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Pets and owners Paws for a Cause

THEY say every dog has its day; and yesterday, for Bendigo's pampered pooches, that was certainly the case.

All creatures great and small - particularly playful pups - celebrated World Animal Day in the city with the Bendigo Animal Shelter organising 'Paws for a Cause' family day at Lake Weeroona.

The event attracted a strong crowd of pets and people who were treated to brilliant sunshine and plenty of fun.

Event co-ordinator Debbie Edwards said the day was as much about promoting the Bendigo Animal Shelter as it was recognising the positive influence animals have on our lives.

"We're here to celebrate World Animal Day, which was founded in 1931 to highlight the plight of endangered species," Ms Edwards said.

"World Animal Day is on October 4 every year, so we try to celebrate it as close to the day as possible.

"We've had a great turnout; the crowd stayed until after lunch. It's great to see," she said yesterday afternoon.

While canines dominated the day, the Wildlife Rescue and Emergency Service display had another star of the show.

Their blue-tongue lizard attracted plenty of interested onlookers who wanted to get up close and personal with the reptile.

But the biggest reception was for a couple of old dogs who always delight: Bendigo Hume and Iser's Sandy and Rusty.



Xaver White with his Scotch Collie, Seedley.

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