

Folly Farm *Pets* - Family Fun Day Information

Saturday 4 July 2009

What is Folly Farm?

Folly Farm is located outside the main village of South Scarle. The original farm was built in the 1600's, and began a full renovation starting in 1988, when the Bellaby family moved to the area. The majority of the building work was completed in 2001, but has continued every day since.

Folly Farm is the home of Folly Farm Pets, along with other family ventures, which has been looking after local pets for over 28 years. Information about the team can be found on our website.

www.folly-farm.org.uk

What's it all for?

The Folly Farm Family Fun Dog Show is part of a series of events being run over the weekend of Saturday 4 July, to raise money for St Helena's Church, South Scarle.

We are working in partnership with our community to support local issues and, on a more personal note, promoting positive animal care and well-being. Folly Farm would like to see families enjoying their pets and keeping active.

What's going on?

AGILITY

We have a HAVE A GO AGILITY ring set up throughout the day, where adults and children can use the equipment with their dog. Agility is a great form of exercise and discipline for your dog (and it is really fun and energising for the Owner taking part too - you!)

COMPETITIONS

Running alongside the agility ring, we have a competitors circle. We have numerous competitions throughout the afternoon to suit every dog. Show circle competitions include;

Waggiest Tail

Fancy Dress - my pet & me

Best Lead Walking

Best Trick

Full of Character

Most Good Looking

Picture My Pet; this FREE competition and its entries will be displayed on the day at the event and winners will be chosen through a voting system by visitors. There will be different age categories and drawings can be in pencil, paint or photographic – with sizes being no larger than A4. Picture and photos can be mounted, but not framed/glazed. If you do not have a pet of your own, you can enter in a drawing or a relatives pet, a neighbours or friend – and does NOT have to be a dog!

Some local schools and their students are getting involved, and entries will be collected from classes between Monday 29 June and Thursday 2 July. All other entries can be posted with the registration form directly to; Picture My Pet Folly Farm Pets, South Scarle, Newark, Nottinghamshire, NG23 7JR.

The registration forms for all competitions can be found on our website, and we welcome advanced entry forms to guarantee your place.

For ring competitions, winners and prizes will be decided by a professional judging panel to the day.

DEMONSTRATIONS

During the day, in the show ring, there will be specialised dog training demonstrations from Dog Handlers at HMP Morton Hall and HMP Stocken. Times for these demonstrations will confirmed nearer the date, and clear advice will be given on the day.

This is a rare chance to see working prison dogs with their professional handlers in a fun setting. You will have the opportunity to ask questions, meet the dogs themselves and learn more about the essential role they play.

AWARENESS

Folly Farm support local and national dog charities and promote the great work they do. We will have representation from;

Labrador Lifeline Trust - www.labrador-lifeline.co.uk

Hearing Dogs for the Deaf - www.hearingdogs.org.uk

Halfway Home Dog Rescue - www.halfwayhome-dogrescue.org

You can learn more about their charity and the work they do, success stories and how you might be able to help.

How do I get involved?

Folly Farm welcomes everyone to get involved!

This day is all about the whole family. It is simple to get involved by entering a competition; on the day or before the event through Picture My Pet, or come and support the competitors themselves.

All information can be found on our website; including registration forms for the competitions. Just simply complete the form.

How much will it cost?

Parking at the event will be charged at £1.00 per car (fixed rate).

Entries into the competitions cost £1.50 per entry per competition – but entries into the Picture My Pet competition are FREE.

All registration forms and fees for the competitions must reach Folly Farm before 3.30pm on Thursday 2 July 2009.

Allocation time on the Have a go Agility course will be decided upon arrival at the event, and will cost £2.00 per 20 minute session. The agility course will open from 11:00am and there are only 16 sessions available throughout the afternoon. Once you have registered, you and your dog will be given a time you can use the equipment.

Proceeds will go towards St Helena's Church fund, South Scarle.

Charities onsite running independent competitions will keep all their proceeds made locally.

Anything else I should know?

There will be a varied selection of refreshments including homemade scones, hot and cold drinks, toasted sandwiches and a BBQ served from 11:00am onwards.

Please bring picnic blankets if you want to use our cleared areas for seating on the ground.

If you are bringing your dog, please ensure they are kept on leads at all times and you bring provisions to clean up after them.

No kennel or cattery viewings will take place on Saturday 4 July. Peti-coats grooming and accessories shop will be open for visitors throughout the day.

If you would like to know anything else, please do not hesitate to get in touch on any of the details below.

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