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**SHOW-STOPPERS:** A girl admires a boxer pup. (below) A miniature pinscher, a small breed of dog, attracts attention at the dog show organised by the Jain University's Cultural Forum on Sunday. DH PHOTO

## Best paws

# Dog show sans show-off clicks

**BANGALORE:** It was dog day afternoon in the City Sunday, with owners strutting their pets at the dog show.

Organised by the Jain University's Cultural Forum, the show witnessed various breeds putting their best paws forward.

Even though the participants were low in number, there was no dearth of enthusiasm among the owners.

The show was a rare one with no restrictions on the participants. Pranav Dinakar, a BCom student at the Jain College, was the brain behind the show.

"I have owned a dog since I was two years old. I have participated in many dog shows in the City and decided to start one on behalf of my University," says Pranav.

What encouraged him to



organise the show was restrictions and regulations at other dog shows.

"Every show I participated in allowed only certified pure bred dogs. The owners also

need to acquire the microchip license to enter the competition. This is sometimes troubling," said Pranav.

With an increase in dog bite cases, Pranav feels that awareness should be created among people about the behaviour of dogs so as to change people's attitude towards dogs.

The event also echoed concerns about dog shows being considered as a fashion event.

Deeksha Sanjaynath, a participant, says: "I have two pets. I treat them like my siblings. There is an increasing trend in the City where owning a dog is considered to be a fashionable. This is ridiculous."

"Persons who buy dogs for showing-off must not be allowed to own pets," she says. **DH News Service**