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Diablo Ballet event goes to the dogs

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Dorothy and the Wizard of Dogs from Diablo Ballet's Paws de Tutu dog competition at Lafayette Reservoir. Photo provided

Saturday, June 23 will be a day that goes to the dogs ... dogs in costume, that is. From 9-11 a.m., Diablo Ballet will host its third annual PAWS de Tutu, a fun-filled event at the Lafayette Reservoir, complete with a dog costume "com(paw)tition," entertainment, celebrities, snacks and prizes. There will be demonstrations by the Contra Costa Sheriff's K-9 Unit, as well as doggie yoga and dog training; there will also be a performance by STARS 2000 Teen Theater's cast of "Legally Blonde, the Musical," with special guest, Bruiser, the Chihuahua. And if you don't have your own dog, ARF and Rocket Dog Rescue will have dogs ready for adoption. Dog parents are encouraged to dress up their canines for the solo competition (one dog in costume) or group competition for multiple costumed dogs. All PAWS de Tutu proceeds benefit Diablo Ballet's PEEK Program, a performing arts education and enrichment program for kids in underserved areas. Admission is only \$10 per person or \$20 to enter your favorite pet in the competition. Register at diabloballet.org or call (925) 943-1775.

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