

Canine Fashion Show & Pet Fest, A Pawpawrazzi Favorite!



Pet Fest Pet Walk! Courtesy of Coalition for Animals



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Looking for the latest in doggy wear? Need something snazzy for your schnauzer? Put some frocks on your dachshunds and join the fun!

Doggie fashionistas can watch the Doggie Fashion Show at the Pet Fest in Buttonwood Park on Sunday, May 19th sponsored by

The Daily Dog Blog and Go Fetch!, a grooming and dog specialty shop at 982 Kempton Street, New Bedford. Just look for the red carpet and the crowds of fans.

Go Fetch! owner and certified dog groomer Michelle Conlan was scouting the local dog talent last Saturday at her shop with the dailydogbloggers Elizabeth Cincotta and Melissa Cusson. Tracy Dupois of Paw Prints Photography was on hand to provide portfolio shots for next week's runway stars. Expect to see the latest in bride and groom outfits, as well as what the chic pooch is wearing this summer on those long walks at Buttonwood Park.



Conlan, Cusson, &
Cincotta with
Cooper the fashion
dog

The Go Fetch! shop, which opened this past December, has wicked cute dresses and sunsuits for the discerning Yorkie, Pom or Shih-Tzu. Conlan started the business online four years ago with her homemade dog treats made from all natural ingredients at www.GoFetchtreats.com. Her mother, Patricia Conlan, and sister, Margaret Conlan-Mullen, have joined in with African-print lavender scented handmade pet beds and

plush zebra striped blankets available at the new digs.

In addition to the Doggie Fashion show, Pet Fest has demonstrations by the New Bedford K-9 officers, and demos on sheepherding and dog training, too. Don't forget to stop by the doggie kissing booth for a pooch smooch. There will be raffles, pet accessory vendors, face-painting, and a raptor show by New England Reptile & Raptor so bring your best buddy for a nice afternoon in the Park.

But the main event is the two-mile charity walk to raise funds for Coalition for Animals. Visit www.coalitionforanimals.com for a brochure and walker's registration form. Walkers can also sign up between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. on the day of the event.

Pet Fest, sponsored by the Coalition for Animals of Greater New Bedford, is an annual dog and family oriented event attracting hundreds of visitors. Proceeds from the walk go to the Coalition for Animals, a 501(c)3 all-volunteer non-profit organization located at 834 Kempton Street, New Bedford, MA. The Coalition's mission is to raise awareness about humane treatment of animals, to help reduce overpopulation of companion animals through spay/neuter programs and to promote adoption of homeless companion animals.

Pet Fest

Buttonwood Park

723 Rockland Ave.

New Bedford, MA

11a.m to 3 p.m., Sunday, May 19, 2013

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