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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 — Buckeye DockDogs, the Ohio chapter of the international organization DockDogs®, presents a Big Air dock jumping competition and two open-to-the-public *Let's Try DockDogs!* sessions at the 16th Annual Canine Fun Days and Greyhound Reunion, Saturday August 15 and Sunday August 16, 2009 at the Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field at the corner of Rt 87 (South Woodland) & Chagrin River Road in Moreland Hills, OH.

Big Air dog/handler teams from throughout the Midwest will compete for cash, ribbons and prizes in Big Air, the long jump equivalent for canine athletes in DockDog competitions. 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. 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.

Those new to the sport can introduce their dog to Dock Jumping during the open-to-the-public *Let's Try DockDogs!* sessions both days for a \$10 per try fee, which benefits the Greyhound Rescue Group of Ohio. Experienced club members will show how to encourage a dog to jump through coaching and enthusiasm. Information will be available on joining Buckeye 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 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; more than 1500 dogs and 5000 people attend each year.

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. Preregistration fee is \$20 per Big Air Wave; onsite fee is \$25. Credit cards accepted for on-line registration *only*. Cash and checks accepted on site for Buckeye DockDogs competition. Sign up for *Let's Try DockDogs!* on site; fee is \$10 per try which benefits the Greyhound Rescue Group of Ohio. Complete information is available at www.buckeyedockdogs.com .

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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.

Canine Fun Days General Admission:

Tickets are \$5 for adults; \$3 children under 12 (No charge for dogs!). A Weekend Passes \$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. Proceeds support the Greyhound Rescue Group.

For more information on Canine Fun Days, call (800) 269-1148 or visit www.GreyhoundAdoptionofOH.org.

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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