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Nutella, a 3-year-old old teacup Yorkie, looks pretty in pink as she waits for her turn on the stage.



Mini dachshund Motley begs for a treat as Jameoson waits his turn at the second annual show.



Scrappy, a 9-month old blue nose pit bull, is a big Yankees fan, showing off his Derek Jeter jersey at the second annual Strut Your Mutt fashion show.

Dressed to the ca-nines for a good cause

The second annual Strut Your Mutt fashion show at Killmeyer's raises \$\$ for Island animal rescue

By JILLIAN JORGENSEN STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE

The beer garden at Kill-meyer's Old Bavaria Inn went to the dogs yesterday

afternoon.

Canine couture was at its height in Charleston, as dogs modeled their finest outfits at the second annual Strut Your Mutt dog fashion show. The event raised money for Louie's Legacy Animal Rescue and was hosted by Whiskers and Leo Pet Care, an in-home pet-sitting and pet-care service.

"These events are just a

way to get together for a ten Island have dog-friendly good cause," said Loni Rubeer gardens," she said. dolph, co-owner with Nicole Romagnolo of Whiskers and

Outside of parks, there aren't many dog-friendly places for lovers of the animals to gather together and socialize, Ms. Rudolph said, socialize, Ms. Rudolph said, From Scrappy the blue-noting that Killmeyer's is the nose pit bull, dressed as exception.

"Not many places on Sta-

With dog treats and water bowls for the four-legged set - and a selection of beers and German dishes for the humans — Killmeyer's was decidedly friendly to both pooches and people.

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The grass is never greener on the other



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The patch of grass on the left of Westerleigh resident Joe Perrazzo's yard shows original color, while the patch on the right shows a deeper green after being painted.

Island lawn-painting service gets rid of those yellow patches in a jiffy

By DANIELLE D'ELIA STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE

Say hello to the greenest grass on the block, requiring the least TLC.

Grass is Greener, a lawnpainting service, seemingly works miracles in turning yellow grass a lush green in just a few hours.

The idea originated in states that don't see a whole lot of rain — Arizona, Texas, Florida — and those with professional sports teams.

And it doesn't matter if the grass is dead or alive, it still can be spray-painted.

"It lasts three months if g the grass is alive and growing, but if the grass is dead, it's permanent," said Joe Perazzo of Westerleigh, owner of Grass Is Greener. (His day job is teacher of physical education at Brooklyn's High School of Sports Management, in the former Lafayette High School.)

Perazzo started his company three years ago, after noticing his school's football field being spray-painted to cover all the dead patches.

" I saw them painting various fields at the school that had yellow patches, so I went

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Dressed to the ca-nines

Derek Jeter, to Sugar Bear the golden retriever, in a hula girl outfit, costumed dogs were everywhere.

"Every dog gets its chance to go on stage, strut [its stuff], and do a trick," Ms.

Rudolph said.

Alex and Fran DeFillipo of New Dorp brought their two Shetland sheepdogs, Alize, 8, and Shadow, 7. Alize wore a T-shirt proclaiming she was proud to be Puerto Rican, and sported a pair of Gucci shades. Shadow, meanwhile, was decked out in Harley-Davidson gear.

"We love dogs, anything that has to do with your dog, Alex DeFillipo said. "It's great that Killmeyer's offers this, where you can bring your dog and have something

to eat."

The dogs were all well-behaved, but if any owners had questions about pooches acting up, they could have turned to Robert Machi of Bark Busters, who helps owners train dogs on Staten Island and in Brooklyn.

"It's a good group of owners, everyone is kind of re-laxed," Machi said.

His family uses Whiskers and Leo to watch his dogs three Boston terriers and a Doberman named Harry, or, as they are more colorfully known, Harry and the Bostons. It was nice to network with other dog owners, and to support a good cause, Machi said.

"I love it. They have these events pretty regularly," he

said.

Jim Kiernan, of Astoria, Queens, brought his Pomeranian, Nicholas, who was rescued through Louie's Legacy two years ago. The dog was named Nicholas because he was saved from a high-kill shelter just days before Christmas.

"They took him out of a high-kill situation. He was two days away from being put down," he said, as the sweet dog sat atop a bar stool. "It's heartbreaking to



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Bailey, an Anatolian shepherd, looks like she is ready for some ballet.

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think about - he's a little angel and he was two days

Because the rescue gave him such a great dog, he likes to give back by attending events and donating money, Machi said.

Rescues from other groups were on hand, too. Bailey, an 18-month-old Anatolian shepherd, was rescued by Bill and Pat Geoghegan of Charleston through P.L.U.T.O. Rescue.

"We like to support the animal rescue groups," Bill Geoghegan said. "Bailey does like getting out and getting to meet all the other dogs."

Decked out in a pretty pink tutu, Bailey was awarded best behaved.

Two dachshunds, Jameson and Motley, were the first place wieners - ahem, winners - of the fashion show. The dogs, owned by Ryan Bellmier and Brittany Keller of New Dorp, were sporting Hawaiian shirts, leis, and grass skirts.

There were also dogs available for adoption at the event. Ranger, a 4-year-old shepherd mix, and Simba, a 4-year-old mastiff/Labrador retriever mix are both looking for permanent homes and got to show off their canine creds onstage. Nanci Rich-ards, comedian and emcee at the event, is fostering Simba while he awaits a permanent home, along with the three dogs she currently owns. She loves having Simba, but hopes he finds his forever home soon.

"I have four dogs in my house. I'm never going to get married with four dogs," Ms. Richards joked.

Besides Ranger and Simba, Louie's Legacy has plenty more pooches looking for homes. At any given time, the rescue has about 30 dogs and cats available for adoption on Staten Island, said Mary-Ellen Rozak of Louie's Legacy. They can be viewed online at louieslegacy.org.

