



North Star Racing Annual CWA Firecracker Races



Dash Dog Racing will also be offered! See below for description and rules.

Please join us for a fun filled competitive weekend!

When: July 4 - July 5, 2020

Where: Fran & Barb Hearley's Place, 8145 W Broadway Ave, Columbus, MN 55025

Conformation Judges: Saturday – TBD, Sunday – TBD

CWA Meet Entry Fees: \$15 first dog, \$12 per additional dog

Dash Dog Racing Entry Fees: \$10 per dog (see description of Dash Dog racing at end)

Inspection: Inspection 8:30 am Saturday and Sunday

Send entries with checks payable to North Star Racing to:

Steve Shimer, 169 Goodrich Ave, St. Paul, MN 55102

Email or phone entries accepted, but need signed entry prior to inspection

highgrove@comcast.net 651-224-4034

Food and beverages (other than bottled water) will not be provided, please bring your own refreshments.

NOTE: We will be following attached COVID safety plan

Whippets must be pre-registered with CWA to compete in the CWA Meet

<http://www.continentalwhippetalliance.com/CWAregistration.pdf>

Directions to the Field: We are about ½ hour north of the Twin Cities on Hwy 35. Take the Forest Lake exit (Exit 131 - Hwy 2 / Broadway Ave), go west. Follow about 3 miles to our place on the right. It's a gray house on a small hill with a fenced yard. You can park on the driveway or in the small field between the pond and the hill.

Any hound loose on the racetrack not running the race in progress will be fined \$5.00.

Please pick up after yourself and your dog. Thanks!

Accommodations

Note: Please let us know if you have negative experiences with any of the hotels listed and we will take them off the list. Feedback from last year was that the La Quinta was decent. We do have space for RVs to park/camp on the driveway, too.

La Quinta Inn & Suites – 763-971-8000 - 7011 Northland Circle, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428

24 miles from racing site, no pet fee

Best Western Plus - 651-429-5393 - 4940 US Hwy 61, White Bear Lake, MN 55110

20 Miles from racing site, \$10/night pet fee, Pet limit 2, but they make exceptions for dog show/events so let them know you are coming for a local show/event.

AmericInn – 651-243-4596 – 38675 14th Ave, North Branch MN 55056

20 miles from racing site, \$30 pet fee per stay, limit 2 dogs, ask for pet friendly room

Best Western Plus Blaine – 763-792-0750 -10580 Baltimore St NE, Blaine MN 55449

17 miles from racing site, \$20/night pet fee, Pet limit 2, ask for a pet friendly room

Red Roof Inn, Roseville (RR1063) – 651-636-8888 - 2401 Prior Avenue North, Roseville, MN 55113

27 miles from racing site. Pet limit 2, but they make exceptions for dog show/events so let them know you are coming for a local show/event

Motel 6 Minneapolis North – 651-639-3988 - 2300 Cleveland Ave N, Roseville MN 55113

29 miles, no pet charge, pet limit 2

William O’Brian State Park - 651-433-0500 - 16821 O'Brien Trail North, Marine on St. Croix, MN 55047

19 miles from racing site, reservations needed

Veterinary Care

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South Shore Veterinary Hospital
380 W Broadway Ave
Forest Lake, MN 55025
651-464-4210

Emergency Veterinary Care

Affiliated Emergency Veterinary Services
11850 Aberdeen St NE
Blaine, MN 55449
763-754-5000

Dash Dog Racing

Dash Dog Racing is designed to provide a fun racing experience for whippets 8 months and older who are not ready or who are ineligible to race in CWA racing due to breed standard disqualifications, pedigree restrictions, or lack of an AKC registration number (such as rescue whippets). Dash Dog races will be run in between the regular CWA programs. Dash Dog racing is not available for dogs that have previously completed a CWA meet. The race secretary also has the right to refuse dogs that are known to be chronic foulers or interferers.

Dash Dog races will be run following the CWA rules (<http://continentalwhippetalliance.com/rules.pdf>) with the following exceptions: there will only be 3 programs with no more than 4 whippets per race, whippets observed to foul will be excused, not disqualified, and match racers are not eligible to participate in the Conformation match. Please use the CWA entry form for entries, but note “Dash Dog entry” prominently on the form.

Prizes will be awarded to match racers similar to CWA racers. However please note that Dash Dog racing is not sanctioned by CWA, and no titles are earned. We are offering it for the enjoyment of owners and their dogs.

North Star Racing CWA Event COVID Safety Plan

Due to the 2020 COVID19 situation, we will be implementing the following safety protocols:

- 1) Do not attend an event if you have a fever or any illness symptoms or have been in contact with anyone with fever or illness symptoms in the last 2 weeks.
- 2) Maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet, except for members of the same household.
- 3) We will have hand sanitizer available in multiple locations, but recommend you also bring your own.
- 4) We will not be providing pop, snacks, or lunch. Please bring your own food and beverages.
- 5) Bring a face mask (we will have a few extra available). You will be expected to wear a face mask anytime you might be within 6 feet of a person not from your own household.
- 6) We will be implementing the following specific protocols to maximize social distancing:
 - Facilities
 - Our bathroom will be available for use, please wear a face mask in the house and limit your access to the area from the front door into the bathroom
 - We will provide soap, paper towels, toilet paper, and sanitizer
 - We will be sanitizing the door handles and bathroom at regular intervals throughout the event
 - Inspection
 - The inspector and participant will wear a mask as the dog is inspected
 - You will be asked to show your own dog's bite
 - You will be asked to wipe your own bitches and show the inspection committee the tissue
 - Score Board
 - If you would like to watch the draw, stay 6' away from the secretary and other participants
 - We would ask that each person look at the score board one at a time and if possible, take a quick photo and move on so the next person can look at the results and draws.
 - Boxing
 - The box operator and participants will wear a mask as the dogs are loaded
 - Stay 6' apart as dogs are walked to the boxes and while waiting to load your dog
 - Dogs will be loaded one at a time in box order, please wait until the previous person is at least 6' clear of the boxes
 - Catching
 - Wear a mask to catch your dog
 - There will be no communal pools to cool off your dogs
 - Please wait until the person in front of you is done and 6' away before using the water hose
 - Line Judging
 - Do not congregate under the canopies set up for the line judges
 - A single line judge will be positioned on the line on each side of the track
 - A second line judge may be positioned 6' behind the first line judge or;
 - We will use electronic devices to act as the second and/or third judges
 - Conformation
 - Entries will be split up such that a 6' distance between participants can be maintained in the ring
 - Both the judge and the participant will wear a mask while the judge is inspecting your dog
 - The judge will use hand sanitizer between touching dogs
 - Awards
 - We will not be having a potluck lunch or providing any food or beverages other than bottled water
 - Participants will stay 6' away from others not in their household while rankings are announced
 - Trophies will be placed on a table and participants will go up to the table to take their prize one at time

Anyone not following the above rules will be asked to leave with no refunds for entries