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**Buckeye DockDogs demo Dock Jumping at Farmpark**  
*Lake Metroparks' Working Dog Weekend, June 7 and 8, 2008*

**GRAFTON, OH** — Jumping, flying, splashing pooches will take over the pond at Lake Metroparks Farmpark in Kirtland OH when Buckeye DockDogs demonstrates Dock Jumping during Working Dog Weekend, June 7 and 8, 2008, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days. Buckeye DockDogs club members will exhibit their techniques for success in Big Air, the long jump equivalent for canine athletes. Those new to the sport can get tips from veteran handlers, watch videos, and learn the benefits of joining Buckeye DockDogs, the local chapter of the international organization DockDogs®.

Formed January 2007, Buckeye DockDogs is an affiliate of DockDogs of Medina, Ohio, the independent governing and sanctioning body for regional, national and international dock jumping performance sports. Buckeye DockDogs is open to any dog that likes water and fun — regardless of breed, size, shape, or ability.

In Big Air competitions, dogs catapult off a 40-foot dock at speeds over 20 miles per hour, into a 38,000-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. For this demonstration, the jumping will be more casual; instead of a long dock and a competition pool., dogs will run on grass onto a short dock, then leap into a deep pond, guaranteeing delighted dogs eager to get wet.

Working Dog Weekend showcases how man's best friend works alongside people in jobs including law enforcement, herding, hunting, therapy, and daily living. Admission, which includes the many regular Farmpark activities presented throughout the day, is \$6; \$5 for ages 60 and over; \$4 for ages 2 to 11; and children under 2 and Farmpark members are free. Due to the nature of this event, pet owners are asked to please leave their pets at home.

Lake Metroparks Farmpark is located at 8800 Chardon Road. Kirtland, Ohio 44094. Directions: Take I-90 to the Rt. 306 exit. Head south on Route 306 five miles to Chardon Road (Route 6); turn left on Route 6, and head east one mile. Entrance to Farmpark is on the right.

For more information about Working Dog Weekend, please call (440) 256-2122 or (800) 366-FARM (3276), or visit lakemetroparks.com. For more information about Buckeye DockDogs, visit [www.buckeyedockdogs.com](http://www.buckeyedockdogs.com), or [www.dockdogs.com](http://www.dockdogs.com).

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