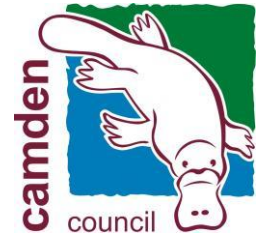


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Learn about responsible dog ownership at Paws in the Park

Residents are invited to learn about the best ways to care for and train dogs of all shapes, sizes and breeds at Camden Council's much-loved Paws in the Park event.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Peter Sidgreaves, said the FREE event, which will be held on **Sunday 5 May, 9am-1pm, at Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park**, helps promote responsible dog ownership.

"Being a responsible dog owner is all about giving your fur-child the best life possible, while remaining respectful of your neighbours, community and the natural environment around you," he said.

"It involves microchipping your dog, ensuring your dog is lifetime registered, keeping your dog securely within your premises, de-sexing your dog and much more.

"Through Council's continued efforts in this area, we have been able to achieve high levels of rehoming rates across the Camden area. In 2017-18, 90 per cent of dogs and cats who entered our Animal Care Facility were released, sent to a rescue organisation or adopted into a fur-ever home."

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;
- Free microchipping by Council Rangers;
- The opportunity to update your animals' details;
- 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.

Everyone's favourite TV vet, Dr Harry Cooper OAM, will be the special guest, holding a meet and greet with four-legged residents and their owners and judging competitions (which start from 10am under the big marquee in the arena). Residents can enter their pet in five different award categories, including:

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

For more information about Paws in the Park, visit camdenpaws.com.au or call 4654 7643.

For more information about responsible dog ownership, including what to do if you've lost your dog, where your nearest off-leash park is or how to register your pet, visit camden.nsw.gov.au and search 'pets'.

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