

## Woofminster Gives Dogs Something to Bark About

**Annual dog event held in Maine raises \$5,000 for Planet Dog Foundation.**

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Sadie, a 1-year-old terrier mix won the cover dog challenge at Planet Dog Foundation's 4th annual Woofminster event. More than 200 people and 75 dogs turned out to Camp Ketcha in Scarborough, Maine, for the 4th annual Woofminster fundraiser held in September. This year's event raised more than \$5,000 for the Planet Dog Foundation, which is the charitable arm of pet product manufacturer Planet Dog.

Woofminster 2009 featured an amateur dog show and Planet Dog cover dog challenge as well as demonstrations by service dog organizations, a raffle, face painting and other family-friendly activities. Kristen Smith, the executive director of the Planet Dog Foundation, called the event a success.

"Woofminster is always a success," she said. "It is a wonderful way to bring our community together for a fun afternoon that raises money for a great cause, while also giving people the opportunity to learn more about service dog programs in our area."

Woofminster 2009 featured activities for dogs, like bobbing for Planet Dog's Orbee-Tuff balls. For the dog show, participants competed in a number of challenges, including best trick, happiest dog and best mixed mutt. The winner of each show category and four raffle winners then went on to compete in the cover dog challenge.

The winner of this year's cover dog challenge was Sadie, a 1-year-old terrier mix owned by Stephanie Fomato. Sadie was selected by a panel of five judges, which included a local radio personality, pet columnist for USA Today and a veterinary surgeon. As the cover dog challenge winner, Sadie receives a professional photo shoot and a chance to be featured on the cover of the next Planet Dog catalog.