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Wisconsin Road Trip! 1,200 Miles, Over 20 Hours!



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A bark, a cloud of dust, flapping ears, and flying feet

If you love racing, forget about Ruidoso and Indianapolis, come to Dachshund Downs for the 16th Annual Dachshund Races benefitting Rescue the Animals, SPCA.

Panting pooches, pounding paws, and towering trophies await on June 12, 2025 at the Festival Gardens across from the Abilene Zoo as we crown this year's Grand Champion Racer.

It's the most fun on four feet anywhere in the galaxy! Over 100 Dachshunds will be running, cavorting, sniffing, and bouncing over the race course.

Plus, we want to meet every Rescued Dog in West Texas at our Rescued Dog Homecoming and Reunion (open to all breeds) that is held just before the races start. This is one of the greatest family fun evenings anywhere! And it's FREE!

We are racing to keep up with the soaring cost of saving lives...

Race Sponsors Needed!

Our only income from the Dachshund Races is from our sponsors and other donations. Between inflation and the slowing economy, our feet are flying and our ears are flapping as we try to keep up with the cost of saving nearly 2,000 animals each year from kill shelters.

All donations and sponsorships will be doubled as we race to meet our huge \$45,000 Alice's Challenge Grant!

Can you be one of our Event Sponsors for the Dachshund Races?



Sponsors are the key to making our races a success, and keep the Dachshund Races a free family event for people, their kids, and dogs where they can have an entertaining evening.

June 12, Dachshund Races & Rescued Dog Reunion at Nelson Park, June 12

Free Admission! No Fee to Race!

Join us for a great summer evening on the lawn and in the shade at the Festival Gardens across from the Abilene Zoo. Pre-register or register on race day.

11th Rescued Dog All-Breed Reunion









This is the "Show" for every dog, not just the ones with papers! Come show off your rescued dog in the show ring before the Dachshund Races. Dress up and dress up your dog for our Costume Contest.

Our judges will have lots of trophies to hand out, and we want your dog to take one home. We're sure your dog will be a winner in at least one of these categories:

- •Smallest Dog
- Tallest Dog
- Fat Dog of the Year
- Youngest Dog
- •Oldest Dog
- Owner and Dog Look-a-Like Couple of the Year
- •Best Costume
- •Mr. and Miss Congeniality

We will also pick a Homecoming King and Queen!

Costume Contest for All Breeds!

Dress up along with your dog and be the talk of the Races. Super Hero? Politician? Movie Star? Disney Character? Bring out your dog's hidden personality and take home a trophy.



How To Register:

Online registration: www.rescuetheanimals.org

Register on race day at the event.

Gates open at 5:00 pm.

Any Dachshund

All dogs must be current on shots and be on a leash at all times except when racing.

Each dog needs two humans One person will be at the

> start line and one at the finish line.

The winner in each heat will move to the finals. The races should be finished by around 9:00 pm.





Goofiest Dachshund Trophy!

During the races we will pick Dachshunds that act "Goofy" instead of racing. At the end, these dogs will "race" for the "Goofiest" Dachshund Trophy.