DOCK DIVING FUN DAY A GREAT SUCCESS!

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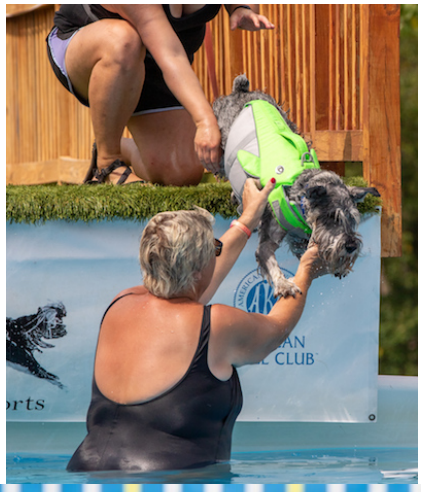
Our Dock Diving Discovery Day at Walnut Hill Farms in Reva, VA was a success a second year in a row! After being postponed due to extreme heat in August, we met on September 9th on a perfect day for getting wet!. Although the rescheduling caused some people not to attend, others were able to participate and we were full dogs and their owners!

Pauline, our swimming instructor, guided us on the graduation from getting in the water and swimming, to going off the ramp and potentially jumping off of the dock. Some dogs experienced going into the pool and swimming for the first time and although nervous at first, caught on and experienced the fun in the pool. Some dogs even jumped off the dock and retrieved the toy! It was so wonderful to see the dogs get in the pool and have that experience.

Ultimately, as the years go by, swimming like this is a fantastic therapy for an older dog as there is little stress on the joints and the muscles are still being engaged! Thanks to everyone for attending, and helping set up and break down as the day went beautifully.

(And thanks to Lisa for organizing this event!)



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