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Costumed Characters and Belly Dancers Spice up DOGtoberfest

DOGtoberfest 2009

proved to be another great time for the Department of Animal Services' employees and its fans.

Thanks to Jay and Jennifer Dabney of Skip Fordyce Harley-Davidson in Riverside, dozens of animals have been saved and sent to loving homes.

Skip Fordyce hosts the annual DOGtoberfest on its front lawn. This year's bash on Halloween day featured demonstrations from a Riverside Police Department K9 team, a chili cookoff, music and something new and exciting: the Desert Mirage Dancers. The Inland Empire-based belly dancers group spiced up the scene with free performances.

Of course, the ever popular pet costume contest brought smiles to all in attendance.

All told, another 11 dogs — and one cat! — were adopted into loving families.

"We're so appreciative of the Dabneys and their passion for homeless pets," said Geri Murillo, an Animal Services administration services manager. "This year's event once again produced many smiles for families. We can't wait until next year!"

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: A "jockey" — Sherry Buchbinder — and her "horse" Barker captures first place in the K9 Costume Contest; A Great Dane gets chuckles from the judges; Happy adopters Gayle and Ed Hurt show off their new family member, "Jasper," a 2-year-old, long-haired Chihuahua; An adult participant and her "King Tut" English bulldog pose for the judges panel; The Desert Mirage Dancers, headed by Linda Marshall of Riverside Community College and including Jeanette Battles, upper left, provide free entertainment for the crowd; A dog in KISS attire rocks the judges.

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