



Hydro Hounds Hit the Waves

Surfing Dog Championship Returns to Noosa This Weekend

The Surfing Dog Championship, held as part of the Noosa Festival of Surfing, is undoubtedly the most anticipated event of the entire festival, last year drawing a crowd of over 6,500 dog lovers.

This weekend, Sunday, 1st March at 1:30pm, 10 talented dogs and their owners will take to the waves of First Point, Noosa Heads, all vying for the Best Wave Award.

Long-time sponsor of the event, VetShopAustralia, has once again teamed up with Simparica to promote the importance of waterproof parasite protection and overall pet health.

VetShopAustralia head veterinarian, Dr. Mark Perissinotto said "VetShopAustralia and Simparica are committed to nurturing the pet and pet-parent bond through fun outdoor activities such as the Australian Surfing Dog Championships.

"An ideal partner for Australia's premier dog surfing event, Simparica is a flea, tick, mange and mite tasty chew.

"It shuts the door on flea and tick infestations, making it a great choice for outdoor adventures and waterproof parasite protection – it's that simple."

The 2020 Surfing Dog Championship will see the return of crowd favourites Rob and Spike who travel up from Melbourne every year to compete.

"Spike turns from casual family dog into hyper hound when he sees a glimpse of the beach and will no doubt want to get his paws submerged and on the trophy one more time," owner Rob Lorenzon said.

Adopted from the Lost Dogs Home in Anglesea, Victoria, seven years ago and soaking up a second chance at life, Spike, a Kelpie x Border Collie x Ridgeback and his master, are super stoked to be part of this year's event.

"Together we share the thrill of catching waves and I think that makes us a team to look out for."

2019 champions Chris and Banjo are also returning to the water in the hope of retaining their crown.

'Mr Dog Surf' himself, Chris de Aboitz and his loyal companions Max and Rama will no doubt wow the crowd with new stunts and surprises, and if weather allows, rise above the waves on a hydrofoil-mounted surfboard.

Indie and Anna, the dynamically stylish Hawaiian lei wearing duo, Hugs the Labrador x pin-up hound, head down rump raised Gold Coast rider Porkchop, along with newbie and the youngest ever hydro hound competitor at only 8 months old Kai, are all chomping at the bone to be part of this year's lineup.

For photos, videos and additional information visit www.surfingdogchampionship.com.au .

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