

Ameri-Canine Idol

Presented By
 **TOYOTA**
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Rules & Regulations

EVENT RULES

- All dogs must be registered with Recreation Department prior to competing. Registration deadline is May 20 by 4:30pm.
- Pick up your doggie bag, bandana & t-shirt at the Information Booth from 9am-3pm on May 30.
- Dogs must be kept on a max 8 ft leash except when instructed by a competition coordinator.
- Pit bulls and designated dangerous dogs may not compete in the off-leash activities.
- No dogs in heat allowed at this event.

SCOOP THE POOP

- Dog feces is a health hazard spreading disease and parasites to other animals and humans. **You must pick up after your dog.**
- Pet waste bags will be available on site at Ameri-Canine Idol.

COMPETITION RULES

- Enrollment is required to participate in competitions
- Registration fee covers competition participation, doggie bag, dog neckerchief, & human T-shirt.
- Each dog enrolled in an event must have its own handler, handlers MUST be 16 years or older.
- Participants must be present during the entire contest to win grand prize.
- Contestants enter competition area by entry number. Pet owners wear the entry number.
- Prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in Doggie Dash events and Pet Showcase events.
- Grand prize will be awarded to the participant receiving the most overall points from all events combined. Multiple dog participants will receive a separate score for each dog.
- Point Values: Gold = 50 points, Silver = 25 points, Bronze = 10 points. **Receive 10 points for entering Poochpalooza fun run.
- Non-Placing participants will receive one (1) consolation ribbon.
- Participants will move to the prize table directly following each event.
- Competitions are for fun – No wagering is allowed.

POOCHPALOOZA FUN RUN/WALK WITH YOUR DOG - Begins at 10:00am

- No official times will be given.
- All dogs must be on a leash.
- Course map available at www.ci.kennewick.wa.us
- Race will begin and end at the Lampion Pits in Columbia Park, approx. 1 mile.
- All participants will receive a ribbon.

DOGGIE DASH RACING COMPETITIONS – 11:30-1:00pm Each dog may participate in ONE (1) of the following.

- **DACHSHUND DASH** – Open to dogs that are mostly dachshund. 15 yards
- **PUG LUG** – Open to dogs that are mostly pug. 15 yards
- **TEA CUP TROT** – Open to all other small dogs (approx less than 20 lbs.) 25 yards
- **MIDDLEWEIGHT MARCH** – Open to all medium breed dogs (approx 21lbs – 40lbs) 50 yards
- **BIG DOGS DERBY** – Open to all large breed dogs (approx 41lbs and up) 50 yards
- Dogs need two (2) handlers, one to hold the dog at the start and one to call the dog at the finish.
- Dogs are lined up and held until the go signal. The first dog to cross the finish line wins.
- If many dogs enter the competition, then heats will be held with the top first dog moving up to the next round.
- Winner of heats report back to the starting line. Final winners report to the judges and the prize table.

PET SHOWCASE – 2:00-4pm Each dog may participate in 4 of the following. See event schedule for times.

- **CATCHING** – Dog sits at one end of the ring and catches a tennis ball provided by the competition coordinator. Progressive throws are made from increasing distance (10 yd intervals). The winner is the dog who catches consecutively to the farthest distance.
- **MOST UNUSUAL TRICK** – Dog performs its single most unusual trick. Props are allowed.*
- **JUMPING** – Dog jumps or leaps from the ground. The winner is the dog who gets its rear legs the farthest from the ground.
- **BEST VOCALS** – Dog sings or howls into the microphone. Owner may use props or assist dog. Owner or master of ceremonies may hold microphone. Each dog will be given a limited time to compete.*
- **MOST TRICKS IN 30 SECONDS** – Each trick must be identifiable as something new.*
- **BEST SPOTS** – Dog shows off its spots.*
- **UGLIEST DOG** - Judges and audience vote on the ugliest dog, no props allowed.*
- **BEST DRESSED DOG** – Dogs parade around the ring in costume and then line up together. Owners are welcome to dress up with their dogs. Props are allowed. Multiple dogs can be entered as one entry if they fit a theme.*

***Winner is subject to judges' opinion. Judges decision is final.**