



Dear Dog Owners,

Thank you so much for entering the 2010 Derby Dog Dash at the Sonoma County Fair on Sunday, August 8, 2010.

The first dog race will go off at approximately 12:45 pm. There will be at least six heats and one Championship Race. The number of heats depends on the number of entrants. The top two finisher from each heat will advance to the Championship Race (at approx. 5:45 pm). A total of 12 dogs will compete in the Championship heat.

The winner of each heat will receive \$30 and the second place finisher will receive \$20. The first place winner of the Championship Race will receive \$100 and second place will receive \$50 and third place will receive \$25. **Admission to the Fair is free for dog owners (2 free admissions per dog).**

Unfortunately at the Sonoma County Fair, your dog must remain in the Grandstand Area and is NOT permitted on the rest of the Fairgrounds. Only service dogs are permitted on the Fairground Midway and we apologize for the inconvenience.

ADMISSION - Dog owners can park in any of the Fairgrounds lots. Fees for parking in the Bennett Valley Road lot or "M" lot (median strip under the freeway is \$8; Veterans' Memorial building lot is \$6, and the big Brookwood Ave. lot ("E" lot) is \$6.

Please take all dogs through Gate 1, just to the right of Grace Pavilion as you face the pavilion.

Two persons per dog will be admitted through the gate. All other persons in the group will need to purchase tickets and go through the regular entrance of Grace Pavilion. They can meet the rest of their party by going straight through Grace Pavilion and heading over to the track area.

The Fairgrounds is located at:

1350 Bennett Valley Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95402
(707) 545-4200

The dog races will be held at the Racing Grandstand on the Fairgrounds. The registration booth will be located on the bottom level, outside the grandstand and facing the racetrack across from the Winner's Circle.

You will not have access to stadium seating at the Sonoma County Fair (seating is \$3 per person). There is plenty of shaded space in and around the Grandstand, please feel free to bring your own chairs. We will have water available for the dogs. You can bring your own bowl or use community bowls that we will provide.

The entrants, race numbers and starting times will be posted to the official website www.derbydogdash.com (click on "Entries" for the Sonoma County Fair) after 6:00 pm, August 6. Please check-in at the registration booth at least 25 minutes prior to your race. Please check in for your individual race at least 15 minutes prior to the running.

Thank you so much for your participation and we look forward to seeing you on at the Sonoma County Fair!

Staff will not have time to answer phone calls regarding Derby Dog Dash in the days prior to the race. Please utilize our Facebook page to ask questions and receive up to date information. Search for Derby Dog Dash on Facebook or use the following link:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Derby-Dog-Dash/126565290699121?ref=sgm>

2010 DERBY DOG DASH

Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa)
Race Day – Sunday, August 8, 2010
ENTRIES CLOSE ON AUGUST 5, 2010

OWNER _____

PHONE (_____) _____ E-MAIL _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

Dog's Name _____
Weight and Height (limit 26 lbs & 14" at shoulder) _____ lbs. _____ inches
Dog's Age _____ Previous Race Experience? YES _____ NO _____
Breed (or Mixes) _____

Dog's interests, hobbies, special info. _____

DATE OF RACE: Sunday, August 8, 2010

Send Applications to:
California Authority of Racing Fairs
c/o Heather Haviland – Derby Dog Dash
1776 Tribute Road, Suite 205
Sacramento, CA 95815
(fax) 916/263-3341 or (phone) 916/263-3346 or heather@calfairs.net

MUST SUBMIT ENTRY FORM, RELEASE WAIVER AND PHOTOGRAPH OF DOG (Scroll Down)

YOU CAN MAIL, FAX OR E-MAIL ENTRIES

WWW.DERBYDOGDASH.COM

**SONOMA COUNTY FAIR (SANTA ROSA) DOG RACES
RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

I, _____(Owner) acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate in the Sonoma County Fair Dog Races at the Sonoma County Fair on Sunday, July 8, 2010.

I AM AWARE THAT THE SONOMA COUNTY FAIR DOG RACES ARE A POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS ACTIVITY, AND I AM VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING IN THIS ACTIVITY WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE DANGER INVOLVED AND AGREE TO ASSUME ANY AND ALL RISKS OF BODILY INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE TO MYSELF OR MY DOG. I VERIFY THIS STATEMENT BY PLACING MY INITIALS HERE _____

As consideration for being permitted by the Sonoma County Fair to participate in the Sonoma County Fair Dog Races and the use of the racetrack facilities, I hereby agree that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, next of kin, spouse, and legal representatives will not make a claim against, sue, or attach the property of the Sonoma County Fair, the California Authority of Racing Fairs or any of their affiliated organizations for injury or damage resulting from the negligence or other acts, however caused, by any director, employee, agent, or contractor of the Sonoma County Fair as a result of my participation in the Sonoma County Fair Dog Races. I forever release the Sonoma County Fair, the California Authority of Racing Fairs and any of their affiliated organizations from any and all action, claims, or demands that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, next of kin, spouse and legal representatives now have or may hereafter have for injury or damage resulting from my participation in the Sonoma County Fair Dog Races.

I _____(Owner) authorize the Sonoma County Fair to use my photograph and name, free of charge, for any promotional or commercial means regarding the Sonoma County Fair Dog Races.

