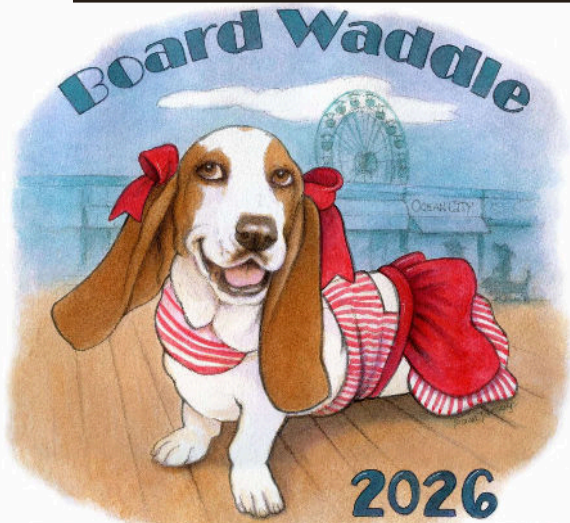


# BOARDWADDLE

2026

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## WHAT IS THE BOARDWADDLE?

BoardWaddle is Tri-State Basset Hound Rescue's (TSBHR) biggest and most basset-filled fundraiser of the year, taking over the **Ocean City, New Jersey area** for one unforgettable weekend! The fun kicks off Friday afternoon with the entertaining **Basset Hound Olympics**, followed by an evening of good food and great company at Linwood Country Club, featuring a buffet dinner and our fan-favorite **Pawction**. Saturday is where the magic happens! The legendary Ocean City **Doo Dah Parade** steps off at noon, and TSBHR proudly brings the largest brigade in the parade with hundreds of basset hounds (and their people!) waddling, wagging, and stealing the show along the streets and boardwalk. After the parade, the celebration continues with our **Picnic**, complete with food, vendors, games, and awards. We're rounding out BoardWaddle weekend with additional **Sunday events**; check the BoardWaddle website for full details. Grab your hounds and join us for a weekend full of fun, friendship, and floppy ears on **April 17, 18, 19!**

[www.tristatebassets.org/events/boardwaddle](http://www.tristatebassets.org/events/boardwaddle)

## Congratulations to the 2026 Grand Marshal, SKEETER LYNNE!

Skeeter Lynne is the beloved hound of Marci Thomas. At only 2 years old Skeeter Lynne has been a shining star in helping the Tri-State Basset Hound Rescue family raise funds for hounds in need. Rescued as a puppy by another basset rescue, she is growing up to be full of life, energy, and heart. Skeeter Lynne is known for her playful spirit, her signature decorative harnesses, and her dedication to raising funds in memory of her late sister, Nora Anne. Skeeter Lynne loves nothing more than running like the wind with her buddy Wyatt and spreading joy wherever she goes. She's touched countless hearts within the basset community and we are excited to have her leading this year's parade. Join us in this year's celebration!



Come honor Grand Marshal Skeeter Lynne at the 40th Annual Ocean City, NJ Doo Dah Parade on Saturday, April 18, 2026! Let's come together to celebrate this incredible breed's spirit, resilience, and love...and to cheer on our amazing 2026 BoardWaddle Grand Marshal!

# **WHY YOUR PLEDGES MATTER!**

Pledges power the rescue. Every pledge made during the BoardWaddle weekend directly funds lifesaving medical care, safe foster homes, and second chances for hounds who need us most. These donations turn waddles into rescues, steps into surgeries, and community support into forever homes. When you give, YOU are making a real, immediate difference for hounds in need.

## **GENERAL RULES & TIPS**

- ☒ All attending dogs must be current w/ Rabies vaccine and friendly towards people and other dogs.
- ☒ EVERYONE and EVERY DOG BREED is welcome to join the Parade and Picnic!
- ☒ Only Bassets and Basset-Mixes can participate in the Olympics.
- ☒ Owners must be responsible for their dogs (please clean up after them and keep them leashed at all times).
- ☒ TSBHR is not responsible for damage/harm incurred to any dog/person.
- ☒ Sales of animals of any kind are not permitted.
- ☒ If your dog gets tired during the Parade, hitch a ride on the "Pooped Pup" Truck!
- ☒ All of our events are rain or shine! Check our Facebook for real time updates.

## **QUESTIONS?**

- Visit the event site:  
[www.tristatebassets.org/events/boardwaddle](http://www.tristatebassets.org/events/boardwaddle)
- Email us at :  
[boardwaddle@tristatebassets.org](mailto:boardwaddle@tristatebassets.org)
- Check out our Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/TSBHR](http://www.facebook.com/TSBHR)

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## **TOP 10 PLEDGERS FROM BOARDWADDLE 2025**

**Skeeter Lynne & Marci Thomas**  
**Lili and Gaby**  
**Jay & Dean Lieberman**  
**Donna Testa & Steve Rodia**  
**Pat Bittle & Harly**  
**Angela & Phil Villari**  
**Bigfoot Automotive**  
**Aimee Rudman**  
**Sally Long Dog**  
**Suzanne & Mandy Bunch**

## **HANDY CHECKLIST**

- ☒ Create a list of your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. who might make a donation. Remember, it doesn't hurt to ask them to support the rescue!
- ☒ Set a fundraising goal and continue to raise it right up until the Parade!
- ☒ You and your donors can submit donations online, mail them or bring them to the Parade.
- ☒ Make your hotel reservations.
- ☒ Make your costumes and parade floats to enter in the Picnic contests!
- ☒ Sign up for the 'Senior Express' if your older hound cannot walk the Parade. Details on our website.
- ☒ The day before BoardWaddle weekend, check the weather and prepare for cooler temperatures.
- ☒ When packing for BoardWaddle weekend, bring water and bowls for your hounds and blankets/chairs for the Olympics and Picnic.

