition Building, Carlton, Melbourne  
Friday 3 – Sunday 5 May 2019. 9:30am – 5pm daily  
[dogloversshow.com.au/melbourne](http://dogloversshow.com.au/melbourne)

**Big discounts available for tickets purchased online via the website and for the first time, event promoters are offering Student and Senior discounts.**

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