

# Pooch solidarity supports Suffolk County Coalition Against Domestic Violence

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Main Street in Patchogue was filled with pooches dressed in style with their owners for the second annual Pet Parade to benefit the Suffolk County Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Over 60 dogs and their owners marched to help raise money for the coalition, which provides services to victims of domestic violence and to raise awareness about domestic violence — in 2013 alone, the coalition provided assistance to 15,000 adults and children.

Saturday's parade, which was co-sponsored by the Congressional Church of Patchogue and the Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce, also featured vendors, activities for the kids including face painting and bounce houses, and music for everyone to enjoy.

"We had beautiful weather and a nice turnout, said Wendy Linsalata, assistant director for the coalition. ■



**Above: Girl Scouts from Troop 1230 sell cookies at the second annual pet parade to benefit the Suffolk County Coalition Against Domestic Violence.**

**Left: Merrybelle and Pippin pose for a picture.**

**Below, far left: Danielle Peters from HSBC with her pet Oliva.**

**Below, middle: Dr. Dave Hensen and Judy Holliday with Bell, who participates in the Patchogue Rotary Animal Assistance Therapy Program.**

**Above right: Dana Saporito with her dog Chloe.**

**Right: Danielle Murino with her dog Tucker.**



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