

A Hot Dog, the World's Most Versatile Food?

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How many ways can you cook a hot dog? At least 24, as will be showcased at the [Great Hot Dog Cookoff](#) at [Kelso of Brooklyn](#) on July 23. The event, with 100 percent of proceeds benefiting the Food Bank For New York City, features amateur chefs putting their culinary prowess to the test as they grill, chop and transform [Applegate](#) Organic links in hopes of winning one the coveted prizes: Best in Show, Beta Dog (2nd place), Best Working Dog, Best Toy Dog and Top Dog (crowd favorite).

Judging from this year's contestants: Disco Dog, Panuchos Perros, You're Going To Need A Bigger Boat, Frank Seoul-Natra, Snap, Crackle, Dog! just to name a few, your taste buds are in for ride. As you're loading up on these one-of-a-kind concoctions, try to save room (a challenge - we know) for dessert: oh-so-delicious samples from [SoCo Creamery](#).

Brooklyn summers can get hot but thankfully, our gracious host, Kelso, will be pouring their tasty brew all afternoon and [P&H Soda](#) will be using [SodaStream](#) to create fizzy refreshers.

[George Duran](#), host of TLC's Ultimate Cake-Off, will be on hand to keep things moving as the event's MC. And if you want to start working off those extra calories, [DJ Rabbi Darkside](#) will be getting everyone grooving throughout the event.

While you chow down to your heart's content at the Great Hot Dog Cookoff, it should warm your heart as well to know that each \$45 ticket you purchase will help provide 225 free meals for [New Yorkers in need](#). Because the Food Bank receives donated food and [purchases wholesale food](#), we are able to leverage every dollar donated to provide five meals.

Check out [photos](#) from last year's event to really get your mouth watering and [get your tickets now](#) before the event sells out!

A whole afternoon of fun benefiting a great cause - what more could you ask for? See you at the Cookoff!

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