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EVERY DOG HAS HIS DAY IN GLENDALE! 7th ANNUAL DOG DAYS OF GLENDALE CELEBRATES FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS ON APRIL 8
Competition for dogs and pet activities highlights of free event

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Dog lovers will gather in downtown Glendale for the city’s annual Dog Days of Glendale event, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 8, and the theme for this year’s celebration is Woof Fest.

The city’s seventh annual event will celebrate this popular event with interactive fun activities, pet wellness information, Glendale Police K-9 demonstration and shopping in Murphy Park. New this year, the event will feature the “Woof Games,” sponsored by Ropin’ the West. Owners can challenge their pets’ intelligence, obedience, skills and agility while having fun running the pylon zig zags, jumping hurdles and walking the plank. A special guest “Judge” will be on hand for the competition, Peony the Pig, a local celebrity and a member of the National Service Animal Registry.

Head to the Visit Glendale booth located in Murphy Park to start your day and pick up a run-down of the day’s activities. The morning will offer pet owners and their dogs many exhibit booths, with the emphasis on our four-legged friends with everything from frozen doggie treats , wellness information & products, pet food & treats, pet gifts and accessories. As visitors explore the downtown, there will be water and cool pool stations throughout the area for pets. Admission and parking are free. Visitors are encouraged to park in the free covered parking garage located at 58th Avenue and Palmaire.

Additional highlights of the day include:

- Event will begin with National Anthem sung by a member of the Phoenix Girls Choir, animal blessing and opening welcome from Dr. Jason Eberhardt, Clinical Director of Midwestern University Companion Animal Care Clinic.

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Dog Days of Summer

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- Visits with Community K-9 Groups including Glendale's favorite furry employees as the Fire Department's Crisis Response dog Topaz, the Glendale Police Department K-9 team, and C.P.A.A.G (Citizens Police Academy Alumni Group)
- Canine for Companions, Phoenix Guide Dog Raisers for the Blind
- Az. Pug Life Rescue will be on site with animals for adoption
- Free Frosty Paw frozen treats for dogs from Papa Ed's Ice Cream at the park for the first 300 dogs
- Pet services, gifts and accessories
- Raffles and prizes
- Brelby Theater will offer pet photos at their new location – just a short walk from the park
- "Walk a hound, lose a pound" brought to you by Glendale's Parks & Recreation Division, which will offer visitors a map to enjoy a leisurely stroll throughout the downtown area, to hit several points of interest and event activities, all while getting some exercise. Anyone who stops by the booth will receive a free pedometer!

The Dog Days of Glendale also includes a donation drive for pet food and supplies to benefit the Empty Bowl Pet Food Pantry. For a wish list of items needed, visit www.emptybowlpetfoodpantry.org.

More on the activities can be found online at www.facebook.com/DogDaysofGlendale and follow the event on Instagram at [woof_fest_2017](https://www.instagram.com/woof_fest_2017) for fun, colorful posts about this year's vendor participants. For more details on the donation drive and the overall event, check out www.visitglendale.com or call the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500.

The Dog Days of Glendale event is sponsored by Midwestern University Companion Animal Clinic, the Glendale CVB, Bitz-ee Mama's, Republic Services, Poop Ninja, and coordinated by Ropin' the West and Papa Ed's Ice Cream.

Glendale has been named by "Dog Fancy" magazine as the Regional Runner-up in their Dog Town USA competition for the canine-friendly communities and businesses.

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