



RIVER NORTH
DESIGN DISTRICT

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RIVER NORTH DESIGN DISTRICT HOSTS 2025 PUP CRAWL & CAT WALK JUNE 20 TO BENEFIT PAWS CHICAGO

Explore eleven showrooms bursting with unique pet accoutrements created by Chicago's top designers. Bid on these stylish pieces and pamper your pet.



(Chicago, April 28, 2025) The River North Design District (RNDD) proudly announces the 2025 RNDD Pup Crawl & Cat Walk on June 20 from 5-8 pm, with an after-party immediately following. The walk includes 11 locations featuring 19 designers creating unique auction items for pets—dog beds, pet clothes, cat condos, and more! The walk's philanthropic partner is PAWS Chicago, the city's largest No Kill animal shelter, which will receive one hundred percent of auction proceeds.

Photography by Logan Bowes

Explore the stunning showrooms of the River North Design District while bidding on exclusive auction items—all in support of PAWS Chicago. Can't make it in person? No worries! You can bid online from anywhere. One hundred percent of auction proceeds benefit PAWS Chicago, which will have animals available for adoption at all our showroom locations, though the event is not open to guest pets. Each showroom will have light bites and cocktails. The walk is \$35 and is open to the public. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Check-in at one of our eleven locations and receive a wristband for full access. Guests can catch our trolley provided by Terrazzo & Marble Supply Companies from the south end of the River North Design District to the north.

"This event celebrates the fact that pets are very important family members and devoted adopters often will go to great lengths to make their pets comfortable at home," says Susanna Wickham, CEO of PAWS Chicago. "We are also excited that this partnership reinforces the importance of building a No Kill Chicago to a wide community of designers and other supporters. Engaging more people in the message of saving homeless pets is always our goal."

We are proud to be working with the following partners: Joanne Sells Chicago, Lightology, Terrazzo & Marble Supply Companies, Cambria, Dornbracht, Heritage Auctions, Euro Marble Supply, J. Jordan Homes, Adler Law, KND/SuperKND, The Mart, Hardly Water, Tequila 1349, Tanduay Rum, Jeffrey Johnson Pictures, Metro Design Build, The Tannery Row, Amanda Wolfson, and the Illinois Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers. The advisory committee includes Jeffrey Johnson, Lisa Rodriguez, Aurelia Drozdal, and Denise Butchko. The event's co-chairs include Helen Yi, Koren Nelson, Jeffrey Johnson, Lisa Rodriguez, Aurelia Drozdal, Susanna Wickham, Candace Jordan, Joanne Nemerovski, and John Cialone.

Participating showrooms and designers include:

- **Daltile** | 316 W. Hubbard St.
Featuring Claire Baehman and Elisa Paramo Interiors
- **Duxiana** | 445 N. Wells St.
Featuring theworKshop design studio with Urban Workroom

- **Kohler Signature Store by Studio41** | 322 W. Hubbard St.
Featuring Gild Hound Pop Up
- **Material BESPOKE Stone and Tile** | 212 W. Kinzie St.
Featuring Amy Kartheiser Design
- **Mobili Möbel** | 300 W. Superior St.
Featuring AZL Interiors and Studio K Creative
- **O'Brien Harris** | 501 N. Wells St.
Featuring Sasha Adler Design and the O'Brien Harris Design Team
- **Roca Tile** | 215 W. Illinois St.
Featuring Jasmin Reese Interiors and Sarah Montgomery Interiors
- **Studio41** | 225 W. Hubbard St.
Featuring Sarah Jacquelyn Interiors and Forward Fruit Design
- **TOTO** | 500 N. Wells St.
Featuring Metro Design Build
- **Altalia Furniture** | 410 W. Grand Ave.
Featuring Helen Yi Design, Joyful Designs Studio and Brianne Bishop Design
- **bulthaup** | 313 W. Superior St.
Don't miss our special POP UP SHOP at bulthaup featuring M Viamontes Architecture + Interiors and The Tannery Row. Explore elegantly handcrafted designer bandanas by Mindy Viamontes and luxuriously crafted leather dog collars for your pampered pooch from The Tannery Row.

