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**Renowned Animal Trainers to MC Dogs Big Day Out**

Australia's leading animal trainers, Steve Austin and Ravi Wasan, will be MC-ing at Warringah's Dogs Big Day Out in August and informing dog owners how to turn the pet pooch into a star for the silver screen.

"Warringah is fortunate to have two of Australia's leading animal trainers attending the Dogs Big Day Out this year," said Warringah Mayor Michael Regan.

"For the past 25 years Steve Austin has worked extensively in Australia and overseas as a lecturer and dog trainer and has been employed by some of the world's heavy weights, including American Homeland Security.

"Ravi Wasan, founder of the Feathered Friends Bird Behavioural Breeding Association of NSW, is perhaps better known for his work training winged critters, however, he regularly assists Steve Austin at animal conventions as well as training dogs and a range of other creatures for TV productions and commercials.

"This year, for the first time ever at a northern beaches Dog's Big Day Out, these two animal experts will present 'How to Train Your Dog to be a Star' – providing dog owners with insight into the qualities their happy hound needs to become Australia's next super pooch!

"There are double the food and dog-related stalls as previous years, including free dog grooming from our major sponsor Purina Total Care, and great prizes to win, such as dog grooming and day-care packages, dog food and accessories, and family passes to Sydney Wildlife World.

"To keep the kids happy we are providing free face painting and a jumping castle. Visit our website [www.warringah.nsw.gov.au](http://www.warringah.nsw.gov.au) for a full program of the day's events," said Mayor Regan.

**Dog Big Day Out 2009 – *Playtime for Canines***

**Sunday August 30, 10.30am - 2.30pm**

**Frenchs Forest Showground,**

**Blackbutts Road, Frenchs Forest**