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# Animal Attractions and Furry Festivities

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, August 7

2005 Dalmatian Welfare Picnic Day

Join the fun, join the dots and help a worthy cause. The Dalmatian Club of NSW has a special day to celebrate all things spotty and have a reunion for the Dalmatians who've been re-homed through their welfare activities. You don't have to have a Dalmatian to attend and your contribution will ensure that they can keep funding their efforts to place surrendered Dali's into suitable homes. There will be lots of competitions and special games for children under 12-including a fancy dress competition with a dog theme (no, this doesn't necessarily mean the kiddies have to be dressed like a Dali).

Dog Ring, Castle Hill Showgrounds,  
off Carrington Rd  
Registration from 10:30 am;  
approximate finish 3:30 pm  
BYO lunch, BYO chair, BYO dog, BYO dog bowl  
Contact: Andy Robertson 9653 3506  
Admission: free & free parking

### Sat & Sun, August 13 & 14

Penrith Panthers Pet Xpo

Come along to see all sorts of animals big and small at the second annual Penrith Panthers Pet Xpo. Dorothy the Dinosaur will be doing two shows each day minus those skivvy clad lads and Dr Harry Cooper will be on hand to dispense advice and sign autographs. The Royal NSW Canine Council will have a range of dog breeds on display and there will also be cat displays.

Little ones will enjoy the pony rides and petting farm displaying bunnies, pigs and ducks. This family day is intended to educate on the responsibilities of owning a pet and how to care for our animal friends properly.

Admission: Adults \$10;  
Members/concession \$8.00  
Child (3-16) \$5.00;  
Family (2 adults & 3 children) \$25.00



Animalia - December 1

### Sunday, August 14

The 5th Annual Bully O-lympics  
Sydney Bull Terrier Social Day

Bull Terrier lovers and enthusiasts from all over Sydney are invited along to join this fun social day that celebrates this much-admired breed. Dogs and handlers are welcome to participate in the events that include an obstacle course, three legged race, sock relay plus special games for kiddies. Prizes will be awarded to the 'Prettiest Bitch' and most 'Handsome Stud' -we'll point out that this is for canine entrants only.

Dog Ring, Castle Hill Showgrounds, off  
Carrington Road  
11:00 am to 2:30pm  
Contact: Julie 9589 0041 or 0434 171 375  
or Karen 9621 4254  
Admission: \$5.00

### Sunday, September 11

Paws in the Park  
Baulkham Hills Shire Council's  
Orange Blossom Festival

This event is fast becoming one that is diarised by all as a must, and entrants to the ever popular Fancy Dress Parade are busy making their costumes months before the event.

Dogs attending on the day can try to achieve the status of 'Super Dog' by completing ten challenges, some as simple as wagging their tail or as difficult as retrieving balls out of a wading pool.

People can also attempt to persuade their dogs to go through tunnels and over jumps in the 'Agility Try It Yourself' ring, and of course, watch the trained dogs in the Agility demonstrations.

This year, as an added bonus, there will be an all day National Flyball competition with teams from all NSW, Victoria and QLD entered. Three of the fastest teams in Australia will be racing for the title.

Eric Mobbs Reserve, Excelsior Avenue, Carlingford  
Castle Hill [www.orangeblossom.com.au](http://www.orangeblossom.com.au)

### Sunday, September 11

Pets Day Out  
Mosman Council

This is the second year for the pet lovers side of Mosman Council's festival. There will be community and commercial stalls and a range of fun activities. There's the hilarious human and dog egg and spoon race for under 16s and over 16s (that's human years not dog). Other competitions include best-dressed pet, best dressed pair-owner and animal, best behaved pet, biggest and smallest pet categories and waggiest tail. Ugly is in the eye of the beholder as there is even a competition for the ugliest pet.

Village Green, Spit Junction, Mosman  
11:00am to 3:00pm

### Sunday, September 18

People & Pets Day  
Woollahra Council

This event gets bigger every year and Woollahra Council's theme for 2005 is an interactive one. The day aims to get people and their pets more involved with competitions, hands on demonstrations and lots of fun activity. The location is one of the prettiest in Sydney and you can grab some food, a cool drink and see some great pet related products available from a variety of stall holders.

