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TMCC to go to the dogs

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Truckee Meadows Community College will present Dogtoberfest, a dog show to benefit the United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Dandini campus.

The United Way is a charitable organization that addresses health and human service issues in the local community. According to its Web site, it donates to variety of local interests including food banks, mental health programs, family counseling, domestic violence shelters and job readiness training.

The school hopes to raise money for charity and provide an opportunity for students, faculty and staff to show off their pets, said Fini Dobyms, special projects coordinator. Dobyms said that the goal is to provide a fun circus atmosphere.

“Dogtoberfest is a great way to see vendors in the community,” Dobyms said, “who provide products and services in the area.”

Exhibitors will include various pet-related services from the local community. The TMCC veterinary assistance program will provide pet wellness checks.

Other events will include a

variety of contests, raffles and performance dogs.

Dobyms said that Dogtoberfest is a great opportunity for students to meet other dog lovers in the college community.

A \$20 donation is asked from participants. Each participant will receive a pet portrait. A donation of \$5 is asked for participation in each of the contests. Admission is free for people who are not bringing a pet to the event.

Students who wish to participate in the event or have questions about the event can contact Dobyms at 673-8298 or e-mail her at fdobyns@tmcc.edu.



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Fini Dobyms of the TMCC staff gets her dog, Shady Lady, ready for Dogtoberfest..