

PLEASE READ – THIS WILL BE THE ONLY MAILING. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT YEAR OF RACING THOSE WEENIES. SEND IN APPLICATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, PLEASE!

Please note that the race this year will be on Saturday

Running of the Weenies 2012

General Information

The 17th Annual “Running of the Weenies” races are sponsored by the Germantown Animal Shelter in conjunction with the Germantown Festival. The date for this year has been set for Saturday September 08, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. After a year off, the doxies can put on their finery again and enter the Best Dressed Hot Dog contest. This will precede the races.

The festivities will begin at 2:00 starting with the Best Dressed Hot Dog contest. The races will be held in the Germantown Horse Show Arena and will begin at approximately 2:30.

An entry form is attached to this mailing. YOUR WEENIE MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED. The DEADLINE for receiving your application and payment is Thursday, September 06, 2012 at 3:30. After that time, no more applications will be accepted. There is NOT a sign up on the day of the races. As always, the race participants will be on a first come, first serve basis. There will be 10 heats with 10 dogs in each race with a first place winner only. The Grand Weenie race including all first place winners (10 total) will have first, second, and third place awards. We do not have categories (i.e. weight/long hair/short hair, etc.). A fun run will be held for those who are not officially entered at the end of the Races.

On Race Day

Please try to be checked in by 2:00 (by 1:30 if dog is entered in the BDHD contest). When you check in, you will receive an embroidered WEENIE RACES 2012 bandana, your dog's number if entered in the BDHD contest, race instructions, info on the distribution of the prize money, and your heat number. The bandanas are color coded with your dog's name on the entry sheets. PLEASE DO NOT SWITCH BANDANAS!! This is the way we identify the dogs. Your dogs will be placed in separate races if you are entering more than one.

Please line up at the west gate of the arena by number at 1:40 for the Best Dressed Hot Dog contest. There will be a first, second, and third place winner. The dogs will take a short stroll around the Arena for all to see.

When the beginning of the first race is announced, the entries for the second race should make their way to the sidelines (near the west gate). You should have a person at the starting line to urge your dog forward and a person at the finish line to coax the dog over the line. You can dangle anything, call out pet names – whatever gets their attention. HOWEVER, you may not cross your designated line or pick up your dog until a winner is declared.

If you have any questions, please call Gina Lucchesi or Bethany German at the Germantown Animal Shelter – (901) 757-7358 or Cathy Glavas at 759-0846.

The entry fee is \$35.00 per dog for the race and \$10.00 per dog for the “Best Dressed Hot Dog” contest. Make your check payable to The City of Germantown Animal Shelter and mail application with your check to:

**Gina Lucchesi or Bethany German
Germantown Animal Shelter
7700 Southern Avenue
Germantown, TN 38138**

NOTE: We will be selling Weenie Race t-shirts prior to race day at the Germantown Animal Shelter. You can also purchase them starting at 12:00 noon the day of the race at the Weenie Race check-in table, in the pavilion north of the race arena, and at the Germantown Animal Shelter booth at the festival. The child size t-shirts will sell for \$10 and the adult size t-shirts will sell for \$12.

This is to acknowledge a donation was received by the Germantown Animal Shelter from you. No gifts or services were given for the amount.

See you at the Races!!!!!!!!!!!!!!