*What you can do online before BoardWaddle:*

- ☒ **Submit donations via credit card or PayPal**
- ☒ **Buy tickets for the Pawction Dinner**
- ☒ **Buy your shirts as popular sizes sell fast**
- ☒ **Check out the Picnic events and vendors**

# EVENTS TIMELINE

## FRIDAY, APRIL 17th

### Basset Hound Olympics

- **When:** Registration starts at 11:00am and games begin at 12:00pm
- **Where:** Ocean City Tabernacle grounds (corner of E. 6th St & Asbury Ave)
- **Events:** 10-Meter Sprint, 15-Meter Hurdles, Obstacle Course, and High Jump (set at 6" to start)
- Gold, Silver, Bronze medals for winners
- No pre-registration required; no fee to attend or participate
- Snacks/drinks available for purchase or bring your own food

### Pawction Dinner

- **When:** 5:00pm cocktail hour/6:00pm dinner
- **Where:** Linwood Country Club at 500 Shore Road, Linwood, NJ 08221
- **Cost:** \$45 per person (*must be paid in advance; tickets on the BoardWaddle site*)
- The "Pawction" includes one of a kind Basset-themed items that you bid on from a professional auctioneer
- We will also have a raffle table, silent auction and more!
- Casual attire, cash bar, buffet dinner
- Note: **Dogs are not permitted** at this venue

## SUNDAY, APRIL 19th

We're rounding out BoardWaddle weekend with two additional events on Sunday:

- Pup cup **Ice Cream Social** hosted by **Doggie Beach Boutique** at their shop in Ventnor City
- **Mini-Portrait Sessions** of you and your hounds available for purchase from **Images on the Run**

Check the BoardWaddle site for all of the details.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 18th

### Parade Registration

- **When:** Registration is 10:00 - 11:45am
- **Where:** Ocean City Tabernacle grounds (corner of E. 6th Street & Asbury Ave)
- Check in at the Registration table to hand in your pledges
- Free swag bag for the first 100 registrants; one per family
- Purchase BoardWaddle 2026 short sleeve and long sleeve t-shirts and zip-up hoodies
- Snacks/drinks available for purchase

### Doo Dah Parade

- **When:** The parade begins at 12:00pm
- **Where:** Line up at Asbury Avenue & E. 6th Street (in front of the fire house)
- **Parade Route:** Walk down Asbury Ave from E. 6th St to E 12th St; turn left on E. 12th St and go to the Boardwalk; turn left on the Boardwalk and head back to E. 6th St for the Picnic!
- DIY costumes and parade floats for your hounds and strut your stuff down the streets and boardwalk!

### Picnic

- **When:** After the Parade approx. 1:00-4:00pm
- **Where:** Football field next to the OC Recreation Dept (at E. 6th St & Boardwalk)
- TSBHR store selling NEW merchandise!
- Pet-related vendors and rescues with a variety of merch/services for sale
- Snacks/drinks available for purchase or bring your own food
- Costume & parade float contests
- DJ playing music, games for the hounds and much more!



## DOG FRIENDLY HOTELS

Note: We no longer have a partnership with a local hotel for a room block. Below are some hotels that are confirmed to be pet friendly.

### **Coral Sands Motel**

709 E. 9th Street, Ocean City, NJ

609-399-4540

[www.facebook.com/coralsandsocnj](http://www.facebook.com/coralsandsocnj)



### **Sifting Sands Motel**

840 Ocean Avenue, Ocean City, NJ

609-399-1178

[www.thesiftingsands.com](http://www.thesiftingsands.com)



### **Motel 6**

431 Bay Ave, Somers Point, NJ

609-365-2224

[www.motel6.com](http://www.motel6.com)

Other Dog Friendly Lodging Options:

[www.hometogo.com](http://www.hometogo.com)

[www.vrbo.com](http://www.vrbo.com)

[www.airbnb.com](http://www.airbnb.com)

[www.bringfido.com/lodging](http://www.bringfido.com/lodging)

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## 2026 BOARDWADDLE PACKET



P.O. BOX 471

DEEPWATER, NJ 08023

# 2026 BOARDWADDLE PLEDGE SHEET



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Use this QR  
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right to the  
Pledge link!



## WHY YOUR PLEDGES MATTER!

BoardWaddle is TSBHR's largest fundraiser of the year and **YOU** can make a life-changing difference for hundreds of homeless hounds. By making a personal donation and collecting pledges from family, friends, and coworkers, you help ensure TSBHR can continue rescuing, rehabilitating, and rehoming basset hounds in need. Thank you for being a vital part of our mission and for supporting the hounds who count on us.

Collect your pledges and submit your contribution at <https://rebrand.ly/BoardWaddle> or do it the traditional way by completing the form below and turning them in at the Parade Registration. Checks payable to TSBHR.

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Tri-State Basset Hound Rescue is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. Checks payable to TSBHR.

# 2026 BoardWaddle FAQ's

## What