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The winner of the 2007 America's Top Dog Model contest was Daphne Simone, a dog from West Palm Beach. The calendar winners will be announced at Saturday's Worth Avenue Parade and Contest.

Primp Those Pets for Saturday's Worth Avenue Parade, Contest

The annual animal event again will include a casting call for a national dog calendar

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The Worth Avenue Association bills the Avenue as "the world's most pet-friendly shopping street," so it comes as no surprise that the merchant group's Pet Parade and Contest is among its most popular annual events.

This year's 15th edition begins Saturday morning, March 8, in the Grand Courtyard. Pet owners are encouraged to dress their dogs, cats and other small pets — including rabbits and birds — in the best costume to compete in categories such as Best Smile, Longest Tail and Best in Show. The event is free.

Representatives of America's Top Dog Model also will be on hand with "casting call" information about how pets can compete for a chance to be featured on a national calendar — with the theme "Elegant with Style" — along with other prizes. Pet owners should pre-register their pets for the calendar contest by completing a profile form available with other entry rules

on the Web site www.worthavenue.com/pev.

Other highlights of the event include a special runway show of doggie fashion for on Palm's Runway. The show will feature fashions modeled by animals from local pet adoption organizations including Coastal Pet Life Rescue, Pet Haven Rescue and Get A Life Pet Rescue.

Registration for the Pet Parade and Contest will take place at 9 a.m. Saturday for large pets (36 pounds or more), 9-10 a.m. for medium size pets (16-31 pounds) and 10 a.m. for small pets (1-15 pounds). The Grand Courtyard is at 156 Worth Avenue.

Sponsors of the event include Palm Beach Daily News, Pet's Paradise, VCA Animal Hospital, Beaman Motor Cars and Walter Brothers.

More details about the event are available by calling the Worth Avenue Association at (561) 699-6939 or visiting the Web site www.worthavenue.com.