Wiener Dog Races
Saturday, October 21, 2017
Races begin at 10:00 am

Early Registration for each dog entry is $20.
Day of Race: Registration for races will be $25 per entry.
Registration from 8:00 am—9:45 am.
All entries need to check in at the Registration Tent by 9:45 am.
Please make checks payable to:
Vermilion Chamber of Commerce
1907 Veterans Memorial Drive
Abbeville, LA 70510
337-893-2491
lynn@vermilionchamber.org
Event Location:
Quality Sports Authority
12725 North Road
Erath, LA 70533

Wiener Dog Race Registration Form

Wiener's Name _____ Name of Owner _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Breed: _____ Wiener's Age: _____ Male ☐ Female ☐

Name of Catcher (at finish line): _____

Name of Releaser (at start line): _____

Registration for race—$20.

☐ Cocktail Wiener Race (race is 50 feet in length, and open for Wieners under 1 year of age.)

☐ Ball Park Frank Race (race is 100 feet in length, and open to any Wiener 1 year of age to 9 years of age.)

☐ Hot Dog Race (race is 50 feet in length and open only for Wieners 9-years of age and older.)

☐ Wannabee One (race is 50 feet in length, and open to any Wannabee Wiener under 20 pounds.)

☐ Wannabee Too (race is 100 feet in length, and open to any Wannabee Wiener over 20 pounds.)

Registration for Costume Contest and/or Games only—$5. (Open to all breeds!)

☐ Costume Contest   ☐ Musical Loops   ☐ Pooper Scooper Race   ☐ Dog Obedience   ☐ Longest Wiener

Wiener Dog's Hobby: _____

Method of Payment: ☐ Check   ☐ Bill Me   ☐ Visa   ☐ MasterCard

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

Wiener Dog Race Schedule of Events

(Awards for winners will be presented after each race.)

- Registration of Contestants: 8:00 am—9:45 am
- Cocktail Wiener Race
- Game—Musical Loops
- Wannabee One Race
- Game—Pooper Scooper Relay
- Hot Dog Race
- Wannabee Too Race
- Costume Contest
- Ball Park Frank Race

Souvenir T-Shirt Order:

Place your advance order for your souvenir t-shirt order. Orders must be submitted with payment by Wednesday, September 7.
T-shirts $20. Sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL.

Quantity	Size	Total

General Rules

- Must be a Wiener Dog or a Wannabee Wiener Dog – This does not mean they have to be AKA registered. If their shot record from the vet indicates the breed is a dog , - then it is a Wiener or a Wannabee.
- Please be sure your dog has had all required shots for it's own protection.
- All dogs must be of at least 4 months of age or older.
- You may bring your dog's favorite toy.
- All dogs must be on a leash and will be asked to leave if unruly.
- Owners are required to cleanup their dog's accidents. Plastic bags available.
- Dogs and owners should be on their best behavior (i.e. no fighting or biting).
- Only two handlers in the race area per dog - one at start and one at finish line.
- No waving blankets or other large items. Squeek toys and small dog toys are allowed.
- Races will be run in heats with the winner of each heat racing against the other heat winners in their division.
- Dogs not involved in the race and parade are not permitted within the race area.
- No selling of puppies or adult dogs of any size or breed.
- No wagering on races permitted.
- Organizers are NOT RESPONSIBLE for dog bites.

Race Rules

- Each dog requires a two person team to race: the Releaser (at the start line) and the Catcher (at the finish line). Catcher & Releaser must be 18 or older or accompanied by a parent or guardian. You must have a Catcher and Releaser to participate.
- Dogs must remain on a leash until time to race.
- Racing distance will be between 50-100 feet.
- People are not allowed in the racing lanes. The dogs only run from start to finish.
- The Catcher may use various means to entice their dogs to the finish line—favorite toy, food, etc. Nothing can be rolled or thrown in the racing lane. (i.e., releaser may not roll a ball down the lane for the dog to chase)
- Races are run in heats of 4-6 dogs. Winner of each heat advances to the next race.
- All pre-registered dogs will be entered into heats with other dogs of similar age.
- Day-of registrations will be placed into heats on a first come, first serve basis.
- Decisions of race judges are final.

How to Train for the Wiener Dog Races

1. Practice using a word for treats, such as "yummy" or "cookie," make sure your wiener/wannabee knows that word well and gets excited when he hears it and of course, gets rewarded with a treat every time you say the word. Repeat this word for several weeks prior to a race, if possible. At the race, simply stand at the end of the track and call out, "Hans, cookie!" You should then see those little legs come running straight for you.

2. Start slow and go small distances. Place one person at one end of your home track and another at the other and toss out a ball or squeak toy. The person at the start should then run alongside the dog. If/when your wiener/wannabee runs for the object, praise lavishly, using their name a lot and if they make it from one end to another, give them a favorite treat.

3. Increase the praise and treats if your wiener dog starts to trot. And if he/she makes it from one end of the track to the other, provide more praise and more treats. You won't normally give them this many treats, of course, so they'll understand this is a special activity. Wieners/wannabees are highly motivated with food and they'll "get" the game quickly and should run well if they know it's for a treat.

4. Let your wiener/wannabee run around alone in your (fenced) backyard; then you should suddenly appear on the back porch. Stand and call them and every time they come, give them a treat. For some dogs this will be sufficient, so when you're at the races, place yourself at the end of the track and call to them in the same fashion.

5. Slip a treat into your pocket right before your wiener/wannabee dog is placed into the "race box." Make sure she sees you do it and then walk the length of the track and make sure they see you moving forward. Shake your pocket every once in a while and say the word, "Treat. Yes, Gretel, a treat.