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Babooshka's the fairest Mutt of them all

From amongst the hundreds of dogs who turned out for the 2010 Royal Canin SPCA Mutt of the Year at Camps Bay High on Sunday 25 April, the coveted title was awarded to Babooshka, a 6 ½ year old mutt who was found on Rondebosch Common five years ago, with her left legs wired together.

Babooshka's owner Pam Newby of University Estate saw her picture in the newspaper and knew that she had been "chosen" by Babooshka. Today the bond between them is palpable and the sweet-nature, black cross-Tibetan Terrier bears no grudges to anyone, despite the horrific abuse she had to endure.

"Before the event started I took Babooshka for her daily two hour walk in Newlands forest and told her that whether she won or not, she would always be my Mutt of the Year", said Pam, who related to the competition judges that the little dog had become her shadow since the day she was rescued. "All dogs are wonderful friends, but those adopted from the SPCA and other animal welfare groups are just so appreciative of being given a second chance", she said. "They just want to be your bestest friend", she said.

SPCA and Royal Canin judges also awarded prizes to the best pup, which was presented to six year-old Frances Bruce of Wynberg and her 11 month old pup, Patrick. The veteran-of-the-year title was won by 10 year old mutt, Wingnut, owned by Craig Ziman of Blouberg.

"This year the competitors made it really tough for the judges to choose one dog over another as there was a special relationship between all the owners and their dogs", said Cape of Good Hope SPCA event organiser, Juan August. "We were really thrilled that so many of the dogs entered had been rescued from a shelter", he said.

Over 1100 people attend the event and 200 entries were received for the three categories, making the event the biggest to-date for the CoGH SPCA. Together with sponsorship from Royal Canin, the event raised R70 000 for the SPCA in support of their work to help animals in need.

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Notes to the Editor

Selection of pictures attached.