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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

YOUR DOG CAN BE CROWNED ROYALTY AT THIS YEAR'S DOGGIE DASH 'N SPLASH FEST

XENIA, OH – The 3rd annual **Doggie Dash 'N Splash Fest** is returning to Greene County on Saturday, August 23, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds Recreation Center, Mullins Memorial Pool and Scout Burnell-Garbrecht Dog Park located at 210 Fairground Road in Xenia. This day-long festival pays tribute to our dedicated and loveable four-legged friends featuring activities, pet-related exhibitors and services, pet product samples, food for humans and canines, land and water games, canine demonstrations, open swimming for dogs only, a silent auction, goody bags while supplies last, a pet psychic, pet micro-chipping, and much more for the whole family.

For the second year in a row, royalty will take center stage at 11 a.m. at the event with the crowning of the 2008 Doggie Dash 'N Splash Fest Canine King and Queen. 2007's King Sam, a German Shepherd, and Queen K.T. Didit, a Pembroke Welsh Corgi, will be on hand to assist with the ceremonies.

Dog owners are invited and encouraged to submit a photo of their dog(s) for the contest. All entries will be posted online at www.dashsplash.com as they are submitted and the public can then vote for their favorites. Entries are \$5 per dog and votes are \$0.25 each. **The deadline for all photo submissions for the King & Queen contest is August 18, 2008.** The top 5 female dogs and the top 5 male dogs will be notified on August 21 that they are part of the Royal Court and will be asked to be present for the crowning of the top male and top female dog at 11 a.m. on the day of the event. Be sure to visit

www.dashsplash.com for all contest rules and deadlines, as well as to vote for your favorite dogs!

All well mannered dogs are welcome to attend Doggie Dash 'N Splash Fest with their owners; retractable leashes are prohibited. Admission is free to the public, however, a \$5.00 parking donation will be suggested at the gate. All proceeds from this festival will benefit the Scout Burnell-Garbrecht Dog Park. This event is being sponsored by WHIO-TV 7, MIX 107.7 FM, Nutro, IAMS, PetSmart, NewPage Corp., River Valley Credit Union, Jack's Aquarium & Pets, Baker-Hazel & Snider Funeral Home & Pet Crematory, Banfield – The Pet Hospital, Pet Butler, Propac Pet Food, and Frosty Paws. For more information on the King and Queen contest or the Doggie Dash 'N Splash Fest, please call Greene County Parks at 927-562-7440 or visit the event web site at www.dashsplash.com.

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