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Pet Show
A Big Success

by Terry Beguin*

Dogs, cats, ducks, salamanders and plenty of other pets, along with their proud owners, attended the SCAVMA “Any and All Pet Show”. The mixture of pets provided two hours of fun and enjoyment for all those attending.

The show was held on the morning of February 6, 1982 in the Livestock Judging Pavilion on the ISU main campus. The show was a project of the SCAVMA Symposium fund raising committee. This was the second year for the show. Last year the show was an “Any and All Dog Show.” So more could participate in the fun, it was expanded this year to include all pets. The show was well attended with 110 entries in the various classes. There were eleven classes the contestants could enter. The dog classes included Trickiest Dog, Cutest Face, Curliest Hair, Heinz 57, Saddest Face, and Best Groomed. The cat classes included Cutest Cat, Longest Haired Cat, and Garfield Look-Alike. Two classes open to any pets were Most Unusual Pet and Pet-Owner Look-Alike.

The winner of each class was entered in the winner’s parade at the end of the show and a “Best in the Show” was chosen. “Best in the Show” was Coquette, the best groomed dog owned by Susan Kasar. Runner up went to Texas, the cutest cat owned by George Bennett. Third place went to Missy, the trickiest dog owned by Mike Hendricks.

Judges for the event were Dr. Roger Hogle, Dr. R. D. Zenoble and Jill Meilahn all of the College of Veterinary Medicine. Ringmaster was Dr. Robert Foss also of the College of Veterinary Medicine. The SCAVMA Auxiliary provided delicious baked items for the concession stand. The Auxiliary members also worked in the concession stand on the day of the show.

Many Ames businesses donated gift certificates, cash donations or gifts to be used as prizes in the show. Ribbons were also awarded for first, second and third place in each class.

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The judges looking for the cutest face dog.

Dane Larson shows off his pet duck, Quackers.

Sal, the Salamander was the most unusual pet.