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DockDogs compete at the All Pets Expo, May 14-15, 2010 in Morgantown, West Virginia

Three days of jumping, flying, splashing, and competing fun for dogs and people!

GRAFTON, OH — The dogs will be jumping big and fast when Buckeye DockDogs and Three Rivers Dockdogs present a dock jumping competition May 14-16, 2010 at the All Pets Expo at the Hazel and J.W. Ruby Community Center, 500 Mylan Park Lane in Morgantown, West Virginia. These three days of jumping, flying, splashing, and competing canines are attracting dog and handler teams from throughout the Midwest for Big Air and Speed Retrieve competition.

“There has only been one DockDogs event in West Virginia, held last fall at the Mountain State Forest Festival in Elkins,” states Three Rivers DockDogs President Paul Leabhart. “We’re all excited to be back.”

In DockDog competition, 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 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.

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.

“This event will attract some serious competitors. Others will just be having a great time,” says Buckeye DockDogs President Tina McLaughlin. “Give these dogs a dock, a body of water, and a toy to fetch, and they think they can fly.”

Participants do not need to be a DockDogs member to compete. Those new to the sport can learn from experienced handlers how to encourage a dog to jump through coaching and enthusiasm. DockDogs is open to any dog, six months of age or older, 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.

“For anyone who has a dog that loves the water and retrieving, dock jumping is a wonderful way to spend time with together, exercise, and enjoy great people,” McLaughlin comments. “Club members are always willing to help new folks ‘get their feet wet.’”

Buckeye DockDogs/All Pets Expo
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EVENT SCHEDULE

Wave times subject to change.

Friday, May 14, 2010

3:00PM Registration Opens
4PM – 9PM Show hours
4:00PM All Pets Expo Opens
4:00PM Big Air Wave #1
6:00PM Big Air Wave #2

Saturday, May 15, 2010

9:00AM Registration Opens
10AM – 8PM Show hours
10:00AM All Pets Expo Opens
10:00AM Big Air Wave #3
12:30PM Big Air Wave #4
3:00PM Big Air Wave #5
5:30PM Speed Retrieve

Sunday, May 16, 2010

9:00AM Registration Opens
10AM – 5PM Show hours
10:00AM All Pets Expo Opens
10:00AM Big Air Wave #6
12:30PM Big Air Wave #7
3:00 PM Finals: Amateur, Semi Pros, Pros

Note: DockDogs Rules and Policies will be in effect for this event. 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, choke chains, prongs or electronic collars, please.

REGISTRATION AND COSTS

Registration in advance for all competitions is encouraged as only 10 admissions per Wave will be held for walkup. Credit cards accepted for on-line registration only. Cash and checks accepted on site. All event registration fees are nonrefundable. Credits may be issued in the case of dog illness accompanied by a letter from an officially licensed veterinarian.

Online preregistration Fees: \$20.00 per dog per Big Air and Speed Retrieve Wave. Onsite Registration Fees: \$25.00 per dog per Big Air and Speed Retrieve Wave.

ABOUT THE ALL PETS EXPO

A first in Morgantown, the All Pets Expo will feature an adoptable pet Rescue Area, unique vendors and local businesses, pet salons, boarding, and a Kid's Zone. Showcased entertainment includes the National Geographic Channel's Rescue Ink!, Bwana Jim's Wildlife Show, John Lege's Educational Parrot Programs, and Extreme Reptiles. Tickets are \$6.00 each day; children under 6 years old are admitted free. For more information and discount coupons, visit www.allpetsexpo.com.

For complete DockDog® rules and policies, on-line registration, and additional details, visit www.buckeyedockdogs.com or www.threeriversdockdogs.com.

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