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DURHAM DOGS HAVE A LOT TO BARK ABOUT!

Barktoberfest: A Celebration of All Things Canine Scheduled for October 26

Durham, NC: On Saturday, October 26, Durham Parks and Recreation will join forces with Beyond Fences to provide a fun-filled afternoon for residents and their canine friends.

Hundreds of participants will gather at Durham Central Park (501 Foster Street) from 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. to celebrate all things canine. The event is free, open to the public, and will be held rain or shine.

Barktoberfest attendees will have the opportunity to purchase a special photo of their canine friend taken by a local photographer, take a short stroll through the park and learn fun facts along the way, and browse and shop for pet-related items from many local canine businesses. Beer and food will be available for purchase as [Caffe Bellezza](#), [Stuft](#), and [Mama Voula's](#) will be on site throughout the event.

Participants and their canine friends can also wear a costume for a chance to win a prize in the following categories: Best Individual Costume (Dog Only) and Best Group Costume. Local celebrity judges will determine the winner for each category.

The Mighty Messengers of Soul Band will be playing from 3 p.m. – 4 p.m. and participants can donate dry dog food to Beyond Fences for Durham dogs in need throughout the day. Small bags are preferred.

For more information, call 919-560-4355 or visit DPRPlayMore.org.

About Durham Parks and Recreation

Durham Parks and Recreation provides opportunities for the Durham community to Play More by connecting our whole community to wellness, the outdoors, and lifelong learning. To learn more about Durham Parks and Recreation, visit us [online](#), follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#), or call (919) 560-4355.

About Beyond Fences

Beyond Fences is a non-profit organization founded and headquartered in Durham. Many underserved neighborhoods lack access to basic pet care resources and Beyond Fences works to fill that gap. By providing free services, supplies, information, and support, we honor people's love for their pets. We proactively reach out to the community to build trusting relationships with families and make connections to keep pets happy and healthy. We believe that a lack of financial means does not equate to a lack of love for a pet, and we seek to spread this principle through a philosophy of understanding and non-judgment.