**Lovettsville Oktoberfest**

**Wiener Dog Races**

**Location:**

Wiener Dog Stadium, next to Town Hall at 6 East Pennsylvania Ave in Lovettsville, VA.

**Date & Time:**

Saturday, September 28rd

Check in at 1:45pm or Check in at 4:45pm

Races start at 2:00pm Races start at 5:00pm

**What to Bring:**

**Wiener Dog(s)** – Please make sure your dog is freshly watered, pottied & in a good mood. Please only enter your dog if he/she is full dachshund.

**Bait –** Your dog’s favorite toy, treat or human. Please do not use a dog as bait to avoid crowding & to keep the finish line safe.

**Release Form** –Form must be submitted via e-mail by 9/20. The first 32 eligible dogs will be accepted and placed into a timeslot (either the 2pm or 5pm race). Dogs will not be allowed to race without a signed form on file.

**Travel Bowl & Water** – Your dog will be thirsty after the race.

**Collar or Harness & Leash** – All dogs are to be on a leash & under your control prior to & immediately following the race to ensure safety.

**Poo Bags** – It’s always best to be prepared!

**Details:**

**Heats** – Multiple heats will be run in the race. The winner of each heat will advance to the next round until the grand prize winner is determined.

**Course** – The race course will be 40’ long and 5‘ wide. One handler will release the racing dog on command at the start of the race and a second handler will bait/encourage and capture the dog at the finish line.

**Fellow Racers** – Just like at a dog park or any other public area where dogs meet, there will not be a vaccination confirmation or spay/neuter requirements. If your dog has special needs (ie. In heat, showing signs of illness, etc.) please make the responsible decision.

**Don’ts** – The handlers will be set up 3’ from the finish line so the winner can be clearly determined. While arm reaching & waving is expected, we ask that you do not step over the handler’s line.

**Emergencies** - Dr. Knode of House Paws will be the “Official Wiener Dog Veterinarian” for the races should any veterinary emergencies arise.