



Pets galore at the University of Sydney's 2010 Pet Fair

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Last Saturday the Sydney University Veterinary Teaching Hospital hosted the biggest annual Pet Fair to date with record numbers in attendance, perfect weather and some help from fun-loving media personality, *Bondi Vet's* Dr Chris Brown.

Thousands of Sydney animal lovers and families came along to spend a day out with their pets and to take advantage of all the terrific activities and free entertainment on offer. Dogs, cats, birds, bunnies, ferrets and even a pet chicken streamed through the gates and were enjoying the sunny day out as much as their owners.

With Hill's™ onboard as the major sponsor there was non-stop action with the NSW Police Dog demonstrations, Psycho's Flyball, dog behaviouralist Steve Austin, the La Perouse snake man, a petting zoo and the Best Pet competitions.

Celebrity vet Dr Chris Brown had the challenging job of choosing the winners of the Best Pet competition. All the entrants were incredibly worthy of first prize but unfortunately there could only be one winner.

Best Pet competition winners:

- **Cutest pet:** Isabella Niven and her pet chicken 'Porridge'
- **Pet most like its owner:** Ian Moore and English Sheepdog 'Dee'
- **Best dressed:** Yasmine Stansbury and dog 'Skye'
- **Best pet trick:** Victoria Fernandez and dog 'Minnie'

Pet owners took full advantage of the free pet health checks on offer performed by final year veterinary science students under the supervision of the Hospital's certified veterinarians. For the students this was an invaluable, hands-on practical experience that will assist with their preparation for becoming qualified veterinarians.

Other highlights included the prestigious Cat Show, wildlife and exotic pet displays, sausage sizzle, face painting, a giant jumping castle, a raffle with fabulous prizes and there was a great deal to spoil the animals with from the many stalls selling or giving away pet products.

Pet Fair organiser Craig Lord said, "This year the Pet Fair was our most successful yet, it just keeps getting bigger and better. It was great to see so many Sydneysiders enjoying a day out with their pets."

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