

# Puppy Love

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## It's All About the FUN!

The first Wiener Schnitzel (wiener) Dog Races started in Australia in the 1970's, the popular activity found its way into the U.S. in 1993. Dachshund racing events provide a warm family atmosphere and are filled with fun activities for adults and kids alike. They are often sponsored by community festivals, fairs, non-profit events and even sports events. Proceeds are exclusively donated to non-profit organizations such as animal welfare groups and support services to help disadvantaged people. Races are held annually throughout the U.S. If you enter your little doxie in a Wiener Race do your research for the event. The race should be less than fifty-one feet, proceeds should always be donated to a non-profit organization, never include any highly trained dachshund athletes, and no betting.



Pippin and Merribelle are beautiful siblings that make a special dachshund family rainbow. They are dearly loved by their family in SC.



Sioux Nation Pet Clinic sponsors an annual wiener race at the Sioux Falls Stampede hockey arena. The races, along with a costume parade, take place during intermission. It is pure fun as these adorable doxies slide down the ice into the arms of their loving pet parents. All proceeds go to animal welfare programs.



## The Winner!

Lady Bug was doomed from the moment she arrived at the shelter. During her routine exam the veterinarian on staff determined she would never be able to walk again, this prognosis was a certain death wish for Lady Bug. When California Animal Rehabilitation Center heard about Lady Bug they intervened just in time to save her life. The kind veterinarian there was very optimistic that she would indeed walk again! After months of rigorous physical therapy, acupuncture and workouts on an underwater treadmill Lady Bug walked into her new, normal, everyday life. The kind veterinarian at the Center who had faith that Lady Bug would walk again adopted her and she is now a very loved and cherished member of her new family. Lady Bug was a crowd favorite when she debuted at her first Wiener Dog Race. After crossing the finish line she was rewarded with her favorite snack ~ Cheez-Its.



The Buda, Texas Lions Club purpose is to make as much money as possible in order to give it back to those in their community and all over the world. They held their 21<sup>st</sup> wiener dog race at the Buda County Fair with 300 doxies participating. Their special mission is to help people with eye improvement throughout the world. All proceeds go to this mission.



Our Ridge's sister goes Hollywood starring in the family movie *Wiener Dog Nationals* as the beautiful English cream dachshund owned by Ms. Merriweather, a snobbish and conniving competitor in an annual dachshund race for the national championship. Pure fiction of course ~ she didn't have fun!