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Buckeye DockDogs demo Dock Jumping at Farmpark

Lake Metroparks' Working Dog Weekend, June 13 & 14, 2009

GRAFTON, OH — Jumping, flying, splashing pooches will be catapulting off the dock when Buckeye DockDogs demonstrates dock jumping during Working Dog Weekend, June 13 and 14, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days, at Lake Metroparks Farmpark at 8800 Chardon Road in Kirtland OH. At the Farmpark pond, 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®.

In Big Air competitions, dogs catapult off a 40-foot dock at speeds over 20 miles per hour, into 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. 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 (and woman's!) best friend works alongside people in jobs including law enforcement, hunting, therapy, and daily living. Admission 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.

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.

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

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