

# **ALL AMERICAN COLUMBUS PET EXPO**

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

**DATES AND TIMES OF THE EXPO:**

**MARCH 11<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> 2022**

**FRI. 12 NOON to 8pm**

**SAT. 10am to 7pm**

**SUN. 10am to 5pm**

## **TIME FLY'S WHEN YOU'RE NOT HAVING FUN!**

It seems like yesterday when the 2019 **ALL AMERICAN COLUMBUS PET EXPO** was held, then came our much awaited 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary show to be held on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> 2020. Who could have even fathomed that we would be told that we would not be able to hold our event, one day before we were to put it on? This order came after a week of pleading for the Governor to let us know if we could put on the show. After all, the ARNOLD had been held the week before without the public being able to attend. There were 3 cases of COVID at that time in Cleveland and 1 death.

We thought that because we were not an international show that we would most likely be okay. But alas, after setting up what has grown to be the largest public PET EXPO in the country in the 154,000 square ft Multi-Purpose Building on the OHIO EXPO CENTER grounds, we had to call 200 exhibitors, all our entertainment acts, the nonprofit and pet rescue groups, humane societies, and our staff to turn their trucks and cars around and stay home. Some had already arrived so we put them up in hotels for the night and told them we were sorry. We then proceeded to issue refunds individually to thousands that had bought discount tickets in advance and get on TV to announce to the public that the show would not go on.

Now for the brighter side of the story! The **ALL AMERICAN COLUMBUS PET EXPO** is back! Advance tickets have been selling briskly for weeks and everyone is excited about being able to finally attend our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary after being shut down for 2 years straight due to covid restrictions. The **ALL AMERICAN COLUMBUS PET EXPO** is also happy to announce that we are coming back bigger

and better than ever before! The **ALL ABOUT CATS EXPO** has been moved inside the main building with the rest of our three and a half acres of pet entertainment and vendors with everything from A to Z, new and healthy for your pet. Plus, the **25<sup>th</sup> MEGA PET ADOPTION** will also be a part of the **ALL AMERICAN COLUMBUS PET EXPO**, featuring over 20 pet rescues, humane societies, and non-profit organizations. They will be there with cats and dogs available for adoption, as well as supporting and educating the public on numerous important pet issues.

New for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the **ALL AMERICAN COLUMBUS PET EXPO** will be the addition of Lap Dog Races, next to the Running with the Wieners races, a Butterfly exhibit, tortoise exhibit, a 5000 sq ft COOL ZOO walk thru, A DOG PARK sponsored by RAISING CANES, and a second DOG LURING COURSE creating more fun for our furry friends that will be attending with their owners. Well behaved dogs are welcome but must check in and owners must sign a waiver for proof of vaccinations. Dogs must be always on a 4 ft leash except when participating in the many events during the 3 BIG DAYS!

SARA CARSON, a finalist on AMERICA'S GOT TALENT with her SUPER COLLIES will also be new in the main arena daily with her show. She will be having TRICKY K-9 CLASSES every day that include an autographed copy of her book, SUPER DOG TRICKS, a pass to the show for 3 days and more! Classes are almost sold out and available online at [www.columbuspetexpo.com/book-online](http://www.columbuspetexpo.com/book-online)

Our theme for the **ALL AMERICAN COLUMBUS PET EXPO** is **CELEBRATION OF THE FAMILY PET**. To amplify that we have all sorts of ways for you to celebrate with your pet at the show- here are the top ten!

**#1** If you have a Lap Dog, enter them in the **LAP DOG RACES**- all they have to do is run 60 ft from one owner to another enticed by calling or holding a favorite toy.

<https://www.columbuspetexpo.com/lapdograces>

**#2** If you have Dachshund, you can enter them in the **RUNNING WITH THE WIENERS RACES**- each dog is given a hotdog costume to compete in and the race is held with the same rules as the Lap Dog races on the same course

<https://www.columbuspetexpo.com/wienerraces>

**#3 DOG LURING-** For a fee of \$10. You will receive 8 to 10 laps on the course depending on the type of dog and age. The amount of allowed laps will be judged by DOG LOVER LURE COURSE managers who always take the health and safety of your dog as first priority. DOGS LOVE THE LURING COURSE!!

**#4 FRISBEE TRAINING** – Join the SOUTHERN OHIO FLYING K-9 team for lessons on how to achieve what their championship dogs have when it comes to catching a frisbee! Check the schedule on the website for daily times in the main arena

**#5 PET SUPPLIES PLUS – DRESS UP YOUR PET CONTEST** -held each show day in the main arena [www.columbuspetexpo.com/dressupyourpetcontest](http://www.columbuspetexpo.com/dressupyourpetcontest)

**#6 AMERICAS GOT TALENT'S SARA CARSON'S TRICKY K-9 CLASS-** Hurry only 10 dogs per show date will be able to take advantage of this great opportunity to learn how to perform great tricks! Book your slot today  
<https://www.columbuspetexpo.com/book-online>

**#7 DR. ELSEY'S AND TICA PRESENT the ALL ABOUT CATS EXPO**

Enter your cat in an official TICA judged CAT SHOW and compete for ribbons!  
<https://www.columbuspetexpo.com/allaboutcats>

**#8** Have your dog take the **AKC GOOD CITIZEN TEST** at the COLUMBUS OHIO K-9 Training booth <https://www.akc.org/products-services/training-programs/canine-good-citizen/>

**#9 Visit the IJA GROOMING COMPETITION-** watch and learn as professional groomers perform amazing makeovers on rescue pets!

**#10** Visit and meet with hundreds of other proud pet lovers and enjoy the company and the opportunity to see endless breeds of dogs, cats, birds and more in a casual and friendly atmosphere at the **GREATEST PET SHOW ON EARTH**, the **25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ALL AMERICAN COLUMBUS PET EXPO**. Want to make it an easy-going visit? Relax and grab our official show program and check out the entertainment schedule. Get lost in the largest PET EXPO in the country? NO WORRIES just visit one of the information stations located on your floorplan map in the official Show program and a real human will direct you where you want to go! More questions? just go to [www.columbuspetexpo.com](http://www.columbuspetexpo.com) **DISCOUNT TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE until March 10<sup>th</sup>**.