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Animal Attractions & Furry Festivals

Sydney Pet & Animal Expo - Roseville November 5-7

This massive expo of all good pet products and services attracted well over 45,000 visitors from around Sydney. Families were catered for with fair rides & shows including agility and dancing dogs.



Rocky from Real Macaw

Newtown Community Festival - Dog Show November 14

We're not sure whether it's wrangling the dogs or the people that poses the logistical nightmare in organising this event. However, it finally got away with the hilarious dog races, where the object of the competition is for all dogs, once unleashed, to make it over the finish line—but just try to tell the dogs this. Other competition categories included 'most disadvantaged dog' 'best trick' and 'best dressed'. The event was organised by Luciana from Sassy Treats who kindly had a tasty snack for every entrant.



Morris winner Big Dog race



Extreme grooming demonstration at the PIAA Pet Expo 2004 - Melbourne

Leichhardt Council's Dog's Day Out December 4, 2004

What a great dog-filled day this was, organised by Leichhardt Council's Gail Clifford. Pet Radio personalities, Brian Pickering and Kaye Brown, did a stellar job of keeping the proceedings running on time all while providing witty and entertaining commentary. There were competitions for largest and smallest dog and crowd favourite, fancy dress. The premier events of the day were the dog races where dogs large and small got to release some energy and dash to the finish line. However, some dog competitors had different ideas on the exact location of the finish line. It's hard to estimate how many people showed up but where here to tell you there were hundreds of dogs (we know because we counted the legs and divided by 4). And to the little Foxy who pee-ed on Urban Animal's camera bag—we know who you are!



Secret Garden - fancy dress

Exhibitions

Centennial Parklands DOG Exhibition

Currently showing is the Dog exhibition which looks at some interesting facts about how people idolise, humanise and accessorise their dogs. The exhibition features a collection of photographs of owner and dog look-alikes. Why not pack a picnic lunch and take your favourite dog along to enjoy all the leash free areas available and the beauty of this great park.

current - October 2005
Visitor Centre
Superintendent's Residence
Paddington Gates
Centennial Park

Times: Wednesdays
and weekends
10:00am to
3:00pm

Entry: Free



It's A Dog's Life!

Public Servants with tails or six legs? 'It's A Dog's Life!' is a National Archives of Australia travelling exhibition that opens at the Museum of Riverina and runs until March 6. The title's not intended to be misleading but we should point out they don't just focus on dogs working for the government but all sorts and sizes of beasts who've been enlisted for service. Did you know that a bunch of caterpillars were used to clear prickly pear cactus from Queensland and New South Wales. Horses and camels carried our ANZACS to battle and donkeys and mules carried supplies. The low profile dung beetle has been used by the CSIRO to clear paddocks of unwanted droppings. Dogs have been utilised to keep our borders safe and war-time pigeons were awarded medals for bravery (we hope they were tiny ones). All these unpaid and helpful workers are saluted in this fascinating exhibition.

'It's a Dog's Life!' celebrates the vital contribution made to Australia by so many beasts of burden and tiny creatures. As tireless employees, vigilant protectors and faithful companions, they never complain, don't get paid and don't take tea breaks.

Until March 6
Museum of the Riverina
Civic Centre Precinct
Wagga Wagga

March 18 to 24 July
Australian Museum
College Street, Sydney

Upcoming Events

Well there's not a great deal to report here for events in the next few months. Mostly, because it's just too hot in the city for sensitive paws and you'll find that the majority of pets and people days are around spring. We've listed a couple of cool (meaning good and air-conditioned) exhibitions that are worth checking out. If you know of an event coming up for the April edition (events that happen May/June/July) then we would love to hear from you.

Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras Fair Day (February 20)

Organisers are expecting 70-80,000 people and a questionable amount of dogs to attend this action packed day. 'Doggywood' is the dog show part of the event where they have competitions for best dressed dog, owner and dog look alike plus a category called 'best dog for cruising' and we at Urban Animal Mag are not sure if this means packing your pooch in the back of the Holden with the windows down! There will be a 'Kids Zone' area where lots of activities including face painting will happen plus a host of food and other stalls selling a range of merchandise. A selection of performers from the festival will be providing theatrical and musical entertainment.

Victoria Park
cnr City and Parramatta Roads
Chippendale
10:00am to 10:00pm

Oxfam Community Aid Abroad Walk Against Want (March 13)

Why not strap on the leash and do something good for your health and help out a good cause. Dogs and humans alike can participate in this fun-raiser to help overcome poverty. For all these listed routes dogs must be on a leash and under control at all times. Donate on the day or arrange to be sponsored.

City location

Catch the sites of Sydney and pass through Darling Harbour, China Town and Glebe on either the 5km or 15km route.

Victoria Park, cnr City and Parramatta Roads,
Chippendale 10:00am

Manly location

Walkers wanting to take their dogs will have to stick to the shorter 5km or 10km route as the longer one passes through National Parklands. Lots of great harbour views to be enjoyed on this route.

Queenscliff Surf Lifesaving Club 8:30am

Parramatta location

The walk begins near the artwork on the bank of the Parramatta River, and continues on to some of Parramatta's most significant colonial buildings, including Lancer Barracks and Elizabeth Farm.

Riverbank behind the Heritage & Tourism Centre
9:00am

For more information and other locations throughout NSW go to www.oxfam.org.au/walk

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