

# What would Butter do?

Doggie Dash & Dawdle highlight of the year for local pets, including *iQ* 'writer' Butter Cookie

BY BUTTER COOKIE OLDS

Oh my goodness, Doggie Dash & Dawdle is finally here! Disney World for dogs! My friends, Jazzy and Lacey, who are dressing up as pumpkins for the costume contest said the Dash is pretty much doggie heaven. My outfit is a tiara and tutu, but I may choose to eat them if they get in my way.

I'm so excited I may throw up. Jazzy did last year at the end. She said

all the vendors handed out treats and then at the Build-a-Biscuit carnival booth her mama created a peanut butter with bacon bits Milk Bone tower of deliciousness. And there's a hot dog hobbling booth where they said I can shove

my mug into a tub of water – not at all like a bath because there are wieners floating (and sinking) in there that I get to swallow in one gulp. I'm only having a light breakfast for the previous reasons and so I can pull my mama around the 5K course at the Balloon Fiesta Park and then I'll sample from the offerings. Some of my senior dog friends are going to stroll the two-mile dawdle, taking in the view of the Sandias, but I'm only one-and-a-half and I must run. Mama wants me to show off how good I can be in the Best Tricks contest, but really I

## MARQUEE

### Doggie Dash & Dawdle

8a, Sun., Nov. 4; 9a, 5K Dash; 11a, 2K Dawdle

BALLOON FIESTA PARK, 4401 ALAM-EDA NE

\$30 (run, shirt, bandana)/\$5 (entry)/FREE (ages 10 & under)

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Looking forward to this year's Doggie Dash & Dawdle is Butter Cookie (pictured), Local *iQ* writer Cristina Olds' one and a half-year-old American Staffordshire Terrier mix.

am mostly bad. My only trick is sitting and I'm not sure I can do even that today. The competition is stiff – Lacey said some dog last year was doing a choreographed dance with his mama with synchronized spins.

I am more of an athlete than an artist, but I'll humor my mama and dip my big paw into paints to make a print she can frame to remember this day at the Paw Painting booth. She also warned me I'll need to sit a bit still for Kevin's Photography to snap a portrait of me for grandma. Kevin Dooley is donating his team's services – we already voted on Facebook for our favorite most photogenic pre-event portraits. I got a bath, so grandma can see the pink of my spotty

belly, but if I can't sit still, we can visit the caricature booth for a quick sketch of my naturally cartoonish face.

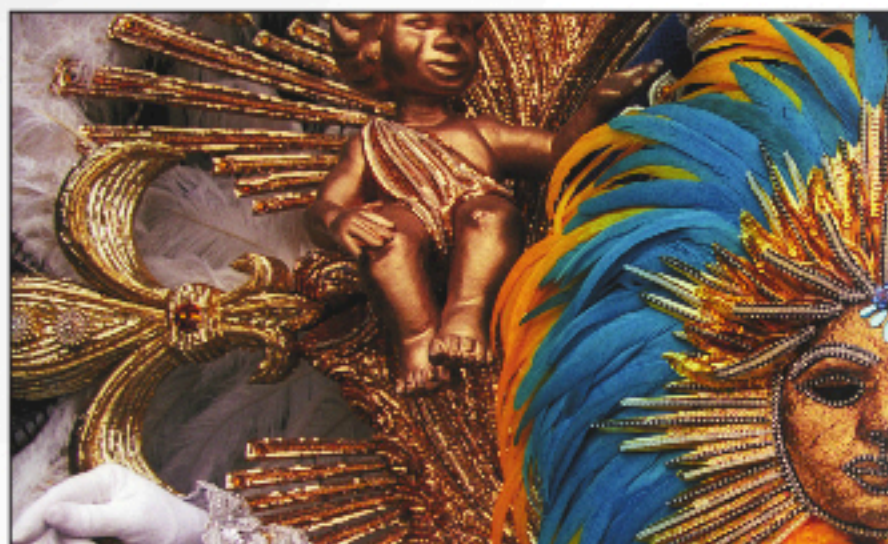
After some eating, running and graciously accepting adoring attention, I may need to rest and listen to some music by local groups Willy J and Shane Wallin. We'll definitely get up and dance with the African drummers.

Famous dog superstars from Purina's Pro Plan Performance Team are bringing their giant agility course where they'll show off their moves and they're allowing us hacks to run around on their toys and they'll teach us how it's all done. Jazzy, who's a red nose pit bull, says any dog can do it and they don't discriminate against us less coordinated breeds.

Speaking of those in need, we'll visit the

shelter dogs waiting for forever homes at the Rent-a-Dog booth. Before I was good enough to behave for so many hours, my mama came to the Dash and rented an adoptable dog to play with at the event for just \$10/hour. I know how they feel waiting to be adopted, and at the Dash they get to show off their good behavior to prospective families (while scoring treats).

Bring a big wad of cash for carnival tickets (or credit is accepted!) to help raise funds for Albuquerque's homeless dogs and cats (yes, even cats deserve love). All proceeds from the day go to support the more than 5,000 animals that AHNH serves annually. Lacey's mom, Dawn Glass, AHNH's marketing director, says this 30th annual event will be the biggest and best Dash ever. I can't wait!



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