



# TOWNSHIP OF ORLAND

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## **Raise the 'Woof' at Pet-Palooza!**

*The 9<sup>th</sup> annual pet fair and fundraiser is on September 25.*

**ORLAND PARK, IL** — Orland Township's 9th Annual Pet-Palooza, scheduled for Saturday, September 25, is right around the corner. From noon to 3 p.m. on the Orland Township grounds, 14807 S. Ravinia Ave., Orland Park, this rain or shine event will cater to families and their beloved pets. Supervisor Paul O'Grady and the Board of Trustees invite everyone to come out to see what the community has to offer for our furry friends.

Local vendors, vet clinics, and various rescue organizations will be present all day. St Sofia's Forgotten Felines, a non-profit foster-based cat rescue in Wheaton, IL., is one among the many that want help you find your newest best friend 'forever'! Another 'pawsitively' perfect organization is Minnie's Memorial Fund, ran by Wayne and Joan Hochwarter, who are Pet-Palooza "Top Dog" sponsors for the 9<sup>th</sup> time in a row. The two sell handmade bandanas at local fundraising and community events to help financially support dogs with extraordinary medical needs. A full list of vendors is expected to be posted on the Orland Township Pet-Palooza Facebook page, so that attendees can see what will be offered at the event on September 25.

In the ever-so popular Kids' Zone, you will find a variety of fun activities; like inflatable bounce houses, train rides, face-painting, and games with prizes! Kids will also have the opportunity to meet some of their favorite characters; like Safari Mickey & Minnie Mouse, Paw Patrol Pups, and even Elsa, Anna & Kristof!

Adding to the extravaganza will be a variety of exhibitors and food vendors who will provide live entertainment and treats for both humans and pets. Crosstown Exotics, home to Mr. Cuddles the Albino Burmese python and Mortoise the African spurred tortoise (who starred in the Chicago Fire episode "When Tortoises Fly"), will be at the event from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Ribbons and goodie bags will be awarded to the winners of the six pet contests being held this year, which include Best Voice, Best Dressed, Best Trick, Quick Sit (dog version of musical chairs), Bobbing for Hotdogs and Fast Finish (eating peanut butter off a stick)! Sign up for ALL pet contests starts at noon and ends as soon as spots are full. Contests are scheduled to begin promptly at 1:30.

An exciting addition to this year's event is International Subaru of Orland Park, a "Cat's Meow" sponsor who plans on displaying two brand-new cars adorned with pet-friendly accessories at Pet-Palooza. Through their Love Promise and Subaru Loves Pets initiative, Subaru aims to support animal wellness organizations across the country as part of their commitment to keep all animals safe and healthy.

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“It’s exciting to hear about all the opportunities that are going to be available at our 9<sup>th</sup> annual Pet-Palooza,” said Supervisor O’Grady. “Seeing all of the new businesses and organizations willing to come through for this year’s event really shows us how driven the community is to lend a hand to our pets still in need after everything that has happened with the pandemic.”

General admission is free; however, a donation of one five-pound bag of pet food or a cash donation to is strongly encouraged. All proceeds from Pet-Palooza will benefit the Orland Township Pet Pantry, “Crashy’s Closet,” which was founded by Supervisor O’Grady and his wife, and named for a beloved O’Grady family rescue cat.

No pet? No sweat! You can still attend Pet-Palooza and experience a day of wholesome family entertainment while supporting a great cause: all while contributing to the supply of pet food in the Orland Township Pet Pantry.

For more information on Pet-Palooza, visit the Township website at [orlandtownship.org](http://orlandtownship.org) or [facebook.com/orlandtownshippetpalooza](https://facebook.com/orlandtownshippetpalooza).

Owners are reminded that all well-behaved pets are more than welcome to attend. Rest areas for pets that are shaded and have water bowls and small pools will be set up onsite.

**Pet-Palooza Rules:**

- All participating pets should have up-to-date vaccinations.
- Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets.
- All pets must be on leashes of six feet or less.
- Costumes for pets (and their owners!) are highly encouraged, but not required!
- All animals must wear proper tags.



*Supervisor Paul O’Grady on stage with pet contest winners at the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Pet-Palooza in 2019.*