

# DOG LOVERS SHOW

## THE DOG LOVERS SHOW MAKES UNPAWGETTABLE DEBUT IN BRISBANE

Due to popular demand, Queenslanders were finally able to celebrate the award-winning Dog Lovers Show as the inaugural Brisbane event attracted over 11,000 visitors on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th November.

The Pooch-Festival saw over 500 dogs and 100+ breeds bound into the Royal International Convention Centre at the Brisbane Showgrounds, giving dog lovers from across the Sunshine State an opportunity to celebrate and learn more about their best friends.

Crowds lapped up a wide array of attractions including educational talks from some of Australia's most loved celebrity vets, a huge showcase of dog breeds, action-packed performances from Australia's most talented dogs, wonderful rescue groups and local shelters, the latest and greatest dog products and of course a plethora of pats and countless cuddles.

Visitors cheered on Australia's most talented, high-flying pooches in the Royal Canin Arena, with highlights including celebrity vet Dr Chris Brown's "Meet the Breeds" showcase, Dr Katrina Warren and the Wonderdogs' new show "The Wonderdogs go on Holiday" as well as incredible acts of agility, frisbee, weave-pole, leaping, tunneling and various other tricks presented by a host of dogs including Rodney Gooch and the Krush Krew!

The pawpular KONG Celebrity Vet Stage hosted some of the country's leading dog experts including Dr Chris Brown, Dr Katrina Warren & The Wonderdogs, Hollywood dog trainer Peta Clarke and animal behaviourist Dr Jacqui Ley. A host of experts presented daily talks covering essential tips for a healthier and happier dog as well as fun and stimulating ways to train your own pooch.

The DOGS Queensland Breed Showcase presented around 50 dog breeds of all shapes and sizes including some relatively unknown breeds such as the American Hairless Terrier, Norwegian Elkhound (known as the "companion to the Vikings") and the Basenji which is a rare African dog that cannot bark and has a curly tail.

The Insta-Pooch Zone celebrated some of Instagram's biggest K9-stars including King Kingsley and Daisy Rey Dachshund as they strutted their stuff on the red carpet, had their photographs snapped by the pup-arazzi and took their rightful place on plush velvet thrones to interact with their adoring fans.

The first Brisbane Show continued the event's important initiative of raising awareness for dog adoption providing a unique opportunity to connect with a wide range of rescue groups and shelters from across Queensland in the Dog Adoption Zone. Organisers reported that dozens of dogs in need found loving, well-suited homes over the weekend and this number will grow in the months after the show.



Fur-fanciers also got their weekend fur-fix in the Pat-A-Pooch Zone with the opportunity to meet and learn more about rescue, therapy, assistance and military dogs in this bean-bag inspired zone to ensure visitors could get up-close-and-pawsonal with these wonderful animals.

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The Military Working Dog Tribute showcased the incredible skills and abilities of our military service dogs and the contribution they have made in war over the last 100 years. It presented images, historical information, a Pat-A-Hero Dog area and animal welfare activist and Neighbours star Andrew Morley presented a special Hero Dog Tribute show in the Royal Canin Arena.

Visitors got the chance to fire all their dog-related medical questions at trusted, reliable experts without the price tag at the Ask-A-Vet Zone presented by Greencross.



The Perfect Match Breed Selection Zone helped visitors choose their new lifelong best friend by considering important decisions that come with each different dog breed.

Over 150 exhibitors showcased the latest treats, tech and toys in the market to reward your fur-kids including delectable doggy dishes fresh from the gourmet 'barkery', the coolest pet-tech like the 3G GPS Pet Tracker and even sun-smart dog umbrellas.

For additional information visit the website: <https://dogloversshow.com.au/brisbane/>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/dogloversshow>

Or Instagram [www.instagram.com/thedogloversshow/](http://www.instagram.com/thedogloversshow/)

Next year the Melbourne Dog Lovers Show will be held at the Royal Exhibition Building Friday 4 to Sunday 6 May before travelling to Sydney's Royal Hall of Industries and Hordern Pavilion from Saturday 4 to Sunday 5 August. The Dog Lovers Show returns to Brisbane on Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 November 2018.

And the cat's out of the bag! The team at the Dog Lovers Show will be bringing the exciting new Cat Lovers Show to Melbourne from 8 - 9 September 2018. Check it out here: <https://catloversshow.com.au/melbourne/>



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