

# Media Release

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## Meet Dr Harry Cooper at Paws in the Park

Everyone's favourite TV vet, Dr Harry Cooper OAM, will be the special guest at Camden Council's loveable Paws in the Park event, on Sunday 5 May.

Dr Harry will hold a meet and greet with local four-legged residents as well as their owners at the FREE event, which will be held at the Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park, from 9am to 1pm.

"I really enjoy talking to people about their pets and seeing the real concern and genuine love that they have for them," Dr Harry said.

"These days more and more questions relate to behaviour – my dog digs, barks, is frightened of storms and so on. Gone are the days when ticks and fleas were the main subject of conversation.

"Dogs have always been man's best friend. For dog-lovers, coming together to celebrate the joy that our canine companions give is good for us, the wider community and the dogs. And to a dog it's like being in seventh heaven – they'll enjoy mixing with so many new 'friends' and, of course, the smells."

Dr Harry will also be a guest judge in the competitions on the day, which start from 10am under the big marquee in the arena. Residents can enter their pet in five different categories, including:

- Scruffiest dog;
- Best trick;
- Cutest face;
- Tallest dog; and
- Best NRL supporter.

There will be plenty more to see and do at the event, which is sponsored by Nestle Purina, including:

- A photo booth, to pose with your pooch;
- A 3-kilometre walk;
- Discounted microchipping by Council;
- Dog registrations;
- Free vet health checks by Uni Vets Camden;
- Demonstrations by NSW Siberian Sledding Express, Dances with Dogs and more;
- Dog grooming tips with The Hound Barber;
- Obedience and agility demonstrations by Macarthur Dog Training Club;
- A number of fun competitions, including doggy treat guessing, colouring-in and Facebook photo; and
- More than 50 stalls and displays.

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Mayor of Camden, Cr Peter Sidgreaves, said the event was an annual celebration of all types of dogs – from Great Danes to Miniature Poodles and everything in between – and their owners.

“More than 3,000 people from within and outside of the Camden area attend this event, with more than 1,000 fur-children in tow,” Cr Sidgreaves said.

“I can safely say Paws in the Park is the perfect event to pamper your pooch and connect with the broader pet-loving community.

“To many of us our pets are part of our family. They’re incredibly important to the health and wellbeing of residents – not only do they make us happy, but they also encourage a healthy lifestyle that includes walking and outdoor activities.”

For more information, visit [camdenpaws.com.au](http://camdenpaws.com.au) or call 4654 7643.

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