



## **MEDIA ALERT/REQUEST FOR COVERAGE**

**Friday July 18, and Saturday July 19, and Sunday, July 20, 2008**

***Puppies and Ponies! Dogs and Horses!  
This weekend is a kid's dream come true.  
(and a lot of grown-ups too!)***

**WHAT: Buckeye DockDogs jump big during final weekend of Hunter Jumper Classic  
*Three days of jumping, flying, splashing and competing canines!***

While the horses jump the "in and outs" in the ring, the dogs will jump the dock and be in and out of the pool during the final weekend of The Chagrin Valley Hunter Jumper Classic Horse Show. With the support of Schneider Saddlery, Buckeye DockDogs stages its first full Dock Jumping competition of the summer with three days of Big Air, Extreme Vertical and Speed Retrieve™ Waves from Friday July 18 through Sunday July 20, 2008, at the Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field in Moreland Hills, OH.

"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."

Sure to delight kids as well as adults, Dock Jumping is one of the fastest growing sports in the U.S. Just like the horse jumpers, dog jumpers are judged solely on their ability to jump and can be any breed or size. But instead of jumping a series of obstacles on a course, dogs jump off a 40 foot dock into a 28,000 gallon pool.

In Big Air, the long jump equivalent for canine athletes, dogs jump at speeds over 20 mph 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.

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.

Speed Retrieve™ is race 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.

**WHERE: Chagrin Valley Hunter Jumper Classic Horse Show**

Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field  
Corner of Rt 87 (South Woodland) & Chagrin River Road  
Moreland Hills, OH 44022

- MEDIA: Use South Woodland entrance. DockDogs staging area is at North end of the event grounds, right past pavilion

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**WHEN: Hunter Jumper Classic Wave Times**

(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

**HOW: Buckeye DockDogs Registration and Costs**

Competitors are encouraged to arrive early 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. Ribbons and cash will be awarded to winners.

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

General Admission ticket can be purchased at the gate: 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.

**WHO:** 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.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** [www.buckeyedockdogs.com](http://www.buckeyedockdogs.com)  
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