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Buckeye DockDogs Fly! Swim! Jump! at Crocker Park in Westlake, OH

Friday, July 22 through Sunday, July 24, 2011

GRAFTON, OH — From the littlest Norfolk Terrier to the largest Great Dane—and all sizes of mutts in between—the dogs will be jumping big, high, and fast when Buckeye DockDogs stages a dock jumping competition at Crocker Park at Detroit and Crocker Roads in Westlake, OH from July 22 through July 24, 2011. Open to anyone with a water-loving dog, these three days of jumping, flying, splashing, and competing canines are attracting teams from throughout Ohio, the Midwest and Canada who will vie for cash, prizes and ribbons, and attempt to break both national and personal records in Big Air, Extreme Vertical and Speed Retrieve™.

On Saturday, July 23 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. during *Let's Try DockDogs!*, those new to the sport can learn from experienced Buckeye DockDogs members how to encourage a dog to jump through coaching and enthusiasm. The fee is \$10 per try. 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.

“This event will be serious competition, and very exciting to watch as some of the dogs competing are high in DockDogs worldwide rankings, including some of our local club members,” says Buckeye DockDogs Board Member 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.”

The staging area for the Buckeye DockDogs competition will be located at the northern end of the Crocker Park complex, east of Regal Cinemas. Bleacher seating will be provided; watching the competition—and cheering—are free.

About the DockDogs Competition

In DockDogs 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.

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/Crocker Park Schedule

Wave times subject to change.

Friday, July 22, 2011

12:00 Noon Onsite Registration/Practice
1:00 pm Big Air Wave Competition #1
3:00 pm Big Air Wave Competition #2
5:30 pm Big Air Wave Competition #3

Saturday, July 23, 2011

8:00 am Onsite Registration/Practice
9:00 am Big Air Wave Competition #4
11:30 am Big Air Wave Competition #5
2:00 pm *Let's Try DockDogs!*
3:30 pm Big Air Wave Competition #6
6:00 pm Extreme Vertical Competition

Sunday, July 24, 2011

9:00 am Onsite Registration/Practice
10:00 am Speed Retrieve Competition
Speed Retrieve Finals immediately following
12:00 Noon Big Air Wave Competition #7
3:00 pm Big Air Finals (Pro, Semi-Pro & Amateur Finals)

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 female dogs in heat allowed within Buckeye DockDogs event area. No retractable leashes, choke chains, prongs or electronic collars, please.

Buckeye DockDogs Registration and Costs

Registration in advance at www.dockdogs.com is encouraged as only 10 admissions per Wave will be held for walkup. Credit cards, cash and checks accepted onsite. Online Pre-Registration Fees: \$20.00 per dog per Big Air, Extreme Vertical and Speed Retrieve Wave. Onsite Registration Fees: \$25.00 per dog per Big Air, Extreme Vertical and Speed Retrieve Wave. Sign up onsite for *Let's Try DockDogs!*; the fee is \$10 per try. DockDogs club membership is not necessary to compete. For complete rules, on-line registration, and additional details, visit www.buckeyedockdogs.com.

Formed January 2007, Buckeye DockDogs is the Ohio affiliate chapter of DockDogs® of Medina, Ohio, the largest presenter of dock diving dog performance sports in the world, and the largest DockDogs club with members throughout Ohio and in Michigan, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Indiana.

Built in 2004, Crocker Park is a premier lifestyle center located on 75 tree-lined and beautifully landscaped acres at the intersection of Crocker and Detroit Roads in Westlake, Ohio. Its 12 city blocks feature a mixture of internationally known retail stores, Class A office buildings, fine dining establishments, luxury apartments and spectacular homes. Spanning 1.7 million square feet, Crocker Park attracts an estimated 5 million visitors each year and continues to expand.

For more information, visit www.buckeyedockdogs.com and www.crockerpark.com.

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