I ALSO HEREBY AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE COMPLETE RULES SET FORTH BY THE SONOMA COUNTY FAIR IN REGARDS TO THE SONOMA COUNTY FAIR DOG RACES WHICH ARE POSTED ON THE OFFICIAL SONOMA COUNTY FAIR DOG RACES WEBSITE (WWW.DERBYDOGDASH.COM). DOGS MUST BE ON LEASHES AT ALL TIMES ON FAIRGROUND PROPERTY.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE SONOMA COUNTY FAIR AND MYSELF AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Participant (print) _____

Address: _____

Dog's Name: _____

2010 DERBY DOG DASH PROCEDURES

Entries consist of: 1) Completed Official Entry Form 2) Signed Release and Waiver of Liability Agreement and 3) Photograph of your dog. The winner of each heat will win \$30 and second place will receive \$20. The winner of the Championship heat will win \$100 and the second place winner in the Championship Heat will win \$50.

The races in the 2010 Derby Dog Dash Series include:

Pleasanton – Saturday, June 26, 2010
Vallejo – Sunday, June 27, 2010
Pleasanton – Saturday, July 10, 2010
Santa Rosa – Sunday, August 8, 2010
Santa Rosa – Sunday, August 15, 2010
Fresno – To Be Determined

PLEASANTON, SANTA ROSA & FRESNO

Each dog will run in one preliminary heat. The winner of each heat will compete in the Championship race.

There will be a MAXIMUM of 9 preliminary heats. If there are fewer than 108 entries, the number of heats will be adjusted accordingly.

The number of dogs in each heat will depend on the number of entries, with a MAXIMUM of twelve dogs per heat.

If entries exceed 108 dogs, owners will be limited to two dogs per human competitor. Owners are encouraged to enter as many dogs as possible. If we are not able to accommodate more than two dogs per owner, we will contact the owner by phone to determine which two dogs the owner would like to run.

If more than 108 entries are received for the Derby Dog Dash, contestants will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. If you submit an application for a dog and we have already received 108 applications, we will contact you by phone to let you know that your dog will not be able to compete. If fewer than 108 entries are received, every attempt will be made to place an equal number of dogs in each heat.

Two handlers are required per dog: one handler remains with the dog behind the starting line, the other handler will stand behind the finish line to call the dog and collect him/her after the race. At least one handler must be 18 years of age or older.

For the safety of the dogs, **handlers are not permitted to leave their designated places while the dogs are competing.**

We will not be using a starting gate. Owners will stand at the starting line and hold their dog. Once the dogs are settled behind the starting line, the track announcer will state "Ready, Set, Go" and the handlers will release the dog. Please allow your dog to run freely from the starting line of his/her own accord. ANY HANDLER RELEASING THE DOG BEFORE "GO" WILL BE DISQUALIFIED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE RACING OFFICIALS.

Once the announcer has said “GO” and the dog has been released, finish-line handlers are to call their dogs across the finish line and into the receiving area. You may use snacks, squeaky toys, etc. to coax your dogs. Loud noisemakers, live animals other than dogs, and anything deemed to be disruptive to other dogs will not be permitted. **In order to be declared the winner, all 4 paws must cross the finish line.**

Once the first dog (with all four paws) has crossed the finish line, the handlers of the other dogs are requested to continue to call their dogs until all dogs are with their respective owners. If your dog does not come to you within a reasonable amount of time after the finish of the race (determined by the Racing Official), you will be allowed to enter the course and collect your dog. **Please be careful, and do not interfere with anyone else’s dog.**

Dogs will be issued a colored jacket that will correspond with their starting position. All dogs must wear the jacket. If a dog cannot wear the jacket, the dog will not be allowed to start.

The Championship Heat will consist of the 1st place winners of all the previous heats and possible “wild-card” spots. The procedures for the final heat will be the same as above.

Racing Officials will determine the winners. Decisions regarding placing by Racing Officials are final.

The winner of the Derby Dog Dash Championship and his/her owner and handlers will come to the winner’s circle on the racetrack for photos and a short interview following the race. Additionally, there will be an opportunity for your dog to “sign” autographs for the fans after the races.

Racing Officials will determine 1st place winners. In the event of a tie, the dogs involved will have a “run-off” to determine the winner. Every attempt will be made to schedule “run-offs” at least one heat later, to allow the dogs a chance to rest.

Decisions of the Racing Officials are final.

The winner of the Derby Dog Dash Championship and his/her owner and handlers will come to the winner’s circle on the racetrack for photos.

Management reserves the right to interpret all questions and conditions in regard to this event, without claim for damages or recourse of any kind. All questions and definitions not covered explicitly in these rules will be decided by the management of the Alameda County Fair, Sonoma County Fair, Big Fresno Fair and the California Authority of Racing Fairs with those decisions being final.

Dogs MUST BE kept on LEASHES at all times while on Fairground property (the only exception being when the dog is racing). Violators will be asked to leave the property. No exceptions.

All dogs must meet the weight and height requirement (less than 26 lbs AND 14” at the shoulder). Dog may be weighed and measured at the discretion of the Racing Officials. The Racing Officials will disqualify any dog that does not meet these requirements. The dogs can be pure-bred or mixed. Every effort will be made to run dogs of similar breeds and weights in the same heats.