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Jim Zelasko of North Royalton and his dog, Hallie, a yellow Labrador retriever who is part of Buckeye DockDogs, perform for guests at the “Barkitecture Throw Us a Bone Benefit and Doghouse Auction.” The event took place Friday at the Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens in Akron. (Dan Brubaker/Special to the Beacon Journal) [View larger version>>](#)

Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens let the dogs out Friday night for their special benefit and doghouse auction. The casual dog-themed night included a roving party with food stations, entertainment and dog-related demonstrations.

Guests, along with their own Fidos and Fifis, perused a mix of doghouses on display in the *Barkitecture* exhibit.

“They just like to walk around and see the other dogs,” said Dianne Ketler who brought her pets, Jet and Rosie.

“This reaches out to many different kinds of families,” said Stan Hywet Vice President of Marketing Katie Campbell.

“My French bulldogs inspired my work,” said Eiffel Tower doghouse designer Kimberly Stehli, who brought along her husband, Edgar Stehli, and her French bulldogs, Moses and Tootsie.

Epiphany Courier painted faces with paws and bone designs for the occasion.

Committee members who organized the gala included Jenny Highfield, Renee Pipitone, Sara Copeland, Joanne DeLapa, Suzanne Hively, Karen Thomas, Judy Mills and Katie Smucker.

Volunteers such as Georjette Thomas with One of a Kind Pet Rescue brought their dogs.

“We just want to show the variety and beauty of rescue animals,” Lisa Toth said.

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Five-year-old Joby and 7-year-old Anna Buffone attended with parents Nicole and John Buffone. Friends Judy Mills and Janet Coudill decided to leave their dogs at home so they could watch the agility contest.

Linda Russell walked along the grounds with Ron Thompson and Peaches, her Sheltie.

Great Dane owner Danielle Carter said, "I think this is just great for the dogs and it helps a cause I feel strongly about."

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