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## A barking success

An estimated 2,000 dogs and their owners ensured Jacksons Landing's first Dog's Breakfast was a barking success.

There was colour, excitement and frenetic activity as canines of all sizes, colours and breeds turned the waterfront park into a giant pooch party.

The event was headlined by:

- Australia's best-known vet **Dr Harry Cooper**, who gave consultations and demonstrations
- Animal communicator **Simonne Lee**, who used her telepathic powers to exchange thoughts and emotions with dogs
- Canine cookery expert **Jamie Young**, who prepared a pasta meal from his book 'Grrrowlicious Food for Hungry Dogs'
- Dog trainer **Steve Austin**, who provided drills and demonstrations and acted as MC, and

• The **Southern Cross Flyball** team, which can be seen in action above.

There were contests to find Sydney's cutest, ugliest and hungriest dog, as well as an event to identify the dog that most resembled its master.

Dogs were able to be washed, pampered and have their nails clipped and painted, while others preferred to woof down pupachinos and eat-treats.

Their owners didn't miss out, enjoying a barbecue and refreshments.

Lucky residents Mr and Mrs Ogg and their poodle, Bronte from The Quarry won a weekend at 'Benjamin's Beach House' on the South Coast, and \$250 worth of goods from Pets on Broadway.

"The event was a practical way of showing dog owners that Jacksons Landing is pet-friendly, with plenty of space to exercise animals, and a great place to live," said Lend Lease Project Director Justin Woodcock.

The event captured extensive media attention and helped spread the word about pet-friendly Jacksons Landing. It also highlighted the Pymont Pooch Party, which meets most afternoons at Cadi Park.

One of the group's co-ordinators, Fleetview resident Gaye McLean, says the Dog's Breakfast has boosted interest in membership of the Pymont Pooch Party, and she welcomes all dog owners.

"It's a good way to give our dogs some exercise and to let them interact, as well as being an opportunity for owners to socialise," she said. "We also organise picnics and events for special occasions, such as a farewell to a resident or to celebrate an engagement. When we have an event everybody contributes to the food and refreshments, so there is always an embarrassment of riches," Gaye said.