

Call it Puppy Love

Sometimes being man's best friend isn't enough.

Dogs are encouraged to marry — and set a world record doing so — at Fido Festival USA, the three-day festival at the Salem County Fairgrounds in Woodstown from Aug. 28 to 30.

After registering your four-legged bride or groom at www.fidosfestivalusa.com, you can walk your dog down the aisle Saturday, Aug. 29, at 2 p.m.

But with whom is the question.

Pups can find their matches either by uploading their photos onto the Web site while browsing others or by playing the field at the Salem County Fairgrounds, located at 756 Route 40.

No vows? No problem.

Dogs still can partake in friendly island-themed dog contests, navigate agility courses, splash in doggie pools, dock dive and participate in health and training sessions. They also can try out the latest dog products.



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A dog owner snuggles her pet at the second annual Fido Festival USA last summer at the Salem County Fairgrounds. The festival returns Aug. 28 to 30.

Adoptions and rescues will be available, as will such celebrity guests as Elwood, the 2007 World's Ugliest Dog.

People can purchase tickets before or after grooming the bride and groom.

Admission at the gate is \$12 for one day or \$25 for a weekend pass. Purchase tickets online (www.fidosfestivalusa.com) for \$9 a day or \$20 for a weekend pass.

— Steve Wood