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Paw-some Pooch Fest at the Brisbane Showgrounds this weekend

Queensland's biggest celebration of dogs, the Brisbane Dog Lovers Festival, will unleash the fun when it returns to the Brisbane Showgrounds this weekend.

On Saturday 16 May and Sunday 17 May there will be hundreds of dogs from varying breeds to meet in the breed showcase and adoption organisation zones and live dog sports and demonstrations from Australia's most talented canine stars.

There will also be the opportunity to shop the latest products from leading dog brands; hear from high profile dog presenters and talk with the nation's top vets.

The Festival's VitaPet Arena will feature sessions from vets, trainers, behaviourists, and canine specialists, sharing everything from training techniques and behaviour tips to health, nutrition, and enrichment advice.

The high profile presenter line-up includes Dr Katrina Warren, Kelly Gill & The Wonderdogs, Brooke Ellis (Dogly School for Dogs), Cilla Pershouse & Ash Barky (ABC Muster Dogs), Lara Shannon (Pooches at Play), and Lee Stone (Professional animal trainer and founder of Animal Haus).

The Festival's Outback Arena will showcase high-octane dog sports presented in a rural, showring environment, reminiscent of Queensland's regional and rural showgrounds. A highlight of this program will be the fun and entertaining recognised sport Dances with Dogs.

Brisbane Showgrounds General Manager of Venue Sales and Marketing Jago Coyle said he was delighted to welcome back the Brisbane Dog Lovers Festival, which was last held at the Showgrounds precinct in 2017 and 2018.

"With over 800 beautiful dogs on site, the Brisbane Dog Lovers Festival is set to be the ultimate event for dog owners as well as being a great day out for families, couples and groups of friends," he said.

"Whether you're a proud dog parent, thinking about welcoming a new furry friend or just enjoy being surrounded by animals, this festival is for you."

The Brisbane Dog Lovers Festival will be held across the Brisbane Showgrounds including Sideshow Alley on Saturday 16 May and Sunday 17 May from 9am to 5pm.

Children aged 12 years and under enter for free and ticket prices are \$19.26 for youth (13 yrs – 17 yrs), \$27.13 for a Family Pass (2 adult tickets and 2 youth tickets), \$33.42 for concessions and \$38.26 for general adult entry.

Tickets can be purchased online [here](#).

The Brisbane Showgrounds precinct is located 1.5km from Brisbane's CBD and is Queensland's largest indoor/outdoor events site. Visit www.brisbaneshowgrounds.com.au

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