

2010 Gateway Dockdogs August Newsletter

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Hello Gateway Dockdoggers!

Past Events

- The Lincoln County Fair and the St. Charles County Fair were our two Club events this year, and they were both very successful thanks to great leadership and excellent volunteer work! The Lincoln County Fair had 100 more entries this year than last, and St. Charles had really good numbers too, so these have become high-quality events that are very well attended. We can all be proud of our club with these excellent events! Photos can be viewed at the following websites, www.extrainningsphotography.com for LCF and <http://stephaniesphotosgwdd.shutterfly.com> for some from SCCF.

Club Stuff

- There is a “Meet & Greet” @ Treats Unleashed in St. Peters scheduled for Saturday, Aug 21st for roughly the hours of 9am to 2pm. This is primarily a way of getting some more exposure for our sport and our club in the community. If you would like to help out by working a shift, please send an email to gatewaydockdogs@gmail.com. The address of that location is 310 Mid Rivers Mall Drive.
- Members-Only Practice and General Meeting planned for Sunday, Aug 29th @ Canine Country. Practice beginning @ 9am, with General Meeting to follow, starting around 11am. The club will be supplying hot dogs, etc. for lunch. Please bring your own non-alcoholic beverages to enjoy. We will be nominating candidates for these positions: Vice-President, Treasurer, Administrator (2-yr terms), and 2 Board Members (1yr terms). Please consider running, and/or bring your nominations to the meeting. If you can't attend, but would like to run for an office, send an email to gatewaydockdogs@gmail.com.
- Year-End Banquet is planned for Jan 8, 2011. Get together your dockdogs pictures and videos that you would like to have shared at the banquet and send them to gatewaydockdogs@gmail.com. Also start collecting items for the silent auction(s).
- Our current VP (retiring) Amy Cornell has started a new business, doing team and other customized items, including apparel. We congratulate her on this accomplishment and wish her the best in her new business!
- Nationals are coming in October! Who's going? The Club would like to have some idea of how many of us are planning on going. Please send an email to gatewaydockdogs@gmail.com with your intended plans. Thanks!
- Rules Committee Meeting is coming soon! If you have any suggestions regarding dockdogs rules, please let one of them know so they can discuss them.

Upcoming Events and Practices

- Member's Only Practice and General Meeting (mentioned above) @ Canine Country – Sunday, Aug 29th starting @ 9am.
- “Pool Paws Dog Swim” – Saturday, Sept 11th – 11am to 2pm - @ Alligator's Creek Aquatic Center in Civic Park, O'Fallon, MO. FUN event! Swim with your dog(s)! \$10/dog (1 or 2 people, \$3 ea. addl. person). Proceeds benefit the Missouri Alliance for Animal Legislation. Must bring written proof of rabies vaccination. Register the day of the event or in advance @ www.renaudspiritcenter.com, 636-474-2REC, or in person @ the Renaud Spirit Center. This is not an official Gateway DockDogs event, but we could certainly attend as representatives of our club and wear our club apparel. Hope to see you there!
- Practice – Sunday, Sept 19th @ Canine Country – Advanced 9-11am – Beginners 11am-1pm. Please RSVP to gatewaydockdogs@gmail.com to reserve a spot since space will be limited as usual.
- Please support our neighboring clubs' upcoming events
 - MoKan DockDogs event in Blue Springs, MO - “Fall Fun Festival” – Sept 17, 18, 19. Online registration is currently open and closes Sept 14th.
 - Heartland DockDogs event in Carterville, IL – “Southern Illinois Hunting & Fishing Days” - Sept 24, 25, 26. Online registration is currently open and closes Sept 21st.

DockDogs in General

- Support the “Jump for Becky” fund-raiser by going to DockDogs.com and purchasing a “Jump for Becky” T-shirt. They're \$20 each and the proceeds go to the BAARK Foundation for Becky's Fund. They are available in white, pink or gray, and come in just about any size you can imagine, but you'll have to act quickly because they're only on sale until August 27th, so hurry and order yours today! (Background: Becky Havlinek has been participating in DockDogs with her dogs, Autumn and Winter, for nearly six years and was inducted into the DockDogs Hall of Fame in 2008. She has a rare form of cancer and is facing open-heart surgery. This is an effort to help raise funds to help with the medical bills that she's facing.)

Stephanie Reid – President
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Matt Burke – Board Member

Now, go jump off a dock!