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Best-dressed dogs walked the red carpet

How lucky can a girl get? Lucky enough to be a judge for the second year in a row at the "Red Carpet" launch party to America's Top Dog Model Contest.

Lucky enough to work with judges.

Dolly Yuen of Standard Chartered Bank, New York, and Chelsea Greenwood, assistant editor of Boca Raton magazine.

Lucky enough to enjoy an evening of bow-wow fun, as more than 60 family pooches and service dogs were give a chance to strut their stuff.

Three Dog Bakery at Boca Center was alive with all types and sizes of man's best friend, dressed in their best doggie finery. Some likened the event to the auditions and competition of an "American Idol" evening!

And just as on "American Idol," we saw it all - the good, the bad and the ugly, the well-behaved, the yappers, the growlers, the cuties, the sweethearts, the cuddlies, the intimidators and the timids - a full menagerie including all breeds of dogs.



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Many were dressed to the nines by their doting owners, who proudly paraded their animal-children for the clicking cameras and 120 onlookers.

We judges had a really tough time, since it would have been next to impossible to have them walk the red carpet a second time. But we did agree on

the winners.

First place went to Esperanza, a Silken Windhound owned by Victoria Lichtman; second place was captured by Remington Steele, a popular Maltese owned by Victoria Steele, who repeated his win from last year, and third place was snatched up by six-month-old cutie-pie, Tia, a Yorktese (that's a Yorkie and Maltese mix) owned by Joyce Pessel.

These winners, as well as those participating in the Best Dressed contest have a chance to participate in and even win America's Top Dog Model Contest, have their photo selected for the group's 2007 doggie calendar, and be eligible for other prizes offered.

Applause to all the dogs and their owners, and to JoJo Harder, the contest's creator, and Robyn and Jeff Edelson, owners of Three Dog Bakery, for a successful and interesting night out.