

# **Welcome Letter "Go Nuts with Mutts "X"**

## **Arrival Information**

**Friday, April 7th:**

**CAMPERS** (dry campers and partial hook-ups)

**1.** *If you arrive by 4:30 p.m.* go directly to the Fairgrounds Office to pay fees (\$25/night) and get your camping permit. (Located on Chance Ave., Gate #2) If you know that you will be arriving AFTER 4:30 p.m., please call ahead to Joanne at the fairgrounds office to pay by credit card. Her direct line is 559-650-3225. This will not reserve you a particular site (see #3 below) but make it easier for fairground personnel to collect fees on late arrivals.

**2.** Once fees are paid, or if you arrive *after* 4:30 p.m. enter the Fairgrounds parking lot via Kings Canyon, 2 gates east of Chance Ave. Look for "Mutts in Motion" signage. (If for some reason you are a late arrival and haven't paid fees by credit card, the fairgrounds personnel will collect your fees on Saturday.)

**3.** The RV spaces around the Industry and Commerce (I.C.) Bldg. are partial hookups of electrical and a few water hookups-(if you utilize the water, please make sure connections are tight so as not to waste water). All sites are technically first come first serve—however we will make every effort to accommodate all rigs and keep clubs together to the best of our ability. Most of the clubs will be in the same spots as last year – we have a good plan drawn out thanks to all the clubs that have already contacted our Camp Coordinators! If you haven't done so yet, please have one contact person from your club contact Carla ([carla@muttsinmotion.com](mailto:carla@muttsinmotion.com)) or Maria ([theskiwizard@gmail.com](mailto:theskiwizard@gmail.com)) with the following information:

a) Contact Person and Club Name b) Number and Type of Rig(s) (Trailer, Van, RV, etc.) c) Length of Rig(s) and d) Date and approx. Time you will be arriving. This will help us determine parking some of the bigger rigs and getting everyone in safely and efficiently. Also if you have any physical disability requirements, please let us know that too. The Fresno Fairgrounds may change their policies at any time with respect to areas available to us for RV parking.

**4.** Dry Camping: In the parking lot adjacent to the Industry Commerce Bldg., enter on Kings Canyon. Fees for dry camping or partial hookups are the same-- \$25.00/night.

**5. Full Hookups:** If you desire full hookups, you can make a reservation in the fairgrounds campground, which is a ¼ mile away or there are a few spots on pavement across the parking lot and a longer walk to/from the flyball venue.

*Bring your RV extension cords so we can utilize all available plugs.*

***Teams wishing to set up their crates on Friday can do so between the hours of 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.*** Contact our "Crating and Camp Coordinators", Carla Aguirre at (559)779-6667 or Maria Fermoile at (559)978-4834 for any questions or concerns. Our coordinators will be available beginning Thursday afternoon.

### **It's BACK – Friday Night "Rent a Ring" Racing!**

Your team can rent the ring for \$20 for 10 minutes! You may use the ring for whatever your dog/s need to practice. There won't be start lights, but the display clock will count down your time.

Signups will begin Friday afternoon, April 7<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30p.m. Ring time will start promptly at 4:00p.m. and run until 6:00p.m.

### **Unloading/Parking:**

**Saturday and Sunday, April 8th/9th:** Enter venue parking lot via Kings Canyon (2 gates east of Chance) beginning at 6:00 a.m. each morning. You will be able to park and unload directly outside the Industry and Commerce Bldg. The facility and parking lot will have 24 hour security and be locked by 9 p.m. each evening.

### **Lodging**

**Motel Reservations:** If you haven't made your reservations, go to our website for the complete list of motels and information about reservations to camp at the fairgrounds.

### **Directions to Fairgrounds/Industry and Commerce Bldg.**

**From the South:** North on 99, to Hwy 41 North, to Hwy 180 East, Kings Canyon. As you approach the Hwy 168 turnoff, (stay straight on Hwy 180) immediately take the Cedar Avenue exit #60B. At signal turn left (South) on Cedar. At the 4th stoplight, turn left (East) on Ventura, which immediately becomes Kings Canyon. Continue past Chance Ave. and turn right into the 2<sup>nd</sup> gate leading to the venue parking lot.

**From the North:** South on 99, exit Hwy 180 East, Kings Canyon. As you approach the Hwy 168 turnoff, (stay straight on Hwy 180) immediately take the Cedar Avenue exit #60B. At signal turn left (South) on Cedar. At the 4th stoplight, turn left (East) on Ventura,

which immediately becomes Kings Canyon. Continue past Chance Ave. and turn right into the 2<sup>nd</sup> gate leading to the venue parking lot.

**From the West:** Take Ventura and head east. As you cross Cedar, Ventura becomes Kings Canyon. Continue past Chance Ave. and turn right into the 2<sup>nd</sup> gate leading to the venue parking lot.

**From the East:** Take Kings Canyon and head west. After passing Maple, fairgrounds will be on your left. Make a U Turn and turn right into the 2<sup>nd</sup> gate leading to the venue parking lot.

