## 5K Dog Run/3K Fun Walk

Saturday September 29, 2012 Registration 8:30 am Run/Walk 9:30 am Sílver Lake Pool, Rochester

Event Rules

1. Only one dog per runner for the run event.

**2. Participants, runner and dog, must be registered prior to the start of the run event in order to compete for a prize.** The event Director reserves the right to disqualify participants for prizes.

**3.** The only dogs, not allowed at the event, as spectators or participants, are female dogs in any stage of heat. Please, for the safety of all, do not bring any female dog in any stage of heat to the Dog Run event.

**4. All dogs, at all times, must be on a leash.** If you are using an adjustable leash please keep it locked at four (4) feet or shorter while in close proximity to other dogs or people and especially during the event.

**5. Rabies**, **Distemper**, **and Bordetella vaccinations must be current on the event day.** Documents or tags must be shown if requested. Failure to do so is grounds for dismissal from the event.

**6.** Dog licenses must be current on the event day according to the requirements of your stated residential area. Documents or tags must be shown if requested. Failure to do so is grounds for dismissal from the event.

**7. You are responsible for picking up your dog's waste.** We will provide bags and receptacles in the staging area and on the course. We recommend you exercise or warm up your dog before the race to avoid dealing with this during the event. Please warm up your dog properly, as you would warm up yourself for a race.

**8. Dogs should be one (1) year of age to compete.** If you enter a younger dog please be responsible; take your time, stop, walk, or carry. Dogs younger than one year have not fully developed their bones and joints and racing or over exerting your youngster may cause permanent damage or later issues. Please be considerate of your dog's health and their future.

**9.** Participants will compete on the gender of the runner, with prizes awarded to the top three finishers for men and **women.** The decision of the event Director is final.

10. The event Director, staff, and veterinarian reserve the right to refuse entry or remove a dog from the event course if it may be a threat to others or whose physical condition appears to be in jeopardy before or during the event.

**11.** If you and your Dog are not competitive runners, please start at the back portion of the pack of runners. If your dog has never been involved in running with you before, please use this as a learning experience. The event Director reserves the right to separate the participants based on competiveness and/or dog size.

**12.** The event Director reserves the right to change the competitive run to a "fun run" if prevailing climate conditions would be a safety or health hazard for participants. If the race is changed to a "Fun Run" official timing will discontinue, tabulated results will not be posted, and awards will not be presented, however, all entries will be listed as participants. If the event is cancelled at any time, all participants and their dogs are no longer considered under the jurisdiction of Dog Run event, however, all entries will be listed as participating.

**13.** No motorized vehicles, baby joggers, bicycles, skate boards, or other rolling type devices are allowed on the run event course. Please be respectful of others and help us avoid any complications or injuries that these can cause at the event.

**14. Aggressive and unruly dogs or runners will be disqualified.** This event is intended to increase awareness and provide a funding source to ZVMHC and P&C programs in addition to providing a fun time with education, exercise and competition for the participants, spectators and the community.