"We are thrilled to celebrate with our industry peers and animal enthusiasts an auction to benefit PAWS Chicago. Our special auction items are being created by Chicago's most coveted designers. We're solidifying our presence not just as design centers, but as partners supporting the rich, vibrant community of the River North neighborhood."—Mike Cao, president, River North Design District

The event concludes at the Official After Party hosted by Lightology, 215 W. Chicago Ave., doors open at 8:00 p.m. This year's after party theme is a spin-off of the MET Gala—The PET Gala! From the Pup Crawl-Cat Walk to the high fashion atelier, step into a world of exhibition and style in which celebrated artists and fashion designers in the city interpret the avant-garde as bold creations for couture-clad canines. With all the magic and theater known *dans la mode*, this stylish after-party soiree is dedicated to the four-legged companion following the social benefit that toasts to good design and a good cause. Experience the fashion show amid the glitz and glam, where community, cocktails, and couture come together under the lights at one of River North Design District's award-winning showrooms.

After party highlights include:

- Couture cocktail bar provided by Heritage Auctions featuring Hardly Water, Tequila 1349 and Tanduay Rum
- Pop ups by Andrea Szynal and CatneyDogney
- Tree of Life, a Memoriam and Honorarium by Metro Design Build
- Pup Fashion Show emceed by Joanne Nemorovski of Joanne Sells Chicago

Featured models and designers for the after party's fashion show:

- Wearing Maria Pinto: LaLa with handler Danya Proud
- Wearing Elizabeth La Bouef: Dioji with handler Megan Walter | Inspired Closets
- Wearing BABS x Isabelle Gougenheim Designs: Lemon with handler Nevine Roberts | Terrastone
- Wearing Ann Prokuski: Coco with handler Michael Maremont | Colliers International
- Wearing Nathalie Loma: Gus + Avi with handler Susanna Wickham | PAWS Chicago
- Wearing CatneyDogney: Josie + Humphrey with handler Jeffrey Johnson | Jeffrey Johnson Pictures
- Wearing TJ Jennings: Ollie with handler Kamilla Otten | T&M Supply
- Wearing Donovan Laux: Penelope with handler Lizzy Lopez | Tequila 1349
- Wearing Andrea Szynal: Boo with handler Toby Smalley
- Wearing Kasia Kay: Henry with handler Maris Callahan | The Social Broker
- Wearing Katie Farnan: Skeeter with handler Tracy Dyer | Skyline Window Coverings
- Wearing NICZA: Bear with handler Melissa Shikany
- Wearing Seonyoung Lee: Zoey with handler Pete Doerr

“The PET Gala is where creativity, community, and compassion collide,” says Koren Nelson, SuperKnd Branding & Design. “This playful spin on high fashion not only celebrates the design talent in our city but also shines a spotlight on our beloved four-legged friends—all in support of a great cause. It’s a night of glamour, giving, and unforgettable style.”

Check our [website](#) for periodic event updates and to purchase tickets.

Event Date: Friday, June 20

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Event Tickets: \$35

Location: River North Design District

After Party: 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

After Party Location: Lightology, tickets are \$75 if purchased before May 20, and after, are \$125

VIP Tickets which will include front row seats at the pet fashion show are \$150

Our host committee chaired by Jeffrey Johnson includes Lisa Rodriguez, Denise Butchko, Cody Shipp, Tom Bucherie, Megan Walter, Heidi Calkins, Angela Gosselin, Ashley Camillo, Kylie Gromko, Kenley Dunaway, Rachael Repllinger, Kamila Otten, Carla Schrader, Ia Lubera, Andrea Szynal, and Ashley West.

About River North Design District

The River North Design District, founded in 2013, is a local community that boasts interior design offerings accessible to both designers and consumers. The showrooms carry everything to create a one-of-a-kind haven—from lighting, tile, plumbing, rugs, and kitchens to furnishings. The participating showrooms pride themselves on providing a shopping experience that is unique and personalized. Many of our showrooms are located on street level, allowing customers to stroll along and enjoy the neighborhood. Please visit <https://rivernorthdesigndistrict.com> for more information.

About PAWS Chicago

PAWS Chicago is one of the largest comprehensive No Kill animal welfare organizations in the nation, building programs to end the killing of homeless pets. PAWS is best known for healing and rehabilitating around 5,000 homeless cats and dogs each year at its state-of-the-art homeless pet hospital and finding them loving families through its adoption program. PAWS Chicago also operates the city's largest high-volume spay/neuter clinic, providing more than 16,000 low- or no-cost spay/neuter surgeries each year and low-cost and free medical care for owned pets in need. Since its founding in 1997, when more than 42,000 pets were killed in Chicago, PAWS Chicago has led the reduction in homeless pet euthanasia in Chicago by 90.2 percent. PAWS Chicago has earned the highest 4-star ranking by Charity Navigator, the nation's largest independent evaluator, since 2003. For more information, visit www.pawschicago.org and follow PAWS Chicago on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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