

SAVE THE DATE! September 5, 2009

\$300 in prize money, plus jackpot!

First dachshund derby heat approximately 1:00 p.m.

Dear Prospective Dachshund Derby Participant,

We started something new last year and are carrying it on through at least this year! There is an entry fee of \$10 charged per animal. Five dollars of that money will be donated to Blue Buffalo Foundation for Cancer Research for dogs and cats. The remaining \$5 per dog will be added to the \$300 purse money and jackpotted to the first three finishers in the Derby! The winning dog will receive 50% of the purse. The dog that finishes in second place will receive 30% of the purse. And, the dog that finishes third will receive 20% of the purse. As in the past, the winner of each heat will receive \$25. Help us to help those finding a cure for canine and feline cancer.

We appreciate your interest in the Dachshund Derby at the California State Fair. We at Cal Expo look forward to meeting you and your Dachshund on Derby Day! To ensure that the event runs smoothly and is an enjoyable experience for all participants, **please read carefully through the entire information packet before mailing your entry.**

The **safety and well-being** of all canine participants **is of supreme importance** to us. Please note:

- You are the best judge of your dog's character. If your dog is aggressive towards people or other dogs, the "Derby" is not a suitable activity for your dog. Likewise, if your dog is overly nervous, elderly, or has a physical condition (arthritis, heat sensitivity, injury, etc.) that prevents him/her from normal canine activity the "Derby" is not a suitable activity for your dog.
- The weather is expected to be very hot on Derby Day. **AT NO TIME** are you to leave your animal in a motor vehicle. There will be a "Participant's Tent" located on the grassy area of the Racetrack which will have shade, water and snacks for your dog. After your dog competes, please take him or her to the tent to relax and have refreshments.
- If you do not wish members of the general public to pet your dog, please do not walk him or her in the crowd. The "Participants' Tent" and surrounding area is away from the public area, and will give you and your dog the privacy you request.
- As the Racetrack grandstand and the adjacent grassy area are public places, please be considerate and clean up after your dog. Baggies and a disposal container will be provided for this purpose.

Good luck & see you on Derby Day!

Sincerely,
CALIFORNIA EXPOSITION & STATE FAIR

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