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## *Hot Rods & Hot Dogs*



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Top photo, Stormy, a great Dane, and her owner T.D. Hathcock, arrive at the Classy Canine Car & Dog show at Grapevine Mills mall last Saturday. Above left, Michela Collins carries her Chinese pug Fudge. Above right, auto buffs look over customized and exotic imports.

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A heat index of nearly 100 degrees did not prevent car enthusiasts and dog lovers from taking part in the first annual Classy Cars & Canines Show at Grapevine Mills mall last Saturday.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Texas hopes the June 9 show will help kick off a new tradition in Grapevine.

"We are incredibly thankful to DFW Elite Auto Rental for their work," said Maura Davies, director of communications for North Texas SPCA. "They are helping thousands of animals with their generosity." The company, owned by Ron Sturgeon of Colleyville, sponsored the event.

The show included categories such as Best of Show '94 or Older, Best of Show '95 or Newer, Best

Modified/Race Car, and for the animal lovers, Best Owner/Dog Look-a-Like and Best Dog/Car Look-a-Like.

As Spectators inspected a 1965 Jaguar E Type, a 1967 Jaguar 340, a 1986 Pontiac Fiero GT, and a pair of black Corvettes among other cars, pugs, Chihuahuas, daschunds and other dogs strutted about and even posed for photos. Occasionally dogs retired to a shaded area set up specifically for them which included two Kiddy pools of cool water.

T.D. Hathcock of Flower Mound brought his dog Stormi, a gray and black Great Dane, as well as his 1963 Triumph TR3B, and said he came because he is passionate about both cars and dogs.

"I have been re-building that TR3, and she [Stormi] is a rescue," Hathcock said. "Anything I can do

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to help sponsor or raise money for dog causes, I am going to try to."

Christy Jordan said she drove all the way from Midlothian in her 1965 MGB for the show, and said the fact that she could bring her black Labrador/Pyrenees mix, Onyx, is what made the trip worthwhile.

"I have done lots of car shows for a long time," Jordan said. "I had actually stopped going to them for a while, until I saw this one that included the dogs. I was pretty excited."

Kevin Bailey, of DFW Elite, said the goal was to raise \$5,000 for the event. He noted that the take exceeded the amount, but did not have a final figure by press time.

"We are hoping to make

this an annual event," said event coordinator Kelly Case, of the company, "and with the turnout we have seen so far, it looks like it will be a great event next year."

"It was a wonderful event," summarized Davies. "People had so much fun. We look forward to working with them going forward. She noted that the SPCA had worked with

Sturgeon once before in a benefit in Colleyville in 2005, which offered a tour of a 14,000 square foot mansion. "It had a 10-car garage that housed some pretty incredible cars," Davies recalled.

For more about the work of the area SPCA, see [www.sPCA.org](http://www.sPCA.org).