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Buckeye DockDogs kicks off 2009 Competition at Columbus Pet Expo

*Three days of jumping, flying, splashing, swimming canines!
March 27-29, 2009 at Franklin County Veterans Memorial, Columbus OH*

GRAFTON, OH — Buckeye DockDogs kicks off its 2009 dock jumping competition schedule with three days of Big Air, Extreme Vertical and Speed Retrieve Waves at the 15th Annual Columbus Pet Expo, March 27-29, 2009 at Franklin County Veterans Memorial, 300 W. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215. These three days of jumping, flying, splashing, and competing canines are attracting dog and handler teams from throughout Ohio and the Midwest, and as far as Ontario, Canada.

“This event 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.”



Buckeye DockDogs is open to any dog that likes water and fun—regardless of breed, size, shape, or ability. 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.

In DockDog competition, Big Air is the long jump equivalent for canine athletes. At speeds over 20 mph, Big Air dogs catapult themselves off the end of a 40-foot dock into a 27,000-gallon pool to retrieve a floatable, retrievable 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.

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 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.

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Buckeye DockDogs Schedule

Wave times subject to change.

Friday, March 27, 2009

11:00 am	Onsite registration opens
12:00 pm	Pet Expo opens
12:30 pm	Big Air Wave # 1
3:00 pm	Big Air Wave # 2
6:00 pm	Big Air Wave # 3
9:00 pm	Pet Expo closes

Saturday, March 28, 2009

9:00 am	Onsite registration opens
10:00 am	Pet Expo opens
10:30 am	Big Air Wave # 4
1:00 pm	Big Air Wave #5
3:30 pm	Big Air Wave #6
5:00 pm	Extreme Vertical
Dog Swap for Chase Away K9 Cancer	
8:00 pm	Pet Expo Closes

Sunday, March 29, 2009

10:00 am	Onsite registration opens
11:00 am	Pet Expo Opens
11:00 am	Big Air Wave #7
1:30 pm	Speed Retrieve
3:00 pm	Big Air Amateur Finals
3:30 pm	Big Air Semi-Pro Finals
4:00 pm	Big Air Pro Finals
6:00 pm	Pet Expo closes

High Points Chase Single Points Event. DockDogs Rules and Policies will be in effect. Ribbons and cash will be awarded to winners.

Buckeye DockDogs Registration and Costs

Registration in advance at www.dockdogs.com is encouraged. Credit cards accepted for on-line registration only. Online preregistration Closes March 25, 2009. Online preregistration fees are \$20.00 per dog per Wave; onsite registration fees are \$25.00 per dog per Wave. In addition to Wave fees, tickets to the Columbus Pet Expo must be purchased; discount tickets are available at www.columbuspetexpo.com, and at Greater Columbus area Krogers and Complete Petmart stores.

For complete DockDog® rules and policies, on-line registration, the Dog Swap for Chase Away K9 Cancer, and additional details on the Buckeye DockDogs at Pet Expo Classic, visit www.buckeyedockdogs.com. For complete Pet Expo Classic information, visit www.columbuspetexpo.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. Dock jumping is one of the fastest growing sports in the dog world; pooches and their parents are competing all over the United States.

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