



### Let's hear it for the Toys

THIS PAST FEBRUARY, MICHELLE BIRRELL AND CLAUDIA ROSAS organized a Chihuahua event to raise awareness about breed rescue efforts and raise funds for Canadian Chihuahua Rescue & Transport (CCRT) – a volunteer network of individuals, who rescue, transport, foster and provide veterinary care for Chihuahuas in need.

The event was held at Urban Dog, a canine daycare and spa facility in Toronto's Historic Distillery District. Over 100 people attended the event, coming from throughout Ontario and bringing with them more than 80 Chihuahuas that competed in contests such as smallest, biggest and best-dressed dog.

Fun aside, the event was also a successful fundraiser for CCRT with over \$800 in contributions raised for this worthy cause. With their sweet faces, tiny size and big personalities, it's easy to see why Chihuahuas are such a popular and well-loved breed in Canada. Unfortunately, mismatches occur, resulting in abandoned or unwanted dogs. Since its inception in 1999, CCRT has rescued more than 240 dogs. For more information about CCRT, visit [www.ccrtnet.net](http://www.ccrtnet.net).

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