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Sydney pets parade in pyjamas to celebrate opening of new 24-hour emergency veterinary service

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Last week the Sydney University Veterinary Hospital celebrated the opening of its new 24-hour, seven-day-a-week emergency veterinary service, SAVES (**Sydney After-hours Veterinary Emergency Service**) by providing a fun evening for pet owners including free pet health checks by veterinary staff, a sausage sizzle and best pet in pyjamas competition.

The event was a great success with Sydney pet owners arriving throughout the evening to take part in the fun and more importantly to make sure their beloved pets' health was in good order.

Highlights of the event included Charlie the Cavalier Spaniel sporting his Bonds underwear; a super-hero Chihuahua; Camperdown pet rabbit Honey Bunny decked out in pink; Fletcher the Blue Cattle dog dressed in his 'Bad Cat' pyjamas and pet mouse Phat-Fat complete with a miniature nightie.

Winner of the best pet in pyjamas competition was Lilyfield resident Honey the Greyhound. Honey, originally a rescue dog, was accompanied to the event by her owner Rosie and best-friend Harvey the Whippet. Honey and Harvey were dressed in matching pink and blue striped pyjama shirts. The prize package consisted of dog food, flea and worming treatments and play toys.

Sydney University Teaching Hospital Superintendent, Dr Graham Swinney commented, "it was wonderful to see so many Sydney residents enjoying a night out with their pets and taking advantage of the free pet health check. The evening was a great success and the pets were definitely enjoying all the attention as they paraded around in their pyjamas".

For those pet owners who missed this great opportunity to bring their pet in for a free health check, the Sydney University Teaching Hospital is hosting a Fabulous Family Fun Day on Saturday 1st May from 1pm-5pm where pet owners can again bring their furry and feathered friends for a free health check as well as join in the fun of kids activities, delicious treats and Hospital tours.

Sydney University Veterinary Teaching Hospital is a 24-hour veterinary service for both emergency and standard consultations. It is located at 65 Parramatta Rd, Camperdown. The car park entrance is 500 metres down Parramatta Road from the main Ross St intersection.

SAVES, the new Sydney Afterhours Veterinary Emergency Service operates between 7pm and 8am Monday to Friday and 24-hours on weekends and Public Holidays.

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