



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FAIR DERBY DOG DASH

ALL SMALL BREED DOGS & MIXES

Dear Dog Owners,

Thank you so much for entering the 2010 Derby Dog Dash at Vallejo on Sunday, June 27, 2010.

There will be maximum 6 heats and one Championship Race. The first 3 heat races will go off beginning at approximately 2:00 p.m. The final 3 heat races will go off beginning at approximately 4:00 p.m. The top finisher from each heat will advance to the Championship Race (at approx. 5:00 p.m.). A total of 6 dogs will compete in the Championship heat. The number of dogs in each heat depends on the number of entries.

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 \$50 and second \$25. **You will receive two FREE Admission Passes to the Fair per entry.** Each additional admission to the Fair is \$8 for Adults, \$4 for Seniors 60+, \$4 for Children 6-12 and free to Children 5 and under. Parking is \$6 per vehicle for general parking.

The Solano County Fair hours are 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. You must have your dog on a leash at all times while on Fairground property, except during heat and/or championship races in which your dog is entered.

You will receive two FREE Admission Passes per entry. To get your passes, enter through Sage St. Credentials Gate.

The Fairgrounds is located at:
900 Fairgrounds Drive (Hwy 37 & I-80)
Vallejo, CA 94589

(707) 551-2000



The Derby Dog Dash races will be held at the Family Fun Zone near the Splash Dogs in front of McCormack Hall. The registration booth will be located in front of McCormack Hall.



No outside food (except dog treats/food), chairs, glass bottles, cans, or alcohol of any kind will be permitted. All bags, backpacks, etc. will be searched at the entrance gates for general security purposes. For the dogs, we will have water available. Feel free to bring your own bowl or use community bowls that we will provide.

Please check-in at the registration booth at least 30 minutes prior to your race. Please check in at the race course 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 Sunday, June 27!

Contact: Kristyn Jacobson (on-site)
Contact Phone Number: (707) 551-2011 or (650) 387-5093
www.SCFair.com

Please fax entries to 916-263-3341 or e-mail them to heather@calfairs.net.



2010 DERBY DOG DASH

Solano County Fair (Vallejo)
Race Day – Sunday, June 27, 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, June 27, 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 916/837-8427 or (e-mail) heather@calfairs.net

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

WWW.DERBYDOGDASH.COM

**SOLANO COUNTY FAIR (VALLEJO) DOG RACES
RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

I, _____(Owner) acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate in the Solano County Fair Dog Races at the Solano County Fair on Sunday, June 27, 2010.

I AM AWARE THAT THE SOLANO 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 Solano County Fair Association to participate in the Solano County Fair Dog Races and the use of the fairgrounds facilities, I 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 Solano County Fair Association, the County of Solano, 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 of these agency's officers, employees, directors, managers, agents, elected and appointed boards, and volunteers or contractors as a result of my participation in the Solano County Fair Dog Races. This indemnification shall extend to claims, losses, damages, injury and liability for injuries occurring after termination or expiration of my participation. I forever release the Solano County Fair Association, 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 Solano County Fair Dog Races.

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

I ALSO HEREBY AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE COMPLETE RULES SET FORTH BY THE SOLANO COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION IN REGARDS TO THE SOLANO COUNTY FAIR DOG RACES WHICH ARE POSTED ON THE OFFICIAL SOLANO COUNTY FAIR DOG RACES WEBSITE (WWW.DERBYDOGDASH.COM). DOGS MUST BE ON LEASHES AT ALL TIMES ON FAIRGROUND PROPERTY, EXCEPT DURING HEAT AND/OR CHAMPIONSHIP RACES IN WHICH THE DOG IS ENTERED.

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 SOLANO COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION 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 \$50 and the second place winner in the Championship Heat will win \$25. Each entry will include 2 free passes to the Solano County Fair.

The races in the 2010 Derby Dog Dash Series include:

Pleasanton – Saturday, June 26, 2010 and Saturday, July 10, 2010

Vallejo – Sunday, June 27, 2010

Santa Rosa – Sunday, August 8, 2010 and Sunday, August 15, 2010

Fresno – To Be Determined

VALLEJO

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 6 preliminary heats. If there are fewer than 72 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 72 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 72 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 72 applications, we will contact you by phone to let you know that your dog will not be able to compete. If fewer than 72 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. 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.

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.

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 Solano County Fair, 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, except during heat and/or championship races in which the dog is entered. 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.