**Sea dogs take the lead at unique US surf competition**

Dogs big and small, and some in tandem with their owners, braved the large swell that greeted them at a surfing competition with a difference in California Sunday. Some dogs bailed off their boards in spectacular wipeouts as waves pounded the shore, but that didn’t prevent them from having fun. The rides were the last and most popular phase of the three-day event that started Friday. Canine and human competitors had 12 minutes to catch their top five waves, with judges evaluating them on their confidence level, length of ride and overall ability to ride the wave. “We got some small, but mighty SurFurs out there,” organizers said on Facebook.

The winner of the dog-only Shredder division was Bono, a Labrador owned by Ivan Moreira of Brazil. — AFP

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**Youth stars of social media fill Dolce & Gabbana front row**

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