

Celebrity judges pick top dogs at charity show

Gavin and Stacey's Joanna Page picks preened pooches in aid of homeless hounds.

London –Despite intermittent showers of rain, hundreds of people turned out on Hampstead Heath on Sunday 25th to parade their dogs before celebrity judges in order to raise funds for the homeless hounds living at The Mayhew Animal Home.

Gavin and Stacey actress, Joanna Page, judged alongside TV Vet Marc Abraham to pick the winners from categories such as *Waggiest Tail, Best Veteran and Handsomest Hound*.

Judging these preened pooches in a far cry from the Sky One Show Joanna and Marc have just finished filming about animals with embarrassing conditions entitled *My Pet Shame*.

Joanna Page said: *"Oh my gosh it was so tough, I just didn't know who to choose! I was excited to be judging for the first time at The Mayhew annual dog show. I absolutely love dogs, and there were all sorts there and they were all winners in my eyes!"*

BBC Dog Borstal's Robert Alleyne also made an appearance to judge a few categories and was inundated with requests from owners to help their dogs pass the 'Temptation Alley' test onsite at the show!

Supporters of the Home also set off on a four-mile Sponsored Walk around the Heath to raise money for the charity which is based in Kensal Green.

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For the Editor

The Mayhew Animal Home was established in 1886 for the benefit of "the lost and starving dogs and cats of London so that they should have sanctuary from the cold inhumanity they are being dealt outside". Today, The Mayhew is one of the busiest animal sanctuaries in London, rescuing thousands of animals

from cruelty and neglect each year. We provide shelter and care for cats, dogs, rabbits and when the need arises, for a wide variety of other animals.

The Mayhew Animal Home strives to tackle the companion animal welfare crisis from every possible angle. The organisation is pro-active, innovative and continually works to assist animals and their carers. The Mayhew offers a wide variety of community services providing advice, care and assistance to animals and their carers whatever their circumstances.