

# Ashley Olsen and More Turn Out to Support Animal Haven



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“There are only three things that cheer me up when I’m feeling down,” said real estate broker Jared Seligman last night. “Fine furniture, Joan Rivers, and Toast.” He was referring, of course, to Toast, the floppy-tongued Cavalier King Charles spaniel rescue and Instagram sensation. Seligman gathered a host of animal-loving partygoers in the penthouse of 10 Sullivan last night to raise awareness and funds for Animal Haven, the animal shelter in Nolita, and more than a few guests let out a gasp when Toast arrived. “I’m totally the manager—

actually, I prefer ‘dogager,’ ” joked Toast’s owner, Katie Sturino, as guests leaned down to take pictures with Toast.

Several dogs and cats up for adoption roamed through cocktail hour. Stacey Bendet confessed to being a bit more of a cat person, but Fabiola Beracasa-Beckman seemed particularly taken by one Chihuahua named Rubia, saying, “I would love to adopt, but I have enough going on at home with my kids already!”

Ashley Olsen, artist Curtis Kulig, and designer Sasha Bikoff stayed for dinner, when Animal Haven’s executive director, Tiffany Lacey, took a few minutes to explain the importance of rescuing dogs and cats from abandonment, puppy mills, and the like. “To have this group of people here tonight support what we do is so touching,” said Lacey.

What was most touching, however, wasn’t just that people showed up, but that guests started talking about how they could personally get behind the cause. Trademark’s Louisa Burch started talking about her own pet, a French bulldog named Wilbur. “I did not adopt Wilbur, but I think my next dog will be a rescue. These animals go through so much—it makes such a big difference if you really think about it.”



