

## **2012 NW Challenge K-9 National Championship Fair Series Tour**

Western Region, United States

### **What is it?**

*Anyone with a Dog and a Ball can compete from first timers to our seasoned pros!*

This is a competitive K-9 Dock jumping national championship series that combines first time competitors with our elite “Rock Star” K-9 handler teams in 5 divisions and 4 sports! We will select 8 fair series hosts with the first round starting in June and the National Championship Finals finishing on Labor Day. Each round of the series (Fair host) is a qualifier for the national finals in September where we will crown a series point’s champion and a national champion. Three out of the eight fair hosts have already been confirmed and they are: Deschutes County Fair, Redmond, Or, Douglas County Fair, Roseburg, Or and the Oregon State Fair, Salem, Or host of the 2011 and 2012 National Finals.

### **What is the sport?**

**X-Treme Air** is a team dock jumping sport. Teams are made up of one dog and one handler. In the X-Treme Air event, handlers are allowed to throw a single, floatable toy into the water for their dog to chase. Each dog will have 2 attempts per wave and can enter as many waves as they like. To make the finals for the Pros we take the top 12 jumpers and the top 6 jumpers of the 4 lower divisions of the competition. Dogs can use the entire area of the 6ft high 40-foot dock before jumping into the water. Dogs are then electronically judged on their distance from the edge of the dock to where the base of their tail enters the water. First time jumpers are encouraged to participate. Teams are divided up into several divisions, from the little jumpers to the Pros. Winners from each division will take home a prize...and bragging rights, maybe even a National Championship!

**X-Treme Vertical** is a team high jump off the dock. Teams are made up of one dog and one handler. In the X-Treme Vertical event, a special bumper (toy) is suspended eight feet away from the end of the dock at varying heights. Each dog/handler team chooses a starting height, The semi-pro division for dogs jumping 5’11” and below and pro division for dogs jumping 6’0” and higher. Each dog will have 2 attempts at each height to grab or knock the bumper off the apparatus. If the dog makes the grab, they move on to the next height. If they do not make a grab in two attempts, then their score is the last height that they grabbed or knocked off.

**X-treme Retrieve** is a team dock sport. The team is made up of one dog and one handler. Each team will have 2 attempts at a time for the retrieve. The dog starts behind the 20-foot line on the dock. At the designated time, the handler releases the dog to retrieve the bumper that is suspended not more than 4 inches above the water at the opposite end of the pool. The time starts when the dog crosses the 20-foot mark on the dock, the dog runs down the dock, jumps into the water, swims and retrieves the bumper, turns around and swims back to the dock. The time stops when the dog reaches the specified mark line on the pool, before reaching the onramp to the dock.

**Give it a Try®** is our own program for new and local dogs jumpers who want to try dock jumping for the first time. We have a second smaller pool, shorter and lower dock for newcomers to get used to jumping into a pool. It gives every handler and dog team that wants to try a better chance to jump. What a great way to have fun and give a dog a job.

**X-Treme K-9:** Top dog in points of all sports (X-Treme Air, X-Treme Vertical , X-Treme Retrieve) for said event.

**Best Trick:** A fun way to entertain the crowd and show off your team-work. Winners determined by the crowd!

**The Series Championships** is high-energy family fun with an ESPN look where local competitors can also compete in one of 5 divisions or our new Give It a Try program for first timers! The NW K-9 Challenge National Championship Series is a 5 round series with the championship finals, round 5 hosted by the Oregon State Fair! Preliminary semifinal competition starts on the first day of the event with the finals of all 5 divisions on the last afternoon of the event! Rock Out in “Dog Town” where each dog for each jump gets a favorite high-energy classic rock or new country song! We experience standing room only crowds all during our series!

**What are the divisions?**

X-Treme Air: Long jump for dogs.

X-Treme Vertical: High jump for dogs Pro 6ft+ / Semi-Pro 6ft-

X-Treme Retrieve: a timed down and back retrieve for dogs in the pool

X-Treme K-9: Top dog in points of all events

Pro division: 20ft +

Semi Pro: 15 to 20ft

Amateur: 10 to 15ft

Novice: 0 to 10ft

Lap dog: 16” or less at the withers

“Give It A Try”™ For First Time Competitors

Best trick: Do I need to say more?