



# History

*Celebrating the 326<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dog Mart.*

The Fredericksburg Dog Mart is an annual dog show and event that is reminiscent of the historic first trading that took place in Spotsylvania in 1698 between the Manahoac Tribe and settlers in and around Leaseland, the area that would become the City of Fredericksburg. At the Dog Mart, the Manahoac, Pamunkey, Mattaponi, Patawomeck and Rappahannocks and other local tribes would trade furs, crafts and produce for prized English hunting dogs. The Dog Mart is the oldest recorded dog-centered event of its kind in the United States!

This honorable event continued until the start of the Revolutionary War when it was suspended due to the settler's mistrust of the Native Americans during the fight for independence. It was re-established in 1927 and continued until suspended during World War II. It was revived in 1948 by the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce under the auspices of the Fredericksburg-Rappahannock chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America, where it continues to this day. Today it continues as one of the area's largest adoption events, with multiple local shelters and rescues proudly represented.

# Schedule of Events\*

9:30 AM Gates Open

11:00 AM K-9 Demonstration (Sheriff's Dept.)



11:30 AM Search and Rescue Demo (Dogs East)



12:00 PM Patriotic Ceremony/ Re-enactment



12:15 PM Lunch



12:45 Adoption Showcase



1:15 PM Dog Show / Judging



## All-Day Events

**\*\*Dog Adoption\*\***

**Various Vendors and Exhibits**

**Military Vehicles Display**

**Living History/Re-enactors**

**\*All Events/times subject to change**



# Activities



**Kid's Corner**

- \* Moon Bounce
- \* Ride the "Barrel Train"



**Fishing Derby**

- \* Kids try and catch the "Big One"
- Prizes awarded for various categories (cut off is 12:45PM)



**Adopt a Dog**

- \* Honor the historic intent of the Dog Mart and check out the various adoptable dogs provided by local rescues and shelters.



**Shooting Area**

- \* Try your hand at shooting a Bow and Arrow and/or BB gun



**Living History**

- \* See a large variety of furs
- \* Visit an authentic Native American, Revolutionary and Civil War display



**Activity Center**

- \* Enjoy a Hamburger, Hot Dog, Bar-B-Que and Fries along with baked goods and cold drinks



Fishing Derby



Waltonian Pond/Hicks Lake



Parking

Vendors



Dog Mart



Shooting Range



Kid Zone



Activity Center



Living History Camps



Military Vehicles



Parking

Chapter House

Herndon Road

