



Dog Days of Summer 2026

August 15, 2026 • 11:00 am to 4:00 pm
Hometown Bank Plaza, Kent Ohio

Buddy Sessions Top Dog Contest Guidelines

- Area businesses/civic groups/individuals are encouraged to “sponsor” a dog to participate in the Top Dog Contest.
- Create a collection bin (empty plastic pretzel tub, beverage pitcher, plastic shoe box – anything clear really!) by attaching the *Buddy Sessions Top Dog* form and a photo of the dog.
- Set container in a prominent place in business where customers will easily see and have the opportunity to contribute.
- “Votes” are cast in the form of monetary donations, and collection can begin as soon as the bin has been created.
- The day of the event (August 15) all collection bins are brought to the festival so “voting” can continue the rest of the day.
- At the end of the event, the bins will be collected and counted. The dog with the most “votes” (highest dollar amount) will win the title of *Buddy Sessions Top Dog 2026*, which includes a handsome trophy, bragging rights, the opportunity to lead the Strut your Mutt Dog Parade at the following years’ event, and a **ONE MONTH BEER NAME TAKOVER AT NORTH WATER BREWING**. All monies raised will be donated to the Madonio Animal Trust.
- Businesses are encouraged to use the contest to advertise their products or services, and to create promotional tie-ins to increase awareness of the Dog Days event!
- Use of social media is encouraged. Pay Pal, Go Fund Me or Facebook campaigns are acceptable.

Questions or to register - Contact us at 330-673-4919 or madoniofamily@gmail.com