

COSTESSEY

# Fun for all - including the dogs!

People young and old and their canine chums enjoyed all the fun of the fair at the weekend at the region's annual game and country show.

Now in its seventh year, the 2010 East Anglian Game and Country Fair, in association with the Eastern Daily Press, was a celebration of all things rural and a lot more besides.

Throughout the two-day event at the Norfolk Showground, in Costessey, people enjoyed everything from hawk displays to mountain boarding to a pet dog show to forestry demonstrations.

Andy Grand, who organised the fair with his wife Tracey, said thousands of people had come to the event. He was delighted with the turnout and he thought the key to the show's success was that it had something for all the family - including the dogs.

The fair was also blessed with good weather for most of the weekend - with visitors basking in the spring sunshine all day Saturday and a little rain on the Sunday.

In the main arena spectators were entertained with everything from sheep dog and duck displays to terrier racing to an off-the-hip

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shooting exhibition.

Elsewhere a horse whisperer, a sheep shearing show, and a cookery theatre featuring some of the region's top chefs were among the attractions that captivated the crowds.

Other highlights included the forestry section where the East of England Cutters and Climbers Competition took place, and the many dog events including dog agility and jumping, the Gun Dog Scurry and a display from HM Prison Drug Dog Squad.

People were also able to have a go at a wide variety of activities including archery, clay shooting and mountain boarding.

Ross and Amanda Collett, aged 44 and 45, from Aylsham, were at the fair with their son Tom, 10, their three-year-old Labrador Lola and their two-year-old Sprocker Spaniel Otto on Saturday.

Mrs Collett said: "We enjoyed wandering around enjoying the sunshine. It was a lovely atmosphere with everybody's dogs there as well. It was a real family day out."

Richard and Jean Waxham, aged 70 and 65, from Salhouse, were there



with their Cairn Terriers Bodie, four, and Holly, 10, who took part in the agility and jumping course with the Wroxham Agility Group on Saturday.

"It was a fantastic event. We thoroughly enjoyed it and the dogs enjoyed it too," Mrs Waxham said.

Four-year-old Freya Wright, from Sheringham, had fun looking at the animals with her parents Chris and Kristi Wright, aged 43 and 35, on Saturday. She especially liked walking an alpaca and getting a rosette for riding a donkey.

■ **Next year's East Anglian Game and Country Fair will be on April 16 and 17.**



**SO MUCH TO DO:** Dogs race after a lure, high-flying action from the MBS Mountainboarding team and a youngster has a go at flying a barn owl at the East Anglian Game and Country Fair.



## BRIGHT IDEAS

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# Momentum maintained by runaway leaders

The runaway leaders of the EDP's Golden Mile competition continue to be in the gold and silver position on the leader board.

The Golden Mile contest encourages pupils to walk, jog or run a measured Golden Mile course at school, and the target is for each child to achieve at least 50 miles within the academic year.

For a number of weeks Toftwood Community Junior School, in Dereham, has been the most active school, and since the competition began it has registered 7,888 miles.

Lynn Grove VA High School, in Gorleston and currently in second place, is hot on Toftwood Community Junior's heels with 7,238 miles to date.

Many other schools have also been putting in champion efforts to clock up the miles - and the stars of the



past seven days are Attleborough Junior School and North Walsham High School.

Attleborough Junior has been the most active school in the past week with 376 miles, and North Walsham High's 7M class has been the most active class in the past week with 190 miles.

■ **To sign up to the competition, visit [www.edp.golden-mile.org](http://www.edp.golden-mile.org) and use the promotional code **edp1009** to receive your free pack.**



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## FACTS AND FIGURES

### THIS WEEK'S LEADERS:

Most active schools:  
7,888 miles: Toftwood Community Junior School, Dereham  
7,238 miles: Lynn Grove VA High School, Gorleston  
Over past seven days:  
376 miles: Attleborough Junior School, Attleborough  
248 miles: North Walsham High

School, North Walsham  
Most active classes:  
894 miles: Toftwood Community Junior School ZV6  
893 miles: Barnham Broom CofE VA Primary School Beavers class 3  
Over past seven days:  
190 miles: North Walsham High School 7M  
184 miles: Attleborough Junior School 5W

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