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## Margo's Bark Launch Party Has Bite

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Everybody knows the go-to move for a seven-year-old at a science fair. It's one of those lame baking soda volcanos. Thankfully for dogs (and stomachs), Oscar Youd had other ideas. Last year, for his first-grade science fair, Oscar and his family developed a root beer recipe. He named the brew in honor of Margo, the family's black lab-pit bull rescue dog. Friends and family flipped for the preservative-free soda made with cane sugar, molasses and vanilla. The Youds decided to bottle their formula. 100% of proceeds from **Margo's Bark** benefits shelter dogs and animal rescue organizations.

On June 10, Larchmont Larder hosted the Margo's Bark launch party, featuring frisky rescue dogs that were practically begging to be adopted, plus plenty of food. It was my first time at Chef Michael Beglinger's charming bungalow, which resides north of Larchmont Village and features both indoor and patio seating.



Several painter's palette-passed dishes incorporated root beer as an ingredient, including barbecue chicken skewers and pulled pork sliders. Larderettes also distributed summery lobster salad rolls and mini burgers.



No root beer event would be complete without root beer floats. The evening's version included a scoop of Milk's vanilla ice cream and came in a frosty mug. They also distributed gooey chocolate chip cookie ice cream sandwiches.



It was impossible to resist a buttery dog-shaped cookie. I was full, but ate it in honor of Margo, of course. Margo's Bark is currently available at Larchmont Larder, Tender Greens, Potato Chips, Joan's on Third, The Urban Pet and LA Dogworks. This summer, the root beer is hitting shelves at Bristol Farms and Whole Foods.