

## **2019 MOORESVILLE WIENER RACE**

### **Information, Rules & Regulations for Race Date Saturday, October 12, 2019**

#### **An Event Organized & Presented Under the Mooresville Downtown Commission**

All Wieners are required to be classified as a Dachshund breed to be eligible to enter and must register for the Event using an official MWR registration form executed by the dog's owner to acknowledge their willingness to abide by the rules and regulations contained herein. Failure to do so may result in disqualification and forfeit of the \$25 entry fee.

Registration is limited to the first 180 qualified entrants with registration entry forms and fees received no later than Wednesday, October 9, 2019. No new registrations will be accepted after that date or on race day.

All Wieners must have their shot records posted on the registration form accompanied by a verifying copy from their veterinarian's office. (Distemper, Rabies, Parvo, Bordetella)

Check-in begins at 9:30am the day of the Event. The first heat goes off at 11:00am. All Wieners must check in at the registration desk and pick up their starting number prior to the start of the first race of the day. Heats will be run by numbers as issued on a "first come first served" basis via receipt of the official MWR entry form and fees.

Heats will be run per division until there is a winner before moving on to the next division.

The Wiener Race is a charitable Event organized to help raise awareness and donations for local animal advocate groups and to have fun doing so. As such, none of the following will be allowed: No political campaigning, no selling of animals of any kind, no possession of firearms on site or consumption of drugs or alcohol (other than beer sold at the Event) and no gambling.

All Wieners must be controlled by their owner by virtue of a leash or portable kennel while at the Event except for when they are racing. Any Wiener with a short fuse, aggressive demeanor or tendency to snap or bite must be muzzled for the well being of Event staff and other participants.

All dog owners are responsible for insuring the health and well being of their Wiener and must provide their own food, snacks and/or medications. There will be no medical assistance available other than EMS via a 911 call. Water for Wieners will be available for quenching at the tented hydration station.

All owners will be responsible for clean up of waste from their own Wiener or accompanying animal.

## Race Day Events:

- Puppies ~ (4 months -1 yr) - race track to be 25 feet in length (no pups under 4 mos allowed)
- Juniors ~ (1 – 5 yrs) - race track to be 35 feet in length
- Adults ~ (5 – 10 yrs) - race track to be 35 feet in length
- Seniors ~ (10 yrs & older) - race track to be 25 feet in length
- “Best Dressed” Contest
- “Cutest” Contest
- Trophy Awards per Division
- Raffle for Vendor Gift Donations & 50/50 Prize (Participants must be present to win/claim their prize)

The number of entries received will determine the number of heats for each division. The total number of entrants will be limited to the first 180 qualifying applicants. Each heat will consist of 6 dogs racing each other. The winner of each heat will advance to the semi-finals and from the semi-finals an ultimate division winner will emerge. The winner of each heat will receive a certificate of achievement. The winner of each division will receive a trophy. The winners of the “Best Dressed” and “Cutest” contests will each receive a trophy.

Heats will be run every 10-15 minutes and organized in numerical order. Please be ready to come to the starting box with your Wiener as soon as you hear your number called. If it takes 10 minutes to run each heat, that means we can accommodate 36 entrants per hour. Accordingly, if it takes 15 minutes to run each heat, 24 Wieners will race per hour so please ensure you are ready to go with your Wiener as soon as your heat is called. For example, the first race will be the puppy division and will start with numbers 101 thru 106. The second race will be run with puppy entrant numbers 107 thru 112 and so on and so forth using the next six numbers. If we have 36 puppies enter, it will take approximately 1 hour to run thru the heats and determine a winner for the division. If more than 36 pups are signed up, obviously it will take more than an hour to determine a division winner. The winner of each puppy heat will need to remain available for the final division race and so if your Wiener is the winner of his/her heat, you may be waiting for the rest of the division to run before you are called back to the starting box. If you leave the Event for any reason and are not present at the starting time for the final race of your Wiener’s division, you can be disqualified as a “No Show”. Certificates for heat winners will be awarded after each heat. Trophies for division winners will be awarded at the end of the Event along with the raffle. If the total number of 180 entrants participate, the Event could take 5 to 6 hours before we close with the awards ceremony, so please be advised accordingly.

The race arena will consist of a starting block/box, staging area and a track of 25 to 35 feet in length depending upon the division running. Each entrant will be required to be controlled by his/her owner in the staging area and then placed in the starting block/box. At the starting sound, the gate will be released and Wieners will head for the finish line.

Owners can encourage or coax their Wieners to the finish line using treats and/or favorite toys however no contact with your dog is allowed while they are on the track in race mode until they have crossed the finish line or a winner of the heat has been proclaimed. Only owners of Wieners who are running in the current race are allowed on the track during each race and are limited to two handlers per dog (a “releaser and a “catcher”). The designated “catcher” for each Wiener team must remain at least 5 feet back from the finish line and is not allowed to cross the finish line or reach on to the running track area to physically touch their Wiener in an attempt to assist him/her in completing the race until such time as a winner has been declared. No lights of any sort or throwing of objects onto the track will be allowed to entice Wieners to run. In the event of a tie during a qualifying heat, a secondary run of the two involved contestants will be run immediately thereafter. In case of a “photo finish”, determination of a winner will be in the sole discretion of race officials.

At the end of each heat, owners must retrieve their Wiener from the track as quickly as possible in order to clear the area for the next heat.

Race officials will select a panel of judges to participate in the various specifics of each contest. “Best Dressed” and “Cutest” contestants will be reviewed during the day and should be brought to the judges viewing stand when the announcement for final judging is called. Arguing with or yelling at judges, race officials, volunteers or Event staff is not allowed and infraction thereof could be grounds for disqualification and/or banning from the Event.

**DO NOT** leave any animals in you car while attending this Event!!! Proper authorities may be summoned should it be deemed any animal is at risk for its health.

This information as well as rules and regulations are subject to change as may be deemed necessary in the sole discretion of the Event organizers.

By virtue of participation/entry in the Mooresville Wiener Race, entrants acknowledge they will abide by the rules and regulations set forth, inclusive of providing proof of each dog’s vaccinations, and waive, release, indemnify and hold harmless the Mooresville Wiener Race organizers and staff, the Mooresville Downtown Commission, all sponsors, vendors and competitors for any injury or damages that may be sustained to themselves, their dogs or invited guests as a result of participation and/or attendance at this Event and hereby give permission to the race organizers for free use of any pictures or likenesses of themselves and/or their dogs in publications, broadcasts, newsletters, websites or any other medium race organizers may find appropriate to publicize the Event and/or results.

For any other questions related to this Event, please contact Megan Meiran @ 610-223-1932 or Tom Kilroe @ 704-562-6427