## **Meals**

**Lunch:** Plan on bringing your own lunch as the fairgrounds currently doesn't have plans to set up a food booth this year. There are several restaurants and fast food restaurants nearby.

**10 Year Anniversary Fiesta Dinner Party:** Leave the cooking up to us -the party starts directly following awards on Saturday night! For a small donation of just \$5.00 per person, we will feed you with some local Mexican Food that you will love! Music, photo booth and a special dessert to top off our grand celebration. Please have your team captains or contact person sign up your team by following this link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0849a5ad2faafa7-mutts3>

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## **Tournament Offerings**

**Raffle:** Don't forget to save up for our fantastic raffle! We are honored to have received wonderful donations from businesses that support our mission: the training, demonstration, and competition of dogs in flyball as a means of educating the public on canine welfare and responsible pet ownership. Please take a moment to view our "2017 Sponsors" on our website and see the businesses that have *generously* donated to our event.

**Hospitality:** We will have the coffee brewing compliments of Starbucks and yummy bagels, pastries, chips, fruits and juices at the hospitality table donated from Uncle Harry's Bagels, La Tapatia, Wawona Foods and Trader Joe's to get your morning off to a great start. Look forward to welcome bags filled with donated goodies to share with your teammates.

**7th Annual Pet Food Drive:** We are proud to continue our efforts to help the elderly feed their pets. We will be collecting pet food donations for the local Fresno Madera Area Agency for Aging. If you would like to join our drive, please bring any sized – can or dried cat or dog food and take part in this wonderful community event. We will

offer raffle tickets *for anyone that has generously donated to this worthy cause!*

**Commemorative 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event T-Shirts and Tanks:** All pre-reserved event t-shirts and tanks must be picked up on Saturday morning at the Hospitality Table. We will have a small supply of these fantastic event tees and tanks on hand should you have missed our pre - "SignUp Genius". Don't wait until Sunday as they will be gone!

**Our Awesome Returning Vendors!** We have some fantastic returning vendors to our event this year. *Bethany is BACK* with "**Bethany's Art by Heart Photography**" – you may either book a personal sitting or peruse the hundreds of fantastic action shots she will be capturing in the racing lanes. Maybe one of Bethany's fantastic photos will be the special one you choose for a portrait of your dog? "**Sheila's Pet Portraits**" will again be offering her "day of tournament discount" when you commission a professionally painted pet portrait by this local artist. Be sure to stop by her booth to see some familiar "Mutts" portraits that Sheila has beautifully painted! Let's welcome back "**Running Dog Designs**" featuring a wide assortment of wonderful crate pads, collars, leashes and more. Tiffany is extremely popular on the flyball circuit - we suggest you visit her booth early in the weekend if you want to be able to go home with your new custom-made items. To beat the long lines at her booth, you can also go to this fb link to pre-order some items Tiffany has placed on sale. These items will *not* be offered at the tournament. Simply comment which item(s) you want and she will put it aside for you:

<https://www.facebook.com/RunningDogDesignsCratePadsandMore/>

*Make sure to find time in your busy day of racing to stop by and shop with our awesome vendors that have ALL generously donated to our raffle.*

### **Flyball Geek**

To assist with our 2 rings of racing schedule, we will be providing the ever popular "Flyball Geek". Simply access this program [www.flyballgeek.com](http://www.flyballgeek.com) from your tablets and smartphones to keep you updated on the status of our busy racing schedule.

### **Other Info:**

**Mats:** Please remember to trim your dog's nails for their safety and to help preserve the mats.

**Fairground Fountains:** Please do not allow your dogs to swim in the fountains. We will provide doggie pools to cool your pooches.

**Pick up after Pups:** So that we may continue to offer this great venue for many years to come, please take *extra* care to pick up after your dog. **Thank You!**

### **Emergency Info**

*24 hour Pet Facilities:*

FVSEC – Animal Emergency  
6606 N. Blackstone Avenue, Fresno, CA. 93710  
(559) 451-0800

Pet ER  
7375 N. Palm Bluffs Ave., Fresno, CA 93711  
(559) 437-3766

Veterinary Emergency Services  
639 N. Fresno St. (at McKinley) Fresno, CA 93703  
(559) 486-0520

*Emergency Hospital (People)*

Fresno Community Hospital  
2823 Fresno St., Fresno, CA 3721  
Phone: (559) 459-2328

### **Tournament Contacts and Information**

Any questions please contact our tournament director: Arlene Davis  
[dogzmom1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dogzmom1@sbcglobal.net) , her cell # is 559-577-9010.

**For more information, visit the “Go Nuts with Mutts”  
Tournament section on our website: [muttsinmotion.com](http://muttsinmotion.com) or  
stay connected by “liking our Fb page [facebook.com/  
muttsinmotion](https://www.facebook.com/muttsinmotion) or join our fb event page for any last minute  
event details:**

<https://www.facebook.com/events/748678705279600??ti=ia>

*Note: Neither Fresno Fairgrounds nor Mutts in Motion are responsible for any personal injuries or lost items.*

