

21st Annual Germanfest

Wiener Dog Dash!

Wiener Dog Races have become a common tradition at many Oktoberfests around the country for the obvious reason because the "wiener" or brat/sausage/snitzel is of German decent.

Last year the champion from the Milwaukee race came to our Guttenberg Germanfest with his blue ribbon around his neck expecting to take part in our festival's race. However, to their surprise, we didn't have a race. Actually, the committee had discussed the possibility of having a race last year, but didn't pursue it.

Therefore, this year we are excited to announce the 1st Annual Wiener Dog Race in the history of Guttenberg Germanfest! All owners of wiener dogs are encouraged to participate with their pets in what promises to be a "dog-gone" fun time!

The rules for the Wiener Dog Dash are as follows:

- 1. Wiener Dog Registration will take place Sat., Sept .24th at 600 Block in front of GEM.*
- 2. Whistle will sound and the races will start at 1:00pm.*
- 3. Participating canines must look like a dachshund.*
- 4. All dogs must be at least 4 months of age or older. Do not bring dog that is currently in heat.*
- 5. All humans are required to sign a consent and waiver releasing event sponsors and volunteers from all liability.*
- 6. Number of registrants will determine if semi-final is needed.*
- 7. The top 3 winners of the 2011 Wiener Dog Race Champion will receive a ribbon and prize.*
- 8. All dogs must have 2 people to race, on handler at the start line and one at the finish line.*
- 9. Treats, toy balls or stuffed animals may be used to entice your dog to the finish line. No Flashlights, laser pointers or throwing item down the track will be allowed.*

Cause for Dis-qualification:

Dogs must start the dash with all paws on ground, behind start line. Absolutely no throwing or tossing of the dog at anytime or you will be disqualified.

If a handler reaches across the finish line, participants must cross the finish line with all their paws before a winner will be determined.

Please keep pet on leash at all times until your time to race.

No arguing with judges or volunteers will be tolerated. All judges decisions will be final.

PLEASE NOTE:

It should be noted that our event in no way represents gambling or any kind of a professional racing event. It is purely for fun and enjoyment.

The track at these events is 35 ft or less, because Dachshunds are not meant to run long distances due to their special size. Though we want to provide fun and entertainment, our utmost concern is the dogs and their health. This event is to fun for and to allow "doxie" owners to get together, get to know each other, and celebrate the special breed.