

Nero, normally a Shih Tzu, is a dragon for the day.

## Tricks, and treats, for costumed pets

Dressing up for Halloween isn't just for trick-ortreaters — their four-legged friends can get in on the fun,

Plenty of costumed canines were on hand at the third annual Dogtoberfest at Killmeyer's Old Bavaria Inn, Charleston. The event was put on by Whiskers and Leo Pet Care.

And the pooches showed off their costumes for a good cause — the suggested \$5 donation went to Louie's Legacy Animal Rescue.

"We don't ask for a lot of money because we want people to be able to participate and have fun with their dogs," said Loni Rudolph, co-owner with Nicole Romagnolo of Whiskers and Leo. "People love Halloween and dressing up their dogs.

"While humans enjoyed a nice lunch in the beer garden at Killmeyer's, their dogs were able to join them for some water or dog treats. Many took the stage in the costume contest, too.

The winner was a Yorkshire terrier dressed as Alana "Honey Boo Boo" Thompson, the child beauty pageant competitor and star of the TLC show "Here Comes Honey Boo Boo." The Yorkie trotted away with a \$75 gift certificate to Petco, a \$50 gift certificate to Whiskers and Leo, and plenty of dog toys.

- Jillian Jorgensen



Pirate Patrick, an American Staffordshire terrier, checks out the festivities during the third annual Dogtoberfest at Killmeyer's Old Bavaria Inn in Charleston, a fundraiser for Louie's Legacy Animal Rescue.



Chunk, an English bulldog, looks all ready for the costume contest.



Bailey Bones, a Gedghegan Anatolian shepherd, shows up for the party dressed as a Halloween pumpkin.

For more photos of the costumed canines, go to silive.com/photos.