

L.A. Hockey Allows Dogs to Game

The Ice Dogs open their doors to dog-loving fans and their dogs.

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In a city where dogs dine at the finest restaurants, get chauffeured around in limos, and attend movie premieres, it's no surprise that Los Angeles' minor-league professional hockey team, the Long Beach Ice Dogs, will welcome four-legged fans at Saturday's game against the Alaska Aces.

Dog lovers get to bring their pooches to the Long Beach Arena and sit in a special "Haute Dog" section for canine guests. Special events planned for the evening include a ceremonial doggie puck drop, pet beauty contest, skate-boarding Bulldogs, hot dog eating contest, free doggie washes, and more.

Fans who purchase game tickets through the Ice Dogs corporate office or participating "Haute Dog" sponsor locations (in Long Beach at Belmont Pets & LaunderPet on Broadway; LaunderPet on Main St.; Whiskers on 2nd St.; and Wags to Whiskers in the Los Altos Shopping Plaza) will be given a special free ticket for their canine companion.

A portion of ticket proceeds will benefit Justin Rudd's Community Action Team, a charitable organization that raises money to help children, animals, and the environment.

For ticket and other event information, contact the Ice Dogs ticket office at (562) ICE-DOGS (423-3647) or visit www.icedogs.com. For more information about the Community Action Team, visit www.justinrudd.com.