

52 Snapshots of Life Photo Challenge: Week 7 - LOVE

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We've all been immersed in love this past week. Valentine's Day is upon us and hearts and flowers are everywhere. But, I'm a fashion geek. So, for this week's 52 Snapshots of Life Photo Challenge's Love theme, I'm choosing the winning ensemble at this year's New York Pet Fashion Show, the largest event of its kind probably in the world. I am crazy in LOVE with this ensemble!!



Winning ensemble of the night by designer Rebecca Bissi on Jake, Gena & Sophia Oddo

The creator of these outfits, who walked away with the *Designer of the Year* title, is a favorite of mine: Rebecca Bissi of *Chien Coature*. Rebecca is a true artist, who painstakingly approaches each design with incredible precision. She does a lot of work with crystals and is, in fact, an approved official vendor of Swarovski, not surprising because she uses so many of them!

For this entry, worn by her clients Gena and Jake Oddo and their beautiful snow Pomeranian, Sophia, it took 1000 plexiglass mirrors, 4000 argantium connector rings and 8000 crystals!

She went through the mill, so to speak, for this labor of love, including drilling into her finger while putting connector holes in the mirrors. If that wasn't enough, she was asked to create a second outfit for both her and Sophia, for them to walk in the newly created *Designer Couture Retro Show* at the event. That colorful, mod floral design is on Rebecca and Sophia below, as they walked the runway.

I'm so so happy for Rebecca winning this prestigious honor. She really deserves it. She is one very talented lady!



Rebecca Bissi & Sophia in her creations on the runway