

## **CANINES THE STARS OF THE DAY- Big Day Out 2016**

Over a thousand pooches and their two-legged friends joined in Dogs Victoria's Open Day "Big Day Out for Dogs" on Sunday 11th December 2016 with plenty of woofing and tail-wagging.

So many breeds and attractions were featured at KCC Park, and by all accounts it was a fantastic day enjoyed by the public and members alike. Over 50 breeds were showcased at club breed displays and demonstrations such as agility, obedience, carting and conformation. Fun activities awaited our visitors with the very popular lure coursing and tunneling, and dogs enjoyed a lesson in dancing or had a go navigating through the earthdog dens. We extend a huge thank you to our members for your contribution and continued support of the event.

Canines were pampered and shoppers were spoilt for choice at the Canine Christmas Market boasting over 60 stalls of dog products and services. Thank you to all stallholders for your involvement and those who kindly donated to our raffle.

The Dogs Victoria fun competition was again a huge crowd pleaser with dogs vying for the title such as best Christmas costume and most spectacular trick. Though the contest was fierce no one left the ring empty handed. Thank you to City of Frankston Mayor Cr Brian Cunial for being our guest judge and to Advance, Best Friends Pet Care Cranbourne and KONG for donating prizes.

We appreciate the support of so many more; thank you to Royal Canin for your donations towards the Dogs Victoria showbags, to Julia Grainger for being our MC, our photographers Sally Stasytis and Sal Robinson, the Skye Fire Brigade and M1 Traffic Control. And of course a huge thank you to everyone who came along and all the wonderful comments and photos on the Big Day Out for Dogs facebook page.

*"My 2 dogs had the best time especially giving the agility course a go. They were exhausted when we got home. Thank you very much for an absolutely fabulous dog day out."*

*"My first one but won't be my last. A great day and a great variety of things to see. Great atmosphere too"*

*"Fantastic day out. So many new mates to play with & lots of treats to buy"*

*"Had a great day today, we saw a lot of beautiful dogs and talked to some lovely people. Looking forward to next years event."*