

SATURDAY CLUB

These models are fetching

Dogs in dresses?

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It's not as if the contestants are vying for a chance to be on the cover of Modern Dog magazine.

Bragging rights? More like barking rights.

The first Doggie Fashion Show & Benefit on Saturday benefits some humans as well pooches when canines of various breeds are unleashed at the Vacaville Saturday Club.

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First, for the catered lunch at noon. It's 15 bucks and helps the Saturday Club. For another \$20 — or merely \$20 if a patron isn't up for the lunch — there's the 1 to 3 p.m. fashion show that benefits the Saving Gracie Foundation, a nonprofit that provides “life-saving treatment” for pets whose owners can't afford the medical services.

It's all a good thing, said Darci Chadwick, marketing director at Pawsh Place in Vacaville and one of the event coordinators.

The Saturday Club has

done an annual event and wanted to try something different, Chadwick said. The club suggested the fashion show for pets and Chadwick thought “it was a fabulous idea.”

Entering a dog is \$20 and while each pet owner is free to attire the animal, Pawsh Place does have leashes, collars and dresses available.

“For us, it's a big win,” Chadwick said of the fashion show. “It's going to be fun.”

Though 10 dogs were entered by Tuesday, roughly — dare we say “ruffly” — 28 showed interest online, Chadwick said.

“Usually the last week, people get off the fence,” she said. “We'll see. We do want dogs with personalities.”

The entries will be judged with the format still in discussion, Chadwick said.

“We might have people vote in a silent ballot,” she said.

For safety's sake, two humans are required to accompany each canine, Chadwick said.

“And we don't want people to leave their pet in the car, so there's extra time to walk,” she said.

A raffle is also available in an effort to raise more money for Saving Gracie Foundation, said Chadwick.

“We have some great prizes and all are donated,” she said.

The Doggie Fashion Show & Benefit is Saturday, noon to 3 p.m., Vacaville Saturday Club, 125 W. Kendal St., Vacaville. For more information, call



Dogs will bone up on their best runway walk — or drive — for the first Doggie Fashion Show and Lunch at the Vacaville Saturday Club on Saturday.



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