

Text of newspaper article preceding Passage West Dog Show 2013

Following from the success of last year, the Passage West Dog Show is back! This year, it forms part of Passage West's week-long Sirius Commemoration Festival and will be held on Saturday 18th May at 2.00pm in Patrick Murphy Park, Toureen.

As with last year's event, the focus of this dog show is on a good time, so expect lots of fun classes with a nominal entry fee. Awards will go to first, second and third in every class. Some great prizes have been kindly sponsored by Maxi Zoo (Douglas), Pet Essentials (Carrigaline), Douglas Pet Shop and others. This promises to be a great family event with goodies, face-painting and takes place right beside the exciting spectacle of the Cork River Rescue demonstration off Railway Quay.

Part of the aim of the dog show is to raise awareness of proper and responsible management of pet waste. Last year, Passage West Tidy Towns was fortunate to have been awarded a grant for the installation of the town's first pet waste bin at Toureen. This was a big success and a first step in the provision of proper pet waste management facilities along the very popular railway line from Rochestown to Passage West.

This year, the Tidy Towns group was equally fortunate in being awarded a grant for the installation of a second pet waste bin along the railway line. This second bin is located on the line at the Robert's Bridge car park opposite Ardmore House. Although the Tidy Towns has taken over the cleaning of the first bin, this second bin is currently being managed by Pet Waste Disposal and Management Ireland, based in Carrigaline. Both bins are well used and the incidence of dog fouling on the railway line has dropped significantly since their installation.

So whether to take part or to watch, all are welcome to the Passage West Dog Show on the 18th May – a celebration of the dogs in our lives.