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Dog Days of Summer, Army Style

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii—Schofield Barracks goes to the dogs during U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii’s “Dog Days of Summer” festival at Sills Field, here, from 3-6 p.m., July 31.

The public is invited to bring their canine friends out for an afternoon of fun, food and excitement. Admission is free and offers pet lovers an opportunity to show off their animals in competitions, while maybe taking home a few prizes.

Organizers have planned both two-legged and four-legged events. Our four-legged friends will compete in dog obstacle courses, best costume, cutest dog, most talented dog, and most patriotic pooch competitions. Contestants can enroll their dog in up to six dog competitions for \$5. For those with two legs and an appetite, there will be a free hotdog eating contest.

There will also be a dog owner look-alike contest. “We’re told that dog owners often start to resemble their pets over time,” said Stacy Harding, event organizer. “We intend on putting that theory to the test, as we judge which owners look most like their pet.”

The Army’s working dogs will also strut their stuff, as they demonstrate the serious side of being a pooch in the service of their country.

Indy Jo, Samson, Milo, Baxter and Jon Jon, trained therapy dogs that work with returning Wounded Warriors from Iraq and Afghanistan, will make an appearance and share their talents of helping to heal injured Soldiers.

Of course, the gung-ho dogs of the 13th Military Police (MP) Detachment, who have the very serious job of detecting narcotics and explosives, will demonstrate their skills for the crowd.

“A lot of people don’t realize the extent to which we rely on dogs for our safety and security,” said Sgt. 1st Class Michael McPeak, kennel master for the 13th MP Detachment. “Our dogs are every bit the Soldiers we are, even deploying to war when necessary.”

Representatives from the Fort Shafter Libraries and the Veterinarian Clinic will be on hand to discuss the “Reading to a Dog” program and answer pet care questions.

Guests may enter Schofield Barracks through any gate from 3-6 p.m., July 31. Photo identification, proof of insurance and registration is required for entry.

All dogs are required to be either on a leash, in a carrier, or in a stroller at all times.

Please bring sociable dogs only, aggressive or potentially aggressive dogs such as Pit Bulls, Rottweilers, Doberman Pinschers, Chows and wolf hybrids are not permitted.

Owners with dogs in heat are kindly asked to leave them at home.

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MEDIA NOTE: Media wishing to attend should contact Loran D. Doane, Media Relations Chief, at 808-656-3157, or preferred cell 317-847-2222, by noon, July 31.