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NC State College of Veterinary Medicine to Hold Annual Dog Olympics

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The North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine will hold its 15th annual Dog Olympics from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, on the college's campus, located at the corner of Hillsborough Street and Blue Ridge Road.

One of the attractions at this year's event will be a free microchip clinic sponsored by the Raleigh Kennel Club. Trained personnel will painlessly implant a microchip that can be scanned with a handheld device, which can help reunite a lost dog with its owner.

Dog Olympics is a charitable event open to canines of all breeds, shapes and sizes. Medal events include athletic and non-athletic competitions such as musical sit (similar to musical chairs), Frisbee toss, best beggar, doggie limbo, doggie high jump, longest tail, wiener toss, best trick, and a "roll over Beethoven" contest. Owners can join their pets for the dog and owner look-a-like competition. Winners will be able to select from a wide range of prizes, with first prizes valued up to \$100. A panel of volunteer judges from the faculty and staff of the College of Veterinary Medicine will select the winners.

The family day features exhibitors including Guiding Eyes for the Blind, numerous animal rescue groups, animal entertainers, a performing K-9 unit and other demonstrations, and refreshments for dogs and their human companions. Admission is \$1 for spectators and owners and \$5 for dogs; children 5 and younger are admitted free. The cost of admission covers an entry fee for one Olympic event, and each additional event is \$1.

Sponsored by the student chapters of the American Animal Hospital Association and the American Veterinary Medical Association, Dog Olympics helps raise money for the student chapters and for local animal shelters and humane organizations. Dog contestants must be at least four months old and current on vaccinations in order to participate. All dogs must be kept on leashes at all times.

In case of rain, Dog Olympics will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7. For more information call 919/513-6662 or visit: <http://www.cvm.ncsu.edu/conted/dogolympics/index.htm>

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