

## Animal instincts

By Manhattan fetish party to benefit a no-kill pet shelter

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The self-professed "female supremacist" Mistress Didi spends a fair amount of her time spanking weak men. So it was no surprise that the conversation turned to members of the White House while she recently dined at a midtown restaurant. "After Hurricane Katrina, our stupid government told the victims that they had to leave their pets behind," she said. "That would be like leaving my mother behind!" Mistress Didi will do her part to compensate for governmental oversight on December 3 at Members 31 in Manhattan, when her Slave to Lust Classic Play Party Benefit takes place. A portion of the proceeds will go to Animal Haven, a no-kill shelter that was active in rescuing imperiled pets in the wake of Katrina.

There'll be no actual sex at the party, so what exactly can be expected? "You know, even I don't know," Didi says with a laugh. "They'll certainly be a lot of bondage and role-playing. People will be dressed in whatever makes them feel sexy and fabulous. My parties tend to draw very professional, intelligent, educated people. It's a very upscale crowd, though we're not snobs."

Items for sale at the event include handcrafted BDSM toys and erotic art. Admission price ranges from \$10 to \$60 (depending on your gender, whether you want to partake of the open bar, etc.). Professional dominatrices, however, get in for free. "But only if they have business cards," Didi warns. "A dominatrix who doesn't have a business card is just a hootchie. And I'm a classic fetishist—not a hootchie!"—Darren D'Addario