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Durham Dogs Have A Lot To Bark About!

Barktoberfest: A Celebration of All Things Canine Scheduled for October 29

DURHAM, N.C. - On Sunday, October 29, Durham Parks and Recreation will join forces with Beyond Fences (formerly known as the Coalition to Unchain Dogs) to provide a fun-filled afternoon for Durham's four-legged residents.

Hundreds of participants and their furry friends will gather at Durham Central Park, 502 Foster Street from noon – 4 p.m. to celebrate all things canine. The event is free, open to the public and will be held rain or shine.

The Purina Pro Plan Performance Team presented by Dare Devil Dogs will host a non-stop, action-packed show featuring the world's most athletic canines. Dogs of all sizes and breeds will thrill the crowd with interactive tricks at 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m.

Participants and their canine friends can enter the costume contest for a chance to win a prize in the following categories: Pet Human Look-a-Like; Best Costume–Pet Only and Best Costume – Pet and Human. There will also be a contest for the Best Pet Trick. Additional activities include a photo booth, fun walk, pet market, and beer and food sales.

For the fourth year in a row, DPR will host a Canine Food Drive. Participants are asked to donate dry dog food to Beyond Fences for Durham dogs in need. Small bags are preferred.

For 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.