



DOG DAY AFTERNOON

KELLEY L. MOORE THROWS A FANTASTIC PARTY FOR HER BEST FRIENDS—CANINE AND OTHERWISE

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THE EVIDENCE IS ALL AROUND US—in the packs of designer labradoodles and puggles scampering around Green Lake, the abundance of high-end pet boutiques with provocative names such as High Maintenance Bitch, the recent push to let pooches inside restaurants and bars.

Treating your puppy like one of the family is not only acceptable but encouraged in Seattle—and it makes for a uniquely fun get-together. Consider it a new twist on Sunday brunch, a birthday party or a playful alternative for the not-quite-ready-for-a-baby-shower crowd. At the modern doggie party, humans have just as much fun as Spot. After all, what's the point of outfitting your dog in designer duds if she doesn't get to show off a little?

Local designer and dog lover Jaime Irene, along with Phyllis and Bentley, her two Chinese crested, hosted our fido fête at their Queen Anne



home. Jaime and her husband, Jack Kelly, own Caffè Ladro and co-own Bizzarro Italian Café in Wallingford, whose co-owner and head chef Mike Easton prepared the party's people food.

As with any party, you need to start with the guest list. In the same way that you would avoid inviting feuding girlfriends to a holiday get-together, don't overlook dog dynamics if you want a successful (and peaceful) party. In choosing the number of guests, consider the demeanor of the dogs as well as the size of both the dogs and your home—I recommend capping the list at about six or seven friends and keeping the party to about an hour and a half or so. Too many pooches in your living room for too long would be fun, but only for the dogs.

Whether hound or human, everyone will appreciate a tasty menu. Rather than a sit-down meal for the two-legged crowd, I opted for



high-end finger food, which allows guests to mingle while keeping an eye on their charges. Bizarro chef Easton prepared a rich spread that included miniature vegetable béchamel pies and crostini with gorgonzola and poached Mission figs. Chef Easton also concocted the Red Poodle—a refreshing Prosecco cocktail with a dash of Campari and enough blood orange juice to give the drink its beautifully rich red color.

When it comes to the slightly less discerning (but no less important!) palates, you can pick out a fun assortment at one of the many new pet bakeries in town. Our doggies feasted on the likes of peanut butter Mini Dream cupcakes and Bacon Bit Bears, formulated by owner Jessamy Whitsitt and made by chef Caitlin Straus-Bowers of the Mountlake Terrace-based Simon & Huey's Doggoned Tasty Treats.

Just as you wouldn't want your guests sharing champagne flutes, be sure to provide a bowl for each furry guest—I like the bright dishes from Scraps Dog Bakery. And don't forget to send all your guests home with a party favor—squeaky or not—to keep their tails wagging for days. +

the goods Page 20: Kelley with Mikey, her Yorkshire terrier, who is staying warm—post-haircut—in his Kwigy-bo puffy jacket. ✨ Whimsical touches like chain-link fencing and framed pet photos will amuse guests and make their canine companions feel right at home. ✨ Bentley and Phyllis, two Chinese crested belonging to hostess Jamie Irene, model the latest in doggie fashion from Scraps Dog Bakery on a custom satin couch from High Maintenance Bitch. ✨ This page, clockwise from upper left: Hostess points: Provide party favors for both your girlfriends and their pets to take home. This Wagwear leash has a sparkling TuTu timepiece attached, to time those dog park walks. ✨ Your puppy guests will love these fun and healthful handmade creations from Simon & Huey's Doggoned Tasty Treats. ✨ Owner Chrissy Coniglio shows off Basil, her bichon frise, in a couture (that's right, we said "couture") gown by Pimp Doggy. ✨ Not for just for kids anymore: tap into the cupcake craze with these Valrhona chocolate cupcakes (for humans) with Madagascar bourbon vanilla frosting from local favorite Trophy Cupcakes in Wallingford. Pay a one-time art fee and get your puppy's mug immortalized in frosting (until they're eaten, that is). ✨ Left to right: Bella Biagio and Tony, Kelley and Mikey, Jamie Irene with Phyllis and Bentley, Chrissy Coniglio with Basil and Nicole Ryan with Sophie. Kelley made the doghouse wall hanging with felt and metallic paper.