## A Few Simple Rules:

- Anyone can bring their dog to an event to compete, either by pre-registering through our website or registering onsite on a first come first serve basis.
- The dog must be AT LEAST 6 months old, and handler must be AT LEAST 7 years old to compete or practice.
- No pushing, shoving or throwing the dog in the water, it must go in willingly!
- Poop and scoop or clean up is mandatory.
- When at a DockDogs® event all dogs must be on a 4' leash, 8' away from other dogs at all times. Or in a crate within the kenneling area.
- There is a handlers meeting 30 minutes prior to each wave you are participating in. If you are not in attendance at the meeting you will be scratched from the wave and you will not be refunded your entry fees.





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# DockDogs® 101



Welcome to the DockDogs® Family!

DockDogs® has a zero discrimination policy. We welcome any breed, any mix, any size to come out and join our Dock Diving® family!

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Included in this brochure are some of the basics when it comes to DockDogs®. If you have any questions feel free to ask any of the DockDogs® Event Staff, or grab a nearby DockDogs® competitor and they will be happy to answer any questions you might have!

#### What is BIG AIR®?

Big Air® is a "long jump for dogs". The dog, which may be placed anywhere on the 40' dock, runs & jumps into the water after a throw toy. The distance



is judged from the end of the dock to where the tail set of the dog breaks the water's surface.

#### **What is SPEED RETRIEVE®?**

Speed Retrieve® is a "timed event". At the far end of the pool a bumper toy is suspended 2" above the water with a starting indicator light above it. The dog is then placed at the 20' white starting mark



on the dock, when the light turns green the handler releases the dog, the time clock stops when the dog has pulled the toy from the Speed Retrieve bracket.

#### What is EXTREME VERTICAL®?



Extreme Vertical® is a "high jump" for dogs. The dog starts off at the 20' mark on the dock & jumps up to grab a bumper toy extended out 8' from the end of the dock over the water. The starting height for Extreme Vertical® is 4'6" & goes up in 2" increments as competition progresses.

#### What is IRON DOG?

Iron Dog is similar to a triathlon. Dogs that are registered as an Iron Dog, will have their best score in each of the three disciplines from the event (Big Air®, Speed Retrieve®, Extreme Vertical®) calculated from a points table. The goal is to achieve the highest total points.

## How do I sign up to participate in DockDogs®?

There are two ways to register for an event. You can either pre-register online through our website or you can register onsite at the event. There is a discount for teams that pre-register online and it also guarantees you a spot in the waves you would like to enter. Youth Handlers receive discounts for Big Air Waves through either form of registration!

The Competition fees are as follows:

	Pre-Reg	
Discipline	(website)	Onsite Fee
Big Air— Adult	\$25.00	\$30.00
Big Air—Youth (7-15 yrs)		
Speed Retrieve	\$25.00	\$30.00
Extreme Vertical	\$25.00	\$30.00
Iron Dog	\$25.00	\$30.00

#### Where do we hold events?

DockDogs® holds events across North America and even overseas including England and Australia! For a full list of all of our upcoming events, please visit our Events Calendar at www.dockdogs.com.

#### **Sanctioned Training Facilities!**

New for the 2012 season, DockDogs® has implemented Sanctioned Training Facilities. There are currently 6 facilities, and this program is rapidly growing. Each facility will host 2 National Events a year, and up to 2 Club events a year! Check out the Sanctioned Training Facilities list on our website!

### How do I get involved in DockDogs®?

You can either attend an event or you can join a local DockDogs® club. DockDogs® has almost 40 clubs & is expanding across the World. Clubs are a great way to get started in DockDogs®! To see a full list of all of our clubs please visit our website.

#### What is a Handler ID?

A Handler ID is a unique number assigned to each competitor (Handler) which incorporates all dogs that they compete with. This ID number will allow Handlers access to all online pre-registrations and membership renewal.