

Show Off dog competition

Terms and Conditions

By registering for Second Chance Animal Sanctuaries' Show Off, you agree to abide by these terms and conditions of entry. On occasion these may be subject to change, therefore please refer to this document frequently so these are fully understood. Final printed copies of this document will be provided on the day of the event. By registering for the Show Off, you also agree to abide by any instructions or regulations displayed or given on the day of the event by organizers, property owners or other officials.

If you have any questions, please email the event team at secondchanceas@yahoo.com

Competition Entry Details and Fee

- Everyone who takes part in the Show Off must be registered. This can be done online (payment via PayPal or credit/debit card) or in-person at Second Chance Animal Sanctuaries, 725 Gee Rd., Tioga, PA 16946 during open hours (payment via cash or check only).
- The charge for taking part in the Show Off is \$10 for the first event before July 1, or \$15 after that date. Each additional event up to four (4) is \$5.
- Payment must be made at time of registration. Any entrants who register but do not pay by the show date will not be eligible to participate.
- The first 50 competition entrants will receive one unisex adult-size T-shirt and one matching dog bandana on the day of the event, both subject to availability. Additional shirts and bandanas may be purchased separately at the event.
- Children under the age of 16 participating MUST be accompanied by an adult.
- Participants may enter up to four (4) competition categories. It is the responsibility of the entrant to ensure that they and their dog are eligible and able according to category criteria, and that they are available to participate at the time of that category. If participating in categories at different times, entrants may leave event grounds and return.
- If you register but cannot attend, please inform the organizers as soon as possible by emailing secondchanceas@yahoo.com.
- Unfortunately, given the limited number of spaces, all entry fees are non-refundable.

General Competition Details

- The competition consists of 14 event categories grouped into four time waves (Wave 1 – 11 a.m.-12 p.m.; Wave 2 – 12 p.m.-1 p.m.; Wave 3 – 1 p.m.-2 p.m.; Wave 4 – 2 p.m.-3 p.m.). The exact time and length of each category depends on number of registrants and will be approximated and announced closer to the event date. Event organizers make no guarantees of the exact timing or length of each category.
- Participants must arrive at the event grounds at least 15 minutes ahead of

their event wave for registration. The exact location of events within the grounds will be provided at the event registration table. Participants may leave immediately after judging of their category.

- If a participant is late or misses their category, it may be possible, but is not guaranteed, that they may participate in another appropriate category within that wave, to be decided by organizers on a case-by-case basis. Registration fee is non-returnable for missed events.
- Any specific information and instructions given by any event organizers, property owners, emcees, judges or other officials must be adhered to and any decisions of any afore mentioned parties are final.
- Second Chance Animal Sanctuaries, the hosting organization of the Show Off, reserves the right to refuse or cancel registrations or alter the date, time and/or venue and format of any show for any reason without notice. Any liability to the participant will be limited to the registration fee. Registration fees are non-refundable if the event has to be cancelled or postponed due to circumstances outside Second Chance's control.

Welfare and safety

The following welfare and safety details apply to both competition participants and general event attendees.

- The organizers, including the hosting property owner(s), advocate a policy of responsible pet ownership. The health and safety of all dogs and humans taking part in the competition and attending the general event is our number one concern.
- We love and appreciate all dogs of all personalities and demeanors, but due to the nature of the event, only dogs that are well-adjusted to crowds, loud noises (Emcees on microphone, music, clapping, barking, etc.), other dogs, children and people in general should attend the event and/or participate in the competition.
- Dogs should not be forced to take part in any part of the competition if they are not happy doing so. If a dog(s) display anxiety, fear or other adverse behavior before, during or after participating in the competition, any event organizer, property owners, judges or other officials may ask owners to remove their dog for relief immediately. If a dog(s) cannot complete the competition category, it may or may not still be eligible for judging/prizes, to be decided by judges on a case-by-case basis. No registration refunds will be given if dog(s) or owners do not or cannot complete their category, even if asked to cease participation by event officials.
- Dogs should not be dressed up in costumes or any clothing that they are not comfortable with. Organizers or judges may ask owners to remove any costumes or clothing from dogs who are visibly uncomfortable.
- Dogs participating in the competition must be up to date on vaccinations, including rabies. Owners should bring vaccination records, which they may be asked to present at any time by event organizers.
- All dogs participating or attending the event (even those not registered for a competition category) must be leashed at all times, except for competition entrants participating inside the fenced yard. Dogs participating in competitions in the non-fenced tent area may be on long leads for the duration of their category participation.

- Owners are to immediately clean up after their dogs. It is the owners' responsibility to provide bags/tools to clean up after their dogs. Garbage receptacles will be provided at the event.
- Dogs are not to be left inside cars at any point while attending the event, including those participating in competitions or attending the general event. The owner of any dog observed inside an unoccupied car (running or not) for any length of time on event grounds will be located and asked to leave the event immediately.
- Due to the time of year of the event (late July), it is the owner's responsibility to attend to dogs' needs in the heat. Bulky costumes or clothing should be removed when not competing and dogs should have access to water and shade frequently. If event organizers observe any dog in obvious distress due to heat, owners will be asked to provide relief or to leave with their dog immediately, whether participating in the competition or not. Water stations will be provided throughout the event grounds.
- Event organizers, the property owner or other event officials reserve the right to remove a dog(s) from the competition or general event grounds if they are being aggressive toward another dog/human or are being disruptive to the competition, or showing signs of stress, anxiety, fear, illness or injury. This includes dogs not registered for or participating in the competition.

Disclaimer: By entering the Show Off, you are agreeing to take full responsibility for any injury or damage to and/or caused by your dog(s) and it is not the liability of the organizers, sponsors or property owner, including disappearance, theft, death or otherwise. You are fully liable for your animal should they cause any damage or injury. Any dog showing adverse behavior at the event will be asked to leave with no refund given.

Participation in this competition is deemed acceptance of these Terms and Conditions.