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Dressed to impress, dogs take Norfolk's Downtown

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Downtown dogs lost their leashes Friday at the opening of a new dog park in Norfolk.

The park, located at 400 Granby St., is a piece of paradise for pups looking to stretch their legs in the middle of the hustling city.

They did just that on Friday at the park's "leash cutting." With tails and tongues wagging, the canines chased each other down the dog run and showed off their Halloween costumes during a contest sponsored by Muddy Paws.

The park, which took two years to come to fruition, was built by Norfolk, in partnership with the Downtown Norfolk Council and Marathon Development Group. Marathon donated $40,000 to the park's development, according to a city news release.

Hannah (or "Hannah Banana" as mom and dad, John and Kim Tosloskie, call her) won second place in the costume contest for her take on the banana split. (Adrienne Mayfield/Southside Daily)

Frankfurt entered the Downtown Norfolk dog park costume contest as a mummy. His owner, Kara Forbes, works for the Downtown Norfolk Council, and said her pug puppy is quite the character. “He’s a big baby,” Forbes said. “He’s fun, and he’s full of life.” (Adrienne Mayfield/Southside Daily)

Bess the German shepherd enjoys a pet from her owner, Stef Georgiou, at the new Downtown Norfolk dog park. Bess, who was rescued by Georgiou in London, came to the costume party dressed as a hot dog. (Adrienne Mayfield/Southside Daily)

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Dude was all smiles when he won third place in the costume contest for his cheerleader costume. “He’s all boy,” said owner John Tosloskie. (Adrienne Mayfield/Southside Daily)