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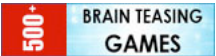
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VOLCANO - More than 200 dogs and their humans attended the first Mountwood Park Woof Fest Saturday, officials said.

"We love dogs and realized there isn't any event for dogs and owners in the area," said Mountwood Park director Susie Holmes. "We hope to make this an annual event that is unique and nice for dogs and their humans."

The all-day event included contests for best tail wagger and smallest and largest dogs as well as demonstrations from the K-9 community, such as search and rescue and the Parkersburg Police Department K-9 unit.

Vendors at the event were centered around dogs, including pet stores and groomers.

Pam and Harvey Proctor of Fleming, Ohio, brought M.C., their 11-month-old German Shorthaired Pointer, to the event to have bonding time.

"We have three other dogs at home, but he's our baby," Harvey Proctor said.

Dusty Shepherd, of Parkersburg, attended the event as part of her job with Winding Road Kennel in Parkersburg, but said she would have liked to have brought her dogs.

"I do the Walk for Paws in Marietta and love to bring my dogs to things like this because it's good socializing for them," Shepherd said. "It's like a party for them."

Parkersburg resident Tina George brought her own dog and four others she was dogsitting to the event.

"It's a nice day and I have all of these dogs, so I thought they would have a good time here," George said.

The Ironton, Ohio, chapter of Buckeye Dock Dogs attended the event in hopes of attracting more members from West Virginia, said group member Ginny Haas.

"It's an exciting family sport and we want more people and dogs to get involved," Haas said.

Dock Dogs is a group that allows for competition for dock diving dogs as a performance sport.

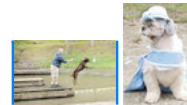
"We have had as many as 40 people stop and ask us about Dock Dogs and what we do and if their dog would like it," said member Steve Bacon. "It was a very good turnout."

All proceeds after expenses from Woof Fest 2009 go to the Humane Society of Parkersburg, which had representatives at Mountwood Park throughout the day with dogs and kittens up for adoption as well as volunteer information.

"Woof Fest means the world to us because we exist on donations," said Jan Lincome, volunteer coordinator with the society.

"The humane society really appreciates the support of Mountwood Park and the community."

**Article Photos**



Photos by Jolene Craig  
Steve Bacon of Dock Dogs in Ironton, Ohio, tosses a training duck into Mountwood Pond for his chocolate Labrador retriever Zeus to catch during the first Mountwood Park Woof Fest Saturday. All proceeds for the event went to the Humane Society of Parkersburg.

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