



## The Fifth Annual Wiener Dog Nationals! September 11, 2011

Enter your dachshund today in the fifth annual running of the Wiener Dog Nationals to be held at the [Umpqua Valley Wine, Art & Music Festival and Car Show](#) at Umpqua Community College. Eight qualifying heats will be run with the Grand Champion to be crowned among all the winners.

Whether your tiny racer is a sure-bet hot dog or a real loooong shot, just fill out this form and return it to the Umpqua Valley Home Builder Association for a chance to participate in this fun-filled event. All entrants must be real wieners (dachshunds) and between the ages of 6 months and 10 years. Proof of current bordatella, distemper and rabies shots will be required. AKC registry is *not required* and there are no weight restrictions. There will be a maximum of 64 entrants. Registration is first come first served.

Participants will be asked to pay a \$10 entry fee which will go to help Rebuilding Homes for Heroes, a non-profit helping members of the military in Douglas County. The first heat is at 11:00.



## Rules of the Wiener Dog Nationals

- Participating canines must be none-aggressive real dachshunds between the ages of 6 months to 10 years. AKC Registry is not required and there are no weight restrictions.
- Only those dachshunds registered to race will be allowed access on the track at the Rebuilding Homes for Heroes Wiener Dog Nationals.
- All entrants will be required to show proof of current bordatella, distemper and rabies shots.
- Each participating dachshund will need to bring two (2) humans, one (1) a minimum 18 years of age. Humans must be able to carry and/or catch the dog while standing/walking on a grass surface. At least one of the humans must be able to walk and run on this grass surface. One human will carry the racer to the Starting Line and then release the dog when signaled to race to the finish line where it will be caught by the second human.
- All humans will be required to sign a consent and waiver releasing Rebuilding Homes for Heroes and the Umpqua Valley Home Builders Association (UVHBA) and all vendors and individuals associated with the Umpqua Valley Wine, Art and Music Festival from all liabilities and allowing Rebuilding Homes for Heroes and the UVHBA to use their names and likenesses in promotional advertising.
- Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times, with the exception of the race itself.
- Wiener Dogs will be provided a racing blanket or ribbon to identify them for the race. Track personnel will assist with making sure the blanket or ribbon is secure yet non-binding.
- NO FOOD is allowed on the racetrack. The humans may coax their runner with a favorite chew toy, scarf, bell, etc. Nothing breakable or edible is allowed on the racing surface. No balloons, doggie treats, etc.
- Humans should not carry any loose articles onto the racetrack. Humans should wear comfortable running shoes. No flip-flops will be allowed. Only canines will be allowed to race barefoot.
- All participants must stay within the designated area while waiting their turn to race. At least one human must remain with the dog at all times. Water will be provided for both canines and humans.
- Participating wiener dogs are not allowed trackside except for their individual race.
- Upon completion of the wiener dog race, all participants must return *immediately* to the designated area. A short interview of the winner and pictures will be done on the track.
- The winners of the eight qualifying heats will be asked to race in the finals. Please do not enter unless you are available for the entire event.
- REMEMBER: The only thing serious about this race is the *FUN!* Judge's decisions will be final. For the safety of everyone concerned the track reserves the right to refuse participation to humans who cannot meet all the qualifications of the race.
- These races will be held rain or shine!

For more information, please call Liz at the UVHBA at 541-673-3711

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

Name of Dachshund: \_\_\_\_\_ M/F \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us about your Wiener!

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Multiple wiener dogs may be entered, but only one entry per wiener dog. Please use a separate entry form for each wiener dog. Multiple entries should be mailed together.

**Please include your proof of vaccinations and waiver with your entry form. You may mail the entry fee as well or wait until the day of the races. Please make checks out to Rebuilding Homes for Heroes.**

Please mail entries to: Umpqua Valley Home Builders Association  
3000 Stewart Parkway  
Ste. 206  
Roseburg, OR 97471

Or fax entries to: 541-975-7731

Or email entries to: [info@umpquavalleyhba.org](mailto:info@umpquavalleyhba.org)

## Wiener Race Procedures

The **safety and wellbeing** of your pet is of **supreme importance** to us. You are the best judge of your dog's character. If your dog is aggressive towards people or other dogs, the Wiener Dog Nationals are not a suitable activity for your dog. Likewise, if your dog is overly nervous, elderly or has a physical condition (arthritis, heat sensitive etc.) that prevents him/ her from normal canine activity, the Wiener Dog Nationals are not a suitable activity for your dog.

The first heat of the day will begin at approximately 11:00 a.m. Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at the Umpqua Valley Wine, Art and Music Festival at UCC. There will be a maximum of 64 dogs running in a maximum of eight heats. The winner of each heat will proceed on to the final Wiener Championship Race.

**Two handlers are required per dog:** one handler remains with the dog behind the start line, the other handler will stand behind the finish line to call the dog and collect him/ her after the race. One handler must be a minimum of 18 years of age.

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

Dogs will be issued a blanket or ribbon that corresponds to the gate position they will be starting from. Each dog must start his/ her heat in blanket or ribbon. A Race Official will call all dogs to line up for their respective heats.

An announcement will be given by the Race Official for handlers to place their dogs in the starting slot. At this time, the finish line handlers will be asked to go to the area behind the finish line to call their dogs. Finish line handlers will position themselves in starting gate order so that the dogs will not be encouraged to cross paths with one another.

Once the dogs are settled in the start slot, a Race Official will give the signal for the race to start. Please allow your dog to run out of the slot freely. In order to encourage your dog to leave the gate, the handlers may want to step back from the slot.

Once the race has started, finish-line handlers are to call their dogs across the finish line and into the receiving area. You may use toys but **NO FOOD** to coax your dogs. Loud noisemakers, live animals, and anything deemed to be disruptive to the other dogs will not be permitted.

Once the first dog 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, (as determined by a Race 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.**

**After the heat, dogs and their handlers are encouraged to return to the designated area to rest in the shade and get a drink.**

The final race will consist of the 1<sup>st</sup> place winners of all the previous heats. The race procedure will be the same as for the heats.

Race Officials will determine 1<sup>st</sup> place winners. In the event of a tie, the dogs involved will have a "run-off" race 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 Race Officials are final.

## 2011 Event Entry Form

### "Waiver"

In consideration of my participation in the UVHBA Rebuilding Homes for Heroes Wiener Dog Nationals 2011, I hereby waive the UVHBA, Rebuilding Homes for Heroes, all sponsors, all vendors and all competitors from all damages or injuries to myself and my dog during all events. I will also permit free use of pictures in broadcasts, newsletters, websites or any other appropriate medium.

Please sign here: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_