

**GIT A LONG LITTLE DOGGIE RACE**

**2025 GUIDELINES**

REGISTRATION:

* Registration for the costume parade, race and combo will end at 4:45 p.m. on Saturday, May 31st. If you aren’t able to pre-register don’t howl in distress, simply show up but you MUST check-in by 4:45 p.m. at our judges stand south of the courthouse lawn.

SMALL PRINT:

* Okay so we admire Greyhounds as much as the next person, but fair is fair... only low-to-the ground dogs are allowed (approximately 13” tall) to race.
* We reserve the right to determine if a dog is of the right height to participate.
* You must be the registered owner of your dog.
* You must be at least 18 years or over to participate or have a legal guardian present. If necessary, a valid driver’s license may be required to show proof of age.
* Proof of veterinary shot records for all participating dogs must be provided at time of registration. We do not need a copy.
* Dogs must be on a leash at all times except during the race.
* Do you need to clean up after your dog? Uh, yes. While our volunteers are hard workers.... doo doo duty remains slightly outside of their job duties. Please clean up after your dog and bring your own “clean-up” gear.

RACE RULES:

* Dogs names will be called twice before the race. If they are not at the starting point at start of race, you forfeit the race. No refund given.
* Two people must be available during the heat/race; one at the starting point and the other at the finish line.
* Depending on the number of four legged participants, the races will be run in heats, with no more than 4-6 dogs at a time on the course.
* We are directionally challenged so it is your responsibility to ensure your dog is facing the right direction.
* Depending on the number of four legged participants, we will have two-three finishers advance to the next race, etc., until the finals. We will announce how many before the first race begins.
* You may use a toy, ball or treat to entice the dog, but you must stay at each other end until your dog comes to you. The toy or treat may not be thrown or tossed but can be bounced in front of you. Dogs that fly to one end or the other will be carefully checked for speed enhancing modification equipment.
* Prohibited items: loud devices, drones, laser pointers, electronic devices or anything distracting or harmful to other dogs.
* We ENCOURAGE your four-legged family member to be dressed in an outfit and points if the handlers are matched!
* Your dog may step out of bounds, but must re-enter and completely cross the finish line, within the boundaries, without being grabbed.
* If the dog is touched by either handler before crossing the finish line, he/she will be disqualified.
* We reserve the right to disqualify any pet/owner for behavior deemed inappropriate. Any dog that bites another dog, person or handler will not be permitted at the races. No refunds will be given.

Remember everyone operating the event are volunteers, so please be kind. All judges decisions are final.