

ATHENS DAWG DERBY

July 10 & 11, 2010



WELCOME

Double Dog Dare thanks you for joining us for the fourth running of the Athens Dawg Derby, one two-day flyball tournament. Fifty-three teams have entered this year's event, and again we should have some nice cross-region racing. We will run a single race schedule for the two rings, and ring assignments will be made from the ring control table stationed in the gutter between the rings at the runback end. Our judges for the weekend are Geoff Brown, Paul Ferlitto, Leerie Jenkins and Kim Kendall. The regional director is Jane Kline, and the tournament director is Dana Hanson.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT AND SCORING

Race formats are provided by class and division in the seed chart at the files section of your region's Yahoo group and in the files available at our web page: www.flyballdogs.com/dddare.

Scoring will be one point for each win and one half point for each tied heat. At the end of the weekend, two way ties for placement will be settled in the following sequence: (1) winner of head- to-head racing; (2) fastest time head to head; and (3) fastest time of the day. Ties that are more than two-way will be decided by fastest time of the day.

Awards include 1st through 3rd placement ribbons and individual title ribbons. The turtle award lives on, too, and is provided this year courtesy of Terrapin Beer Co.

FACILITY

Teams can set up crating in their assigned areas between 4 and 8 p.m. Friday. The Hancock Avenue entrance at the north side of the building will give you street level access to the competition area. The entire North and South Hall are carpeted, so please take whatever steps are appropriate for your situation to prevent damage.

As was the case last year, The Classic Center will keep the building cool and comfortable for racing. Thermostats will be set to 71 during racing and a few degrees higher during dog sitting. You should not require fans or other supplemental cooling units. There are not many power outlets readily available, and we have not requested extra. We can keep things much cooler if people will exit through the main hall area by the escalators when taking their dogs out.

EVENT SCHEDULE

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Building Opens/Check-in	6:15 a.m.	6:15 a.m.
Measuring/Box Check	7:15 a.m.	NA
Captain's Meeting	7:40 a.m.	NA
Racing	8:00 a.m.	7:30 a.m.
Lunch	Break after 60	No Break

Check-in will be at the ring control table between the runback areas of the two rings. The clipboards located there have the class and division marked on their tops. Please locate your clipboards and fill in the dog information before the captain's meeting so that we can verify all are complete while that meeting is in progress. You may check ring control Friday after 4 p.m. to see if the clipboards are available then.

Warm-ups will be two minutes through race 26 on Saturday and one minute thereafter. Competition resumes Sunday with race 126 and two-minute warm-ups through race 151. Thereafter, they are one minute apiece.

We will have a 30-minute break for lunch Saturday after race 60 for scheduling convenience, although most clubs should find it pretty easy to pickup food nearby during breaks in their racing schedules. Information on area dining will be available in the entrance to the racing area. So that we can get everyone on the road at a reasonable hour, Sunday we will not break for lunch. Please remember that downtown restaurants do not open until after noon on Sunday.

BESIDES RACING

Yappy Hour – Foundry Park Inn & Spa (within walking distance from The Classic Center) is offering yappy hour Friday afternoon from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the patio area of The Melting Point. Our club will likely be setting up, but we encourage you to enjoy this leisurely start to your weekend. Live entertainment is scheduled for Friday evening, and guests staying beyond 6 p.m. will be asked to pay admission for that event.

Dog Sitting – Participants will have the option of leaving dogs at The Classic Center Saturday evening up to 10:30 p.m. so that they can visit downtown Athens establishments without having to worry about violating hotel pet policies or being inconsiderate hotel guests. Cost per dog is \$3, with a \$10 per person maximum.

Raffle – A raffle returns to this year's Derby, operated by and for the exclusive benefit of the Grace Memorial Foundation. The organization provides financial assistance with medical procedures and routine care for dogs whose owners have demonstrated financial need. Grants are awarded to animal

shelters and rescue groups, as well. As a special project, this year the organization will provide an assistance dog to a blind or sight-impaired recipient. The raffle will include a loser's raffle as well. All tickets not drawn on the other prizes will be consolidated and one drawn for a prize not otherwise available at the raffle table.

This year we ask that you bring your own morning beverages. We regret that we are not able to provide the coffee, juices, sodas and water that you enjoyed at our beverage buffet in past years.

EMERGENCY VETERINARY SERVICES

The Animal Emergency Hospital
 7530 Macon Highway (N Main St.)
 Watkinsville, GA 30677
 706-769-0229

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Athens Regional Medical Center
 1199 Prince Avenue
 Athens, GA 30606
 706-475-7000

St. Mary's Hospital
 1230 Baxter Street
 Athens, GA
 706- 389-3000

Maps to area medical services are available at the ring control table.

PARKING MAP

Parking for Saturday's event will be in the surface parking lot to the north of The Classic Center (accessible from Hancock Avenue and bordered by black metal fencing) and in the parking deck to the east of Foundry Street. There is no charge for parking for our event.

Because of controlled parking for church services Sunday morning, Sunday's parking will be in the deck to the west of Thomas Street (leftmost red box below).

