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### DOGGIE DASH 'N SPLASH FEST ANNOUNCES HIGHLIGHTS AT THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL

**XENIA, OH** – The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual **Doggie Dash 'N Splash Fest** is scheduled for Saturday, August 23 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds Recreation Center located at 210 Fairground Road in Xenia and has many highlights planned for the day.

The festival pays tribute to our dedicated and loveable canine friends featuring activities, pet-related exhibitors and services, demonstrations, concessions, canine land and water games, pet micro-chipping, pet psychics, a silent auction, and more with fun for the whole family. Some of the special highlights include the return of the Southern Ohio Flying K9s Disc Dog Club, the Buckeye Search and Rescue Dogs, as well as the Gem City Dog Obedience Club.

The Southern Ohio Flying K9s Disc (Frisbee) Dog Club is the only disc dog club in Ohio. Starting with a mere 8 members, the SOFK9s has grown to nearly 50 strong and provides members with monthly training sessions, weekly play dates (April-Oct), access to clinics, and 4 competitions per year. Having fun with your dog and building the dog-human bond are the primary goals of the SOFK9s, as well as promoting pet rescue and adoption through the multiple performances and demos they perform each year. They will be performing at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. the day of the festival.

A new addition in 2008, the Buckeye Search and Rescue Dogs is an all-volunteer non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation of dedicated canines and their handlers. Their mission is to help local, state and federal emergency services agencies locate missing people. This is achieved by the use of highly-trained scenting dogs that are able to detect and discriminate the distinctive scent signatures every person leaves behind. The organization is committed to educating the public about canine search and rescue, as well as steps they can take to enhance their survivability in an emergency situation. This group will be featured at the festival at 12:30 and 3:30 p.m.

Finally, the Gem City Dog Obedience Club will again provide their agility equipment and expertise to assist novice owners in learning the sport and fun of canine agility. Gem City Dog Obedience Club was established in 1967 by a group of individuals with previously acquired skill in dog training. Their goals for the club were to:

- train individuals to train their own dogs
- promote sound and responsible dog ownership
- make better citizens of our dogs in our communities

Continuing and broadening those initial goals, GCDOC has now reached a membership of over 200 and is considered one of the best training clubs in the region. The club has established classes to guide students through all levels of competitive and non-competitive training and participates in a variety of events throughout the region. The agility course will be available throughout the day with scheduled demonstrations at 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. during the festival.

For more information on the festival, contact Greene County Parks at 937-562-7440 or visit the festival website at [www.dashsplash.com](http://www.dashsplash.com). All festival proceeds benefit the Scout Burnell-Garbrecht Dog Park. Admission is free to the public with a \$5.00 parking donation requested at the gate.

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