



## **Nevada Humane Society Duck Race & Festival Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is the Duck Race?**

The 2011 Nevada Humane Society Duck Race is a benefit for the homeless animals of our community, in particular those aided by Nevada Humane Society. Members of the community “adopt” rubber ducks—20,000 of them---which race down a stretch of the Truckee River on Race Day.

### **When and where will the Duck Race be held?**

The Duck Race will be held on Sunday, August 28, 2011, at Wingfield Park, 1<sup>st</sup> St. and Arlington Ave., Reno. The Festival runs from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., and the Duck Race takes place at 4 p.m. in the Truckee River adjacent to Wingfield Park.

### **Is there an admission fee for the Duck Race & Festival?**

No, the Duck Race & Festival is free and open to the public.

### **Can I bring my dog to the Festival?**

Per City of Reno regulations, dogs are not allowed in Wingfield Park during special events. We have been granted special permission to have a small number of adoptable dogs who will be kept in a fenced area.

### **How does the duck adoption process work?**

During the three months before the Duck Race, the community is blanketed by NHS representatives to create awareness about the event and to “adopt” ducks for a fee. In order to adopt a duck (or multiple ducks), supporters fill out an “adoption paper.” Their Lucky Duck number is printed on both the portion they keep and the entry portion that is retained by NHS.

### **Do adopters actually get a duck?**

No, they keep part of the adoption paper with their Lucky Duck number.

### **How are the duck adoptions tracked?**

All entries are entered into a computer program called E-Quack. About a week before the actual race, numbered, waterproof tags that correspond to Lucky Duck numbers are placed on the bottom of every duck.

### **How does the actual Duck Race work?**

The tagged ducks are transported in containers to the Truckee River, where they're emptied into a dump truck. At race time, the truck empties 20,000 ducks into the river. Volunteers line the banks so that no ducks are trapped along their way to the finish line. The ducks are funneled into a trap and the first to arrive win exciting prizes for their adopters. The winning ducks will be matched with the adopters' names, and winners will be announced shortly after the race.

### **How much do ducks cost to adopt?**

A Lone Duck is \$5; a Quad Quack (4 ducks) is \$20; Six Pack (6 ducks) is \$30; Quacker's Dozen (12 + 1 raffle entry) is \$60; Beak Brigade (20 + 2 raffle entries) is \$100; and Feathered Flotilla (50 + 5 raffle entries) is \$250.

### **What kind of prizes do the winning ducks receive?**

Travel, pet products, dining adventures and more will be awarded to adopters of the fastest ducks. Plus everyone who adopts a duck has a chance to win a \$490,000 cash prize, sponsored by Walmart .

### **Where can you adopt ducks?**

At the Nevada Humane Society and online at [www.NevadaHumaneSociety.org](http://www.NevadaHumaneSociety.org). In addition, there will be adoption tables at a variety of community events, farmers' markets and major stores between June and August.

### **Will ducks be available for adoption on the day of the Duck Race & Festival?**

It depends. If all 20,000 ducks have not been adopted prior to the August 28<sup>th</sup> event, the remaining ducks will be available for adoption at the Festival. If all have been adopted in advance, none will be available at the event.

### **What type of activities will be featured at the Festival?**

The Festival will include: music; dance; clowns, games and other family fun; refreshments; and Nevada Humane Society pet adoptions.

### **Is there parking close to Wingfield Park?**

There is a parking garage on the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> and Sierra Streets (enter on the 1<sup>st</sup> Street side). Street parking around downtown Reno is free on Sundays.

### **Is the duck adoption fee tax-deductible?**

Due to value received, entries are not considered tax deductible by the IRS.

**When will prize winners be announced?**

Prize winners for the fastest ducks will be announced shortly after the conclusion of the 4 p.m. Duck Race, no later than 5 p.m.

**What happens to the ducks after the race?**

They are collected so that they can be used for future events.

**Do adopters need to be present at the Duck Race & Festival to win?**

No. If not at the event when winners are announced, adopters will be contacted by phone the day after the event. They will have until September 9, 2011 to claim their prize at Nevada Humane Society.

**Do adopters need to bring adoption certificates to the Duck Race?**

No, a master computer list contains the adopter name associated with each duck tag number.

**Is there a minimum age for duck adoption prize winners?**

Prize winners must be 18 years of age or over and must pay any applicable sales tax or other fees associated with any prize received.

**Where can one get more information?**

- E-mail: [duckraceinfo@nevadahumanesociety.org](mailto:duckraceinfo@nevadahumanesociety.org)
- Visit: [www.NevadaHumaneSociety.org](http://www.NevadaHumaneSociety.org)
- Call: Nevada Humane Society, 775-856-2000, ext. 324

