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Those looking for love this Valentine's Day needn't waste their time with online dating services or stuffy singles soirees. Instead, the ticket to true romance is through their prized pooches.

Dog lovers everywhere are onto this trend — cocktail parties with Fido or Fifi, where they can mix and mingle, and possibly make a love connection. Palm Beach County's answer is the "Cupid Yappy Hour," a Feb. 14 event hosted by The Pampered Pup, a stylish Palm Beach Gardens pet boutique. While the adults sip dark chocolate "bark-a-tinis" and indulge in chocolate-covered strawberries, pups will nibble on "poochi sushi" and love heart cookies. And even if attendees don't find their soul mates, they will have supported a good cause. The requested $10 donation benefits the Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League, Humane Society of the Palm Beaches. (561-625-8088, thepamperedpup.com)