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**Dachshund Races  
 June 15**

**25th Anniversary Challenge Grant  
 Doubles All Donations!**



**Rescue the Animals, SPCA**

**\$50,000  
 CHALLENGE**

**Dachshund Races Thursday June 15**

**A bark, a cloud of dust, flapping ears, and flying feet ....**

If you love racing, forget about Ruidoso and Indianapolis, come to Dachshund Downs for the 14 th Annual Dachshund Races benefitting Rescue the Animals, SPCA.

Panting pooches, pounding paws, and towering trophies await on **June 15, 2023 at the Festival Gardens across from the Abilene Zoo** as we crown this year's Grand Champion Racer.

It's the most fun on four feet anywhere in the galaxy! Over 100 Dachshunds will be running, cavorting, sniffing, and bouncing over the race course.

Plus, we want to meet every Rescued Dog in West Texas at our **Rescued Dog Homecoming and Reunion** (open to all breeds) that is held just before the races start. This is one of the greatest family fun evenings anywhere! And it's FREE!

**We are racing to keep up with the soaring cost of saving lives...**

**Race Sponsors Needed!**

Our only income from the Dachshund Races is from our sponsors and other donations. Between inflation and the slowing economy, our feet are flying and our ears are flapping as we try to keep up with the cost of saving nearly 2,000 animals each year from kill shelters.

**All donations and sponsorships will be doubled as we race to meet our huge \$50,000 25th Anniversary Challenge Grant.**

**Can you be one of our Event Sponsors for the Dachshund Races?**

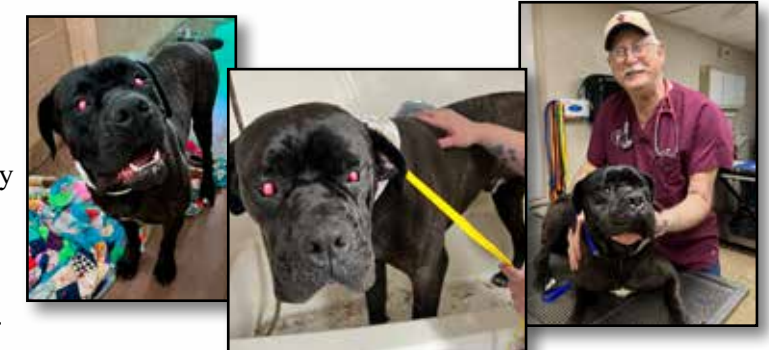
**Bronze Race Sponsor \$100  
 Silver Race Sponsor \$250  
 Gold Race Sponsor \$500**

**Diamond Race Sponsor \$1,000  
 Platinum Race Sponsor \$2,500  
 Super Dachshund Lover \$5,000**

Sponsors are the key to making our races a success, and keep the Dachshund Races a free family event for people, their kids, and dogs where they can have an entertaining evening.

**Hound of Hades or Teddy Bear?**

For months people near Abilene had been trying to catch a Mastiff, but he always ran off even when food was left. His eyes were bloody looking, his privates were too, and he was starving to death. Our friend Lindsey Reagan finally caught him, and brought him to us, where he suddenly became a big teddy bear and loved his bath. Dr. Allen Bolt repaired his "cherry" eyes that had looked like blood, and when he neutered him he removed a tumor on his scrotum. He's only two, and has a great life ahead!



Our litter of 8 puppies was found in a box on the side of the road.

A litter of 5 came from the pound in Ballinger, and more are arriving as puppy season is off to a really BIG start!

**From the Abilene Animal Shelter**

Our local shelter is full almost every day. We are working hard to take as many emergency cases as possible as well as sending every animal we can to a rescue group.



Shortly after receiving Blackberry, we found he had not one but two **fractured legs!**



Evee was pickup up by Animal Control on the shoulder of **I-20, inches from certain death.**

Selena was found by Animal Control up against the concrete gutter and unresponsive after being **hit by a car.** She loves her new mom!



Stacy had **heartworms** that were quickly dissolved by a quick infusion of cash (and medicine).



Ellen came to the shelter with a **HUGE hernia** that allowed her bladder to bulge out. Emergency surgery saved her.



We sent Drake and Muffin from the shelter to Dusty Puddles Dachshund Rescue in Lubbock.

**Help Us Win \$50,000 in our 25th Anniversary Challenge Grant!**

**Rescue the Animals, SPCA Mail to: 4620 North First, Abilene, TX 79603**

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# June 15, Dachshund Races & Rescued Dog Reunion at Nelson Park, June 15



## Free Admission! No Fee to Race!

Join us for a great summer evening on the lawn and in the shade at the Festival Gardens across from the Abilene Zoo. Pre-register or register on race day.

### 10th Rescued Dog All-Breed Reunion



This is the "Show" for every dog, not just the ones with papers! Come show off your rescued dog in the show ring before the Dachshund Races. Dress up and dress up your dog for our Costume Contest.

Our judges will have lots of trophies to hand out, and we want your dog to take one home. We're sure your dog will be a winner in at least one of these categories:

- Smallest Dog
- Tallest Dog
- Fat Dog of the Year
- Youngest Dog
- Oldest Dog
- Owner and Dog Look-a-Like Couple of the Year
- Best Costume
- Mr. and Miss Congeniality

*We will also pick a Homecoming King and Queen!*

#### Costume Contest for All Breeds!

Dress up along with your dog and be the talk of the Races. Super Hero? Politician? Movie Star? Disney Character? Bring out your dog's hidden personality and take home a trophy.



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5:00 Gates Open

6:30 pm Rescued Dog Reunion

7:00 pm Dachshund Races



### How To Register:

**Online registration:**  
[www.rescuetheanimals.org](http://www.rescuetheanimals.org)

**Register on race day at the event.**  
Gates open at 5:00 pm.

**Any Dachshund can race!**

All dogs must be current on shots and be on a leash at all times except when racing.

Each dog needs two humans! One person will be at the start line and one at the finish line.

The winner in each heat will move to the finals. The races should be finished by around 9:00 pm.

### Goofiest Dachshund Trophy!

During the races we will pick Dachshunds that act "Goofy" instead of racing. At the end, these dogs will "race" for the "Goofiest" Dachshund Trophy.