The MC talents of 'Pet Talk Radio's' team of Kaye Brown and Brian Pickering will keep all entertained and informed of the day's events. There will be demonstrations of various reptiles from Mark Richmond of Crocodile Encounters. You can get up close and personal with salt water croc, Dr Crunch, and Diamond Tina-at a whopping 8.5 ft she's big enough to eat a small Terrier! That's an interactive display we don't want to witness.

Highlights include the 'Doggie Dash' which is always a furball, frenzy of fun. Also planned are fashion parades and obstacle courses. Last year it was a hot day so remember to slip, slop and slap (remember those sensitive canine noses too).

Lyne Park, Rose Bay  
11:00am to 3:00pm

### Sunday, September 26

Another great family day with this large community-based event that helps to keep the council's pound policy a 'low kill' one. Lot's of competi-

tions are planned and demonstrations include 'doggie dancing', dog flyball and agility and our favourite, the 'Ferret Olympics'. There's also a category for the smallest pet-last years was awarded to a tiny tadpole so we're backing the Urban Animal entrant of our office Sea Monkey.

Animal trainer, Steve Austin, will be handling the MC and judging duties on the day. There will be many pet related stalls featuring all sorts of new and innovative products.

All dogs must be on a leash and visiting cats should be constrained in a suitable carrier so all pets are safe. Proceeds from the day go towards helping more abandoned companion animals find new homes.

Holroyd Gardens, Merrylands  
10:00am to 3:00pm  
Admission: gold coin

Pittwater Dog Day By The Bay  
Pittwater Council

A great day, a fabulous location and lots of fun events and activities planned for this popular event on the pet social calendar. Bring your hound, sunscreen, a hat and cash for some of the cool pet products available. Monies raised through stalls and raffles go towards several worthy animal shelter and rescue programs. The reserve has a dog friendly beach so pack a towel if your four-legged friend is likely to take a plunge.

Rowland Reserve, Bayview  
10:30am to 3:00pm

### Sunday, October 9

Great Big Animal Open Day  
Sydney Metropolitan Practitioners Branch

This is a day where vet practices open their doors to the public and invite you to visit their facilities. Generally we only visit a vet for a regular health check-up (or at worst a crisis), so this special day gives you an opportunity to visit your local vet practice, ask questions and look over the facilities. Many vet practices are organising special events with give-aways and special competitions.

To find out if your vet (or one in your local area) is involved go to [www.animalopenday.com](http://www.animalopenday.com)

### Sunday, October 16

Dogs' Big Day Out  
Warringah Council

Many fun activities, competitions and demonstrations are planned for this event, now in its sixth year. There's a special award for 'Canine Hero of the Year', awarded to a special dog that has done a heroic deed. The hotly contested 'Jack Russell 100 metre dash' is just one of the fun activities. If you have a team of three, you can enter the mad 'pick up poo' relay and we're happy to report that it's the fake plastic variety and not the real thing.

Frenchs Forest Showground, Blackbutts Road  
10:30am to 3:00pm

### Sunday, October 16

Central Coast Pet Expo

This new event will be held at the Wyong Racecourse and all pet lovers are invited to attend and enjoy the activities planned on the day. There will be a variety of stalls and products on display for the event. Competitions and various demonstrations including fancy dress and dog agility will ensure that all people attending can get involved in the action.

Wyong Racecourse, Howarth Street  
10:00am to 3:00pm

### Thursday, December 1

Animalia - The Australian Youth Orchestra,  
Marshall McGuire and friends

The Veterinary Science Foundation of the University of Sydney presents this evening of fine music celebrating all creatures great and small. One of Australia's leading harpists, Marshall McGuire will be performing along with mezzo-soprano Suzanne Johnston. This will be an evening for lovers of both music and animals. Proceeds from this event go towards the VSF to support research, education and animal health.

The Verbrugghen Hall, Conservatorium of Music  
Macquarie Street, Sydney  
6:00pm cocktails and canapés  
6:45pm Concert begins  
Contact: VSF 9351 8026  
Admission: \$150.00 per ticket



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