



## Tyra's got nothing on this hot dog

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This photo earned Tyra, an Italian greyhound, first runner-up in the America's Top Dog Model contest for 2007.

(Susan Thurston of Top Dog Pet Photography studio)

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Think you've got the next Top Dog? America's Top Dog Model is accepting 2008 applicants through May 20. Go to [www.americastopdogmodel.com](http://www.americastopdogmodel.com).

Paparazzi snapped as Tyra stepped out of the limo and strutted down the red carpet in her Juicy Couture necklace and white fur stole.

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Only this star is a dog, an Italian greyhound, owned by Molnar-Wilson and her husband, Rick Wilson, of Palm Harbor.

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Tyra's honor came with a Swarovski crystal bone and spot on America's Top Dog Model's 2009 calendar, due out in May at [www.americastopdogmodel.com](http://www.americastopdogmodel.com). As a reward, Molnar-Wilson took her on a shopping spree to Tampa pet boutiques Fetch, Fur, Love and Downtown Dogs.

Full-grown, Tyra weighs 7 pounds and stands 13 inches tall. When she's not posing for a camera, she enjoys playing with dryer sheets and paper towel rolls. She has her own small closet filled with clothes.

Based on her success, Molnar-Wilson plans to enter Tyra, who turns 2 in April, in other contests. Her husband, who's retired from the military, already jokes about becoming her agent full time.

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