



ALL DRESSED UP, Carlisles' Ruby was ready for the show. A sheba inu, she was shown by John Carlisle.

Pet Parade goes to dogs (and two cats)

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It seemed like there were dogs everywhere Friday.

It was the annual pet parade at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center, and unlike years past, it was dog dominated. In all, there were 14 dogs, two cats and one turkey puppet entered.

The dogs came in all sizes, breeds and ages. There were larger dogs like Sidney, who belongs to the McHugh family.

Then there were smaller dogs like Carlisles' Ruby, who was raised by the Carlisle family. Ruby, a sheba inu, was dressed in

overalls and had a bow on her tail. John Carlisle said she wasn't always dressed like this.

On the smaller side was Balto, a miniature husky. Just a puppy, she was born May 17. Since the middle of the July, she has been a member of Dr. Gary and Sarah Fredrickson's family.

When their son Kaine was 5, his parents said, he watched the movie "My Dog Skip." In the movie, the boy gets a dog, so the promise was that when Kaine turned 7, he would get a dog.

Now 7, Kaine has his dog. Kaine showed residents at the

center how Balto could sit and said the pup was going to root for the Kansas State University Wildcats this year.

Each of the kids showed off their pet's talents, answered questions and then let the residents pet it.

The kids received blue ribbons for taking part in the event. Judge Leslie Marcuson handed out certificates for cutest, largest and other off-the-wall awards. The planning committee included Anne Wasson, Sarah Marcuson, Jared Marcuson and Gage Reichert, all senior members of Decatur County 4-H clubs.



JOE HIRSCH SHOWED OFF his puppy, giving its name and breed — Dora Lee, a lab, mix — to narrator Sarah Marcuson as the parade animals were shown to residents at Good Samaritan Center.



HOLDING ON TO A BLANKETED SNOWBALL, Susan May (above) was ready to hand the cat over to her daughter Erin at showtime. Meanwhile, Kaine Fredrickson's miniature husky, Balto (right) took a nap.



Photos by Cynthia Haynes