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Big Air Buckeye DockDogs compete at Canine Fun Days and Greyhound Reunion

Two days of jumping, flying, splashing, and competing fun for dogs and people!

GRAFTON, OH — While U.S. Olympians Brian Johnson and Trevell Quinley take on the best of the world's long jumpers in Beijing, Buckeye DockDogs will be setting their own personal bests in Big Air competition, the long jump for canine athletes, at the Canine Fun Days and Greyhound Reunion, Saturday August 16 and Sunday August 17, 2008 at the Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field at the corner of Rt 87 (South Woodland) & Chagrin River Road in Moreland Hills, OH.

At speeds over 20 mph, Big Air dogs catapult off the end of a 40-foot dock into a 28,000-gallon pool to retrieve a floatable object, like their favorite toy. Jump distances are measured from the end of the dock to where the base of the dog's tail breaks the water. The dock jumping Big Air world record is 28' 10", held by Pennsylvanian Kevin Meese and his greyhound/coonhound mix Country who are expected to compete at Canine Fun Days. Country's record jump is just shy of Bob Beamon's 29' 2.5" record long jump set at the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico City.

Along with rookies having fun just plopping into the pool, worldwide-ranked Buckeye DockDogs teams who recently vied for victory at the Stihl's Dogs & Logs World Championships in Stillwater, Minnesota will be jumping big at Canine Fun Days. Confirmed to compete in this event are:

- Elite jumpers Bridget Telencio and Dalmatian Lance of Painesville OH, ranked ninth worldwide with 24' 3";
- Master jumpers Bill Helfer and Chocolate Lab Jazzie of Canfield OH, ranked twenty-first worldwide with a 23' 4.2" Big Air record;
- Master jumpers Randi Breese and Border Collie Parker of Lodi OH, ranked thirtieth worldwide with 22' 8.8".

Those new to the sport can introduce their dog to Dock Jumping during *Let's Try DockDogs!* sessions both days. Buckeye DockDogs is open to any dog, six months of age or older, that likes water and fun—regardless of breed, size, shape, or ability. Members will show how to encourage a dog to jump through coaching and enthusiasm. Information will be available on joining Buckeye DockDogs, the Ohio chapter of the international organization DockDogs® and club merchandise will be on sale.

The largest event of its kind in Ohio, the Canine Fun Days and Greyhound Reunion benefits the retired racing greyhounds of Greyhound Adoption of Ohio. A weekend for all dogs (and their people), Canine Fun Days features amazing demonstrations, rescue groups, agility, fun runs and races, delicious food and great stuff to buy for human and pets. All events are open to dogs that have never tried them before and to seasoned competitors.

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Buckeye DockDogs at Canine Fun Days Schedule

Wave times subject to change.

Saturday, August 16

8:00 AM	Onsite Registration Opens
9:00 AM	Big Air Wave #1
11:30 AM to 1:30 PM	<i>Let's try DockDogs!</i>
2:00 PM	Big Air Wave #2
4:30 PM	Big Air Wave #3

Sunday, August 17

8:00 AM	Onsite Registration Opens
9:00 AM	Big Air Wave #4
11:30 PM	Big Air Wave #5
2:00 PM	Big Air Amateur Finals
2:30 PM	Big Air Semi Pro Finals
3:00 PM	Big Air Pro Finals
3:30 PM to 5:30 PM	<i>Let's try DockDogs!</i>

Dogs must be attended and on a leash at all times, except while competing. No bitches in heat allowed within Buckeye DockDogs event area. No retractable leashes, please.

Buckeye DockDogs Registration and Costs

Registration in advance for Big Air competition at www.dockdogs.com is encouraged as only 10 admissions per Wave will be held for walkup. Fee is \$20 per Big Air Wave. Credit cards accepted for on-line registration *only*. Cash and checks accepted on site for Buckeye DockDogs competition. Ribbons and cash will be awarded to winners.

Sign up for *Let's Try DockDogs!* onsite; fee is \$10 per try which benefits the Greyhound Rescue Group of Ohio. The \$10 fee must be paid in tickets (no cash, checks or credit cards), which can be purchased on site at the Ticket Booth.

Canine Fun Days General Admission:

\$5 for adults; \$3 children under 12 (No charge for dogs!). Weekend Pass: Enjoy both days at \$8 for adults, \$5 children. Everyone must purchase a general admission ticket; Big Air handlers will have their entrance fee redeemed for tickets which can be used for trying a new sport, *Let's Try DockDogs!*, or for food, but not for purchasing items at the vendor booths. Proceeds support the Greyhound Rescue Group.

For more information call (800) 269-1148 or visit www.GreyhoundAdoptionofOH.org and www.buckeyedockdogs.com

Formed January 2007, Buckeye DockDogs is the Ohio affiliate chapter of DockDogs® of Medina, Ohio, the independent governing and sanctioning body for regional, national and international dock jumping performance sports.

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