

## Unleashed by Petco Surf City Surf Dog® Rules

### Fun, Friendly, Furry Event Policies

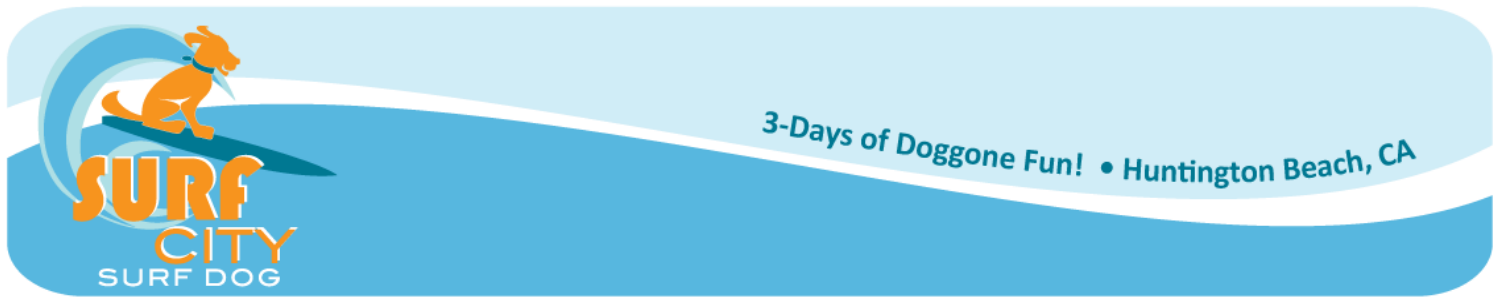
Surfing with your dog should be fun! This is a competition, but this is also a fundraiser and a privilege the city of Huntington Beach allows us to host at Dog Beach. Please treat volunteers, judges and fellow participants with respect.

- As in years past, we are excited for a fun, safe event for you and your 4-legged best friends.
- City of Huntington Beach Junior Lifeguards will be trained by staff and will assist in catching dogs as they come in; if you have your own team, please kindly inform the staff and the JG's ahead of time.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct will be cause for removal and disqualification from contest.
- All Decisions will be made SOLELY by the judges. Deliberation, second-guessing will not be tolerated.

### OVERALL RULES:

#### Registration/Heat Assignments/Judging:

- *No event day/event weekend registration. The event has a 65 dog cap and registration will close at midnight on Tuesday, 9/23/14.*
- Pre-registered dogs will be notified via e-mail of their heat time as soon as possible.
- All surFURS must check in at registration at least 1 hour before their heat. Check-in Opens at 8:00 am.
- All surFURS must be ready in the Waiting Zone at the beginning of the heat before YOUR scheduled heat. Late arrivals will be re-assigned to a different heat, *if possible*.
- Dogs and owners/handler teams (2 maximum) will enter judging zone and meet the judges prior to entering the water. Judges will take note of dog breed, color of *Body Glove Pet* rash guard, color of board, etc.
- We try our best to have no more than 6 dogs competing in each heat to ensure the safety of all dogs and owners.
- Each Heat lasts 10 to 12 minutes (maximum) beginning at the sound of an air-horn and ending at the sound of an air-horn.
- LED timing clock will show heat time remaining.
- Decisions of the judges are final!



### Equipment Rules:

- No choke chains, prong/pinch collars allowed while surfing.
- *Body Glove Pet Rash Guards* - You will be given matching dog and human rash guards. Do not leave the Waiting Zone with them, as the next heat will be using them!
- A limited number of Foam/Soft Top surfboards will be available for rent for \$10 adjacent to check-in. A driver's license or credit card is required during your use and will be checked in and out at the tent next to the judging tower.
  - You will be able to use the board during your heat; do not leave the Waiting Zone area with the boards, as they may be needed by other surFurs in the next heat.
- All dogs **must** wear a life vest while surfing. Vests will be available for rent for \$5 or purchase at check-in.
- Any surFUR competing with a board not allowed will be disqualified. Please note types of boards allowed in *each division below*.

### SCORING / JUDGES CRITERIA

Judges Criteria is based on the judges' analysis of the following major concepts when scoring waves, and scored on a point basis of 1 – 10. Highest scores determine 1st through 6th Place with the highest combined 2 wave score garnering 1st place, and the lowest 2 wave score 6th place. In the event of a tie, the judges will break the tie by scoring the one single best wave between tied competitors. If still tied with one best wave, then the 3rd best wave will be added to the total score to break the tie.

### Judging Criteria

Top 2 Waves will be used to tally the heat total for each surFUR:

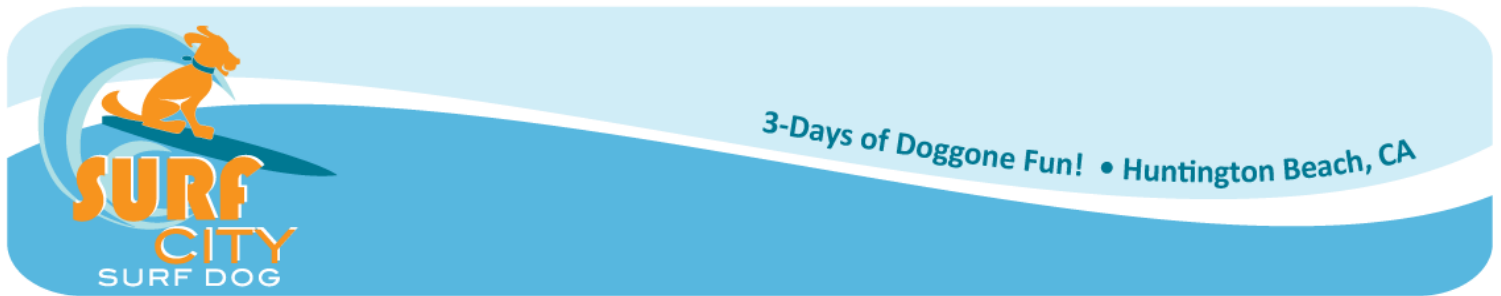
- Length of ride
- Size of wave
- Confidence on the wave

### Dog Positioning:

- Standing on all fours vs. sitting or lying down
- Leashed to the board

### Additional Points for:

- Longest ride
- Biggest wave



- Riding a wave Right or Left (more difficult than riding the wave straight in to Beach)
- Riding an Open Faced Wave is more difficult than riding a White Water Wave
- If the dog pulls a maneuver (360 or 180)

### **SurFUR DIVISIONS**

Each surFUR can surf in either individual weight based OR individual shredder division, not both. SurFURs can compete in tandem regardless of what individual surf category they choose.

#### **Shredder Division**

- SurFURS will be surfing against other shredders and will not be judged against other dogs in same weight category, but on surfing ability.
- Any type of board will be allowed: INT, fiberglass and also foam.
- Boards on smaller dogs surfing in this division may have weights added. Weights should be embedded and cannot be steel. Send us a picture of your board for final approval.
- Shredders must be launched by their owners/pet-pawrents.
- Depending on quantity of Shredders entered, the judges will determine the quantity of dogs to advance.

#### **Weight Divisions**

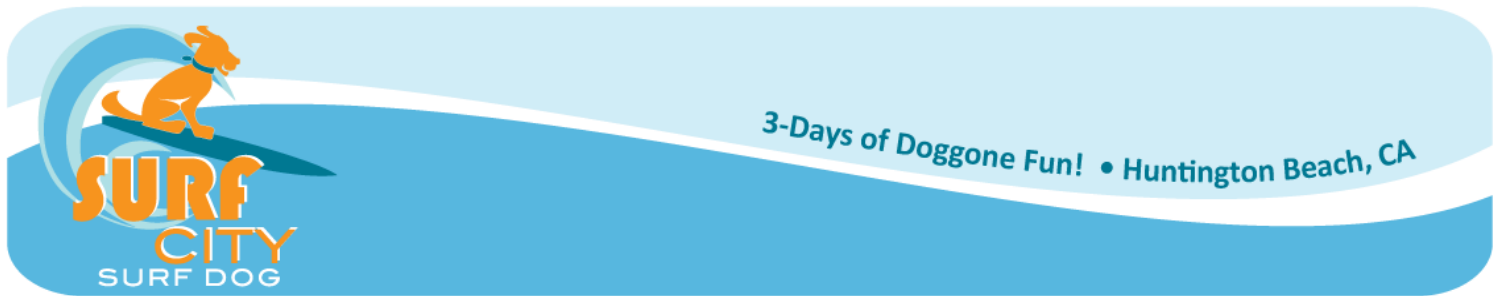
- All surFURS will compete with other dogs in the same weight/height class.
- All surFURS competing in the weight classes can only use a 100% foam board without any added weights.
- May be launched by their owners OR a handler if they wish.
- The top 5 finalists in each Weight Division Overall will progress to the Finals (***not necessarily in each heat***).

#### **Weight Division Heats**

- X-Large Dogs (60 lbs +)
- Large Dogs (41 lbs - 59 lbs)
- Medium Dogs (21 lbs – 40 lbs)
- Small Dogs (20 lbs and under)

#### **Tandem Division**

- Tandem division can consist of dog and human, or dog and dog.
- Heats will be scored with a blend of weight and shredder division criteria



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- May be launched by their owners OR a handler if they wish.
- All surFURS competing in the Tandem division can use whichever board they want.
- Tandem Division does not advance to a final heat. The 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place will be awarded based on the original heat.

**AWARDS:**

- Surf City Surf Dog® 2014 X-Large
  - 1st place
  - 2nd place
  - 3rd place
- Surf City Surf Dog® 2014 Large
  - 1st place
  - 2nd place
  - 3rd place
- Surf City Surf Dog® 2014 Medium
  - 1st place
  - 2nd place
  - 3rd place
- Surf City Surf Dog® 2014 Small
  - 1st place
  - 2nd place
  - 3rd place
- Surf City Surf Dog® 2014 Shredder
  - 1st place
  - 2nd place
  - 3rd place
- Surf City Surf Dog® 2014 Tandem
  - 1st place
  - 2nd place
  - 3rd place
- Surf City Surf Dog® Best Wipeout
- Surf City Surf Dog® Best Newbie/GromMUTT