

Passage West Dog Show

Passage West Dog Show last Saturday was a howling success. Dogs of all shapes and sizes turned out in their masses, from pugs, Jack Russells and poms to rottweilers and alsatians. All dogs were exceptionally well behaved and the day went off without a hitch.

Classes run on the day included Best Small Dog, Best Medium Dog, Best Large Dog, Golden Oldie, Best Trick, Best Dressed Dog, Dog Most Like Its Owner, Dog with the Waggiest Tail, Best Puppy and Best Rescue. The day was wrapped up with dogs and their owners running wildly towards the finishing line in the 6-Legged Race.

Best Trick was one of the most popular classes of the day with dancing dogs emulating Britain's Got Talent winner Pudsey, a frisbee-catching alsatian and even a singing dog. Dog Most Like Its Owner was also well received: a pug and its owner both sticking out their tongues grabbed a hilarious first place. The Best Rescue class demonstrated what a little TLC can do for dogs who may not have had the best start in life.

A fantastic agility course was also available for people and their dogs to try. A big thank you to Laura Meade from Fotaview Boarding Kennels for setting that up and manning it for the day.

The raffle was a tremendous success. Lots of wonderful prizes were generously donated by Eurospar (Passage West), Passage West Pharmacy, K9 Catering (Passage West), Fotaview Boarding Kennels (Passage West), Krafti Kidz (Passage West), Pet Essentials (Carrigaline) and Maxi Zoo (Douglas). A big thank you to all; it could not have been done without you.

Lollipops and delicious chocolate-covered marshmallows were handed out to the children and lots of butterflies and scary tigers were wandering around Toureen Park thanks to the face-painting talent of Aideen Greenlee.

All in all, Passage West Dog Show was a super day in the community. Organised by Carol Hartnett and Marcia D'Alton and hosted by Passage West/Glenbrook Tidy Towns, it was run as a not-for-profit event to highlight the importance of the new pet waste bin located at the entrance to Passage West – Hop Island railway line walk. Any money made in excess of the cost of running the show has been donated to the Tidy Towns group.

Thanks to everyone who came on the day and made it the success it was. The Passage West Dog Show will be even bigger and better next year!