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A Doggone Good Show at Griffith Park

Posted by Jason Wright on May 29, 2005, 22:41

Griffith Park - On May 21, dog owners came from all around the Los Angeles area, beating the 100-degree heat, to enter their pooches in the 1st annual Non Pro Dog Show. Dog owners entered their best friends in the event to make their pride public. There were dogs from all paws of life: Terriers, Labradors, mixes, mutts and even a dog that looked convincingly like a wolf.

The show was structured by doggie weight classes, and a trophy was given to the pooch that placed first. I was lucky enough to catch the 41-70 pound class event. The dogs were put in a line and then asked to strut their stuff around in a circle displaying their best heeling behavior.

After completing their trots, they were individually given the spotlight to perform tricks as their owners spoke about the great abilities of their little perfections. Next, they were lined up for a final review, except for queen Lola who decided to take a shady place underneath the judge's tent, as the judges tallied up their scores to determine which dog was closest to perfection. It was the bulldog that was dressed up with goggles and a green floatation device acting as a water safety advocate who won the judges over and placed best in show with his great barking and talent abilities. It was the greatest dog

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show that I have seen.

In the end, all dogs and owners were winners. The charitable event, put on by Lorrie David, raised over \$800 for the Covenant House California and Griffith Park Dog Park. Lorrie is a part of a group called the Young Professionals, all in their 20s and 30s, that put on charitable events to raise money for those in need or for organizations such as the Covenant House California.

The Covenant House California is a shelter for homeless youth that helps them get off the street while providing them with employment and life skills. To obtain further information on what these two groups accomplish, visit

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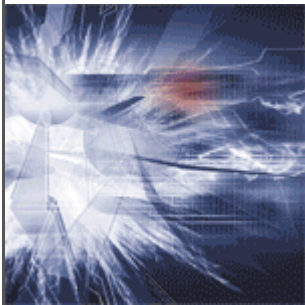


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