



News Release

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2nd Annual National Pet Expo to be Held March 6-8 Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, PA

Educational Seminars, Exhibits and Competitions Create the "Main Event" for Pet Lovers

Looking for something fun to do with the entire family? Feel bad leaving Fido or Fluffy at home? Don't! National Pet Expo welcomes all friends four-legged, feathered and scaled to an educational, interactive and fun-filled weekend at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg. Held March 6-8, the National Pet Expo welcomes top clinicians and entertainers from across the country to educate, fascinate and interact with audiences. There will be vendors from all over the country displaying and selling all types of pet products and services. This is a great opportunity to see, test and buy the latest toys, training tools and accessories or try on that new sweater for your best friend, or yourself. Scattered throughout the retail vendors you will find booths manned by pet rescues and other pet-related organizations. You may just find you want to adopt a new addition to your family! There will also be exciting interactive features for children, including pony rides, photos taken with a giant snake at our reptile exhibit, petting exotic birds from around the world and much more! National Pet Expo offers something for all ages and all household creatures great and small. There will be Fly Ball demonstrations, you can learn to cook a fresh home-made diet for your pet during pet food cooking demonstrations. Watch as service dogs show the many skills they use to help their human partners and more.

Meet the experts! Tonya Wilhelm, with almost 20 years of experience as a dog trainer and behavior specialist, is sure to have ideas to help with any problems you may be having with your Best Friend. Dr. Judy Morgan, Holistic Veterinarian, will be at the Expo to help answer your pet healthcare questions. John Lege, also known as "That Guy with the Birds" will present numerous seminars and entertaining programs with his birds. Lege is known for educating the audience about exotic birds via magic, music and hands-on interaction. Kirk White, of Extreme Reptiles, has built his career around educating audiences about exotic reptiles. Through his educational outreach, White breaks down misconceptions that often surround reptiles. Audience members are given an opportunity to safely interact with various snakes, lizards and other reptiles. No stranger to injured animals, Linda Stern, DVM has made a career of integrating holistic and alternative healing methods with traditional practices. In practice since 1987, Dr. Stern has worked with cats, dogs, exotics, reptiles and small mammals.

In addition to the many seminars and interactive activities, the National Pet Expo will host entertaining competitions and variety shows. Are you ready for some high-flying, jet-propelled doggy action? Classic K-9 will be performing all weekend. As seen on Good Morning America, the Late Show with David Letterman, Animal Planet's Pet Star and others, Classic K-9 features some of the most talented dogs and trainers from across the country in exciting events such as the Classic K-9 High Jump, Speed Dogs and agility. These dogs are unbelievable! Want to get in on the action? Bring your dog and participate in the agility "Fun-Runs" offered by Classic K-9 at various times throughout the weekend. Those making any size donation (benefiting The Canine Cancer Foundation) will receive an all day pass for "Fun Runs". Keystone DockDogs® will hold various competitions all weekend. Their organization is devoted to K-9 competitions which support local charitable organizations. The Big Air® competition is the long-jump event of the dog world. With a running start of 40 feet, dogs launch off the dock into the water, often reaching speeds up to 20 mph! Extreme Vertical® is another test of jumping skills, but this time it's the high jump where dogs must knock down a "Flappy" which hangs over the water 8 feet from the end of the dock. The current indoor world record is 8'4". Come watch as some of the area's top DockDogs attempt to break the record! Speed Retrieve® is the final test, and as the name suggests, dogs are timed in their retrieval of a "Flappy". The dogs that set records are surely talented, but let's see what you've got! This competition is open to all breeds of dogs. Want more? Susquehanna Service Dogs will be bringing their popular PawsAbilities Dog Olympic Games to the National Pet Expo for 2015. Held in four different rings, and with over 20 games to choose from, you're sure to have a great time with your dog. These games will test your dog's speed, agility and obedience, and best of all, dogs of any skill level can play! Entry fees for the Games are additional and benefit Susquehanna Service Dogs.

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What is one of the most popular events at the National Pet Expo is ***National Pets Got Talent!*** We invite you to show off your pet's talents!! Competitors will vie for cash and prizes worth over \$500. Pet & handler teams will be judged on originality, execution, difficulty and pet/handler partnership, with special prizes also awarded for best costume, cutest pet and "best face only a mother could love". This competition is open to all pets, so if you have a dancing, disc catching dog, a ball rolling rat, a performing trick cat, a bell ringing bird, a door knocking pot-bellied pig, a rope climbing lizard, or some other talented pet, you're invited to participate in this fun and exciting competition! *National Pet's Got Talent!* entry is FREE with an adult paid admission to the expo, but pre-entry is encouraged as available time will limit the number of entries. Visit our website (www.nationalpetexpo.com) for entry information.

Speaking of admission, daily tickets to the National Pet Expo are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children aged 6-12 and under age 6 are FREE. The Farm Show Complex charges \$8 per vehicle for daily parking. The National Pet Expo is held on the same weekend as the 13th Annual Pennsylvania Horse World Expo; discounted combo admission tickets are available for those who wish to attend both events! Horse World Expo, which is one of the largest Horse Expos in the US, is structured much like National Pet Expo, but with everything imaginable for horses! To learn more about Horse World Expo, check out www.horseworldexpo.com. For more information about National Pet Expo or publicity photos, we can be contacted at 301-916-0852 or info@nationalpetexpo.com. Tickets and up-to-date information, schedule of events and details for all of the great activities at National Pet Expo can be found on our website, www.nationalpetexpo.com, or "like" us on [Facebook](#) for updates.

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