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**Buckeye DockDogs compete at Hunter Jumper Classic**  
*Three days of jumping, flying, splashing, swimming canines!*

**GRAFTON, OH** — The Chagrin Valley Hunter Jumper Classic Horse Show will be the site of Buckeye DockDogs first full Dock Jumping competition of the summer, with three days of Big Air, Extreme Vertical and Speed Retrieve™ Waves sponsored by Schneider Saddlery. Sure to provide great spectator appeal during the final weekend of the nine-day horse show, handler and dog teams will compete for cash, ribbons and prizes from Friday July 18 through Sunday July 20, 2008, at the Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field, at Route 87 and Chagrin River Road in Moreland Hills OH.

Dock jumping is open to any dog that likes water and fun—regardless of breed, size, shape, or ability. As dogs are welcome at the Hunter Jumper, those new to the sport can introduce their dogs to this fast-growing sport, and get tips on coaching and encouraging their pooches from Buckeye DockDogs members. Fun and rewarding for both human and canine, the rules of DockDogs are simple:

- 1.) only one person may compete at a time;
- 2.) only one dog may compete at a time;
- 3.) only one floatable object may be used to throw.

“This event at the Hunter Jumper Classic will be serious competition, and very exciting to watch as some of the dogs competing are high in DockDogs® worldwide rankings,” says Buckeye DockDogs President Tina McLaughlin. “Others will just be having a great time. Give these dogs a dock, a body of water, and a toy to fetch, and they think they can fly.”

Big Air is the long jump equivalent for canine athletes. 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. Four Buckeye DockDogs members rank in the Big Air Top 20 worldwide:

- Elite jumpers Bridget Telencio and Dalmatian Lance of Painesville OH are ninth with 23' 11.6";
- Dean Skillman and yellow Labrador Wylie of Michigan are tenth and Elite jumpers at 23' 7.4";
- Canfield OH resident Bill Helfer and Chocolate Lab Jazzie are Master jumpers and currently thirteenth with 23' 4.2";
- Master jumpers Randi Breese and Border Collie Parker of Lodi OH are ranked seventeenth with 22' 8.8".

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Extreme Vertical (E.V.) is a high jump contest in which the dog launches upward in order to knock down a bumper suspended over the water. Runs are shorter, and speed is reduced in order to achieve maximum height about 8 feet from the dock. Brunswick OH resident Jeff Wells and his Belgian Malinois Ares are blazing up the charts; they're currently the number two E.V. team in the world with a 7' 3" jump and Top Gun status.

New this year to Dock Jumping, Speed Retrieve™ is a sport for any and all comers. Racing against the clock, each competing dog runs, jumps, swims, and retrieves an object located on an extender at the end of the pool, at a distance of 58 feet from the 20 foot mark on the dock. The time to beat is 5.37 seconds, set by Buckeye DockDog member Dean Skillman and Wylie of Michigan.

Buckeye DockDogs will also be raising funds at the Hunter Jumper for "Chase Away K9 Cancer," a charitable effort in memory of Chase, an Elite Jumper in DockDogs Big Air. All proceeds benefit the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine Foundation and help "Chase" away canine cancer.

#### **Hunter Jumper Classic Wave Times**

Each team will receive two official competition jumps per Wave.  
(Wave times subject to change.)

#### **Friday, July 18, 2008**

1:00 PM Onsite Registration Opens  
2:00 PM Big Air Wave #1 - Limited to 40 dog / handler teams  
5:00 PM Big Air Wave #2 - Limited to 40 dog / handler teams  
7:00 PM Extreme Vertical (EV) - Limited to 16 dog / handler teams  
8:00 PM Event Closes

#### **Saturday, July 19, 2008**

9:00 AM Onsite Registration Opens  
10:00 AM Big Air Wave #3 - Limited to 40 dog / handler teams  
12:30 PM Big Air Wave #4 - Limited to 40 dog / handler teams  
3:00 PM Big Air Wave #5 - Limited to 40 dog / handler teams  
5:30 PM Speed Retrieve™ - Limited to 30 dog / handler teams  
8:30 PM Event Closes

#### **Sunday, July 20, 2008**

9:00 AM Onsite Registration Opens  
10:00 AM Big Air Wave #6 - Limited to 40 dog / handler teams  
1:00 PM Big Air Amateur Finals  
1:30 PM Big Air Semi Pro Finals  
2:00 PM Big Air Pro Finals  
5:00 PM Event Closes

Dogs must be attended and on a leash at all times, except while competing. No retractable leashes. No bitches in heat allowed within Buckeye DockDogs event area. For more information on what to bring to a competition, rules and policies, visit [www.buckeyedockdogs.com](http://www.buckeyedockdogs.com).

#### **Buckeye DockDogs Registration and Costs**

Registration in advance at [www.dockdogs.com](http://www.dockdogs.com) is encouraged as only 10 admissions per Wave will be held for walkup. Fee is \$20 per Big Air Wave, \$25 for Speed Retrieve™, and \$30 for Extreme Vertical. Credit cards accepted for on-line registration only which will close at noon on July 15, 2008 unless one or more Waves fill prior to this closing date.

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**Chagrin Valley Hunter Jumper Classic Tickets and General Admission**

Tickets may be purchased at the gate or ahead of time at Schneider Saddlery in Chagrin Falls OH.  
General Admission Ticket prices are:

- Saturday July 12 through Wednesday, July 16 - free general admission;
- Thursday, July 17 through Saturday, July 19 - \$5/adult, \$3/senior and child 12 & under;
- Sunday, July 20 - \$10/adult, \$5/senior and child 12 and under.
- Grass and bleacher seating is available with a general admission ticket.

**Hotel Information**

For this event, Baymont Inn and Suites, 1421 Golden Gate Blvd in Mayfield Heights, OH 44124 is holding ten rooms which allow pets, per night, at the rate of \$79 plus tax per night, pet fee waived. To make a reservation, call Baymont Inn & Suites at (440) 442-8400 and mention Buckeye DockDogs. Reservations must be made by July 4, 2008; rooms may still be reserved after the cutoff date, but on a space available basis and at the current Rate of the Day.

For complete DockDog® rules and policies, on-line registration, and additional details on Buckeye DockDogs at the Hunter Jumper Classic, visit [www.buckeyedockdogs.com](http://www.buckeyedockdogs.com). For Hunter Jumper Classic information, visit [www.clevelandhorseshow.com](http://www.clevelandhorseshow.com) or phone (330) 903-9915.

*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. DockDogs® establishes the rules and standards of the sport, tracks results and records, and supports and promotes the growth of its athletes, events, spectators, and sponsors.*

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