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Community canine capers in Dogtown Downtown

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Last year's Dogtown Downtown event. Photo Pippa Fisher

Is Lafayette going to the dogs? It certainly is, at least on Saturday, May 19 with the ever-popular Dogtown Downtown event.

The annual community event sponsored by the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce is now in its fifth year and is always fun for all ages. It is similar to the Westminster Kennel Club Dog show in as much as both feature dogs - but this event is way cooler. And getting there is easier, too.

All friendly, social, on-leash pups of all ages will be welcome. The event is a chance for residents to mingle with dog lovers and showcase their pooch's special talents in contests such as "Best Team Trick" (owner and dog together) and "Best of Show."

If Fido has a flair for fashion, he might appreciate a chance to join in Lafayette's third annual canine fashion show, "Doggie Vogue."

New this year is the "Doggie Howl" contest, for kids up to 10 years old only.

And there's always the "Looks Most Like Owner" category.

Registrations for all contests will be at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center Amphitheater from 9:30 a.m. where the event kicks off with Downward Dog Yoga.

From the library's outdoor pavilion at 10 a.m. dogs and owners will strut their stuff in a parade along Golden Gate Way with a police escort to the Lafayette Plaza for the contests.

As in previous years, there will be demonstrations and exhibits along with vendors and dog adoptions.

The event runs from 9:30 a.m. to midday on May 19.

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