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Paparazzi snapped as Trixie 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.

In December, Trixle earned the red carpet treatment for placing first runner-up in America's Top Dog Model photo contest for 2007. The theme was "travel with style." Photos show dogs posing at San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge, on suitcases and in boats and cars.

Trixie'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 . As a reward, Molnar-Wilson took her on a shopping spree to Tampa pet boutiques Fetch, Fur, Love and Downtown Doos.

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

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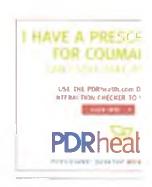
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