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## **Winter Dog Sport Sandpoint Style - K-9 Keg Pull**

10<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser for Panhandle Animal Shelter

Sandpoint, Idaho (2/16/2017) - From a dog lover's point of view, not to mention a dog's, the highlight of Sandpoint, Idaho's Winter Carnival season is the K-9 Keg Pull. 2017 marks the 10th year for this popular event. The rip roaring race will be held at the Granary Arts District, 513 Oak Street, on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Same day registration starts at 9:15 a.m.

Canines of all sizes can compete. There are three categories: large, medium, and small. Large dogs pull full-size (empty) kegs, medium dogs pull "slim" kegs (also empty), and the petite pups pull empty beer cans. The registration fee is \$10 (for 2 runs); \$5 for each additional run. All proceeds will go to PAS.

Nikki Klein's 9-year-old German Shepherd Ulan has participated in the event since 2010. "He loves the keg pull," said Klein. This year due to health issues, Ulan will have to sit out the race. However, the torch has been passed to his 2-year-old canine sibling Kubu, an English Staffordshire, who will pull a keg for the first time. "We're not sure how he will do, but it will be a good outing for him," Klein said.

If you haven't had the pleasure attending a K-9 Keg Pull before, here is what you can expect. Throughout the event the snow-packed dual race course will be lined with smiling spectators, many with cameras poised for photo shots of their favorite four-legged entrants. Some of the canine competitors will scramble to the finish line, while others will take their time, doing meet and greets with spectators on the sidelines as they go. The crowd will appreciate all no matter what styles the canine racers have – competitive or casual. In the end, it will be impossible to tell who is having a better time, the dogs or the people.

This year's K-9 Keg Pull sponsors are Eichardt's Pub Grill & Coffee, EzyDog, Laughing Dog Brewing, Evans Brothers Roasters, Petco, Selkirk Press, & Eureka Institute. EzyDog will be providing the race harnesses for the competitors.

If you haven't attended this event, don't miss it either as a spectator or as a personal keg-pull coach for your dog. Once you've been a part of this "fun-raiser," you'll be back year after year.

About Panhandle Animal Shelter

The Panhandle Animal Shelter is a volunteer, non-profit shelter which is not affiliated with the county or city and receives no tax support. Mission: To diminish the number of lost, abandoned, neglected and abused dogs and cats through adoption, education, litter prevention and identification of missing pets. PAS is located at 870 Kootenai Cut-Off Road, Ponderay, Idaho 83852. The phone number is 208-265-7297. The web address is [www.pasidaho.org](http://www.pasidaho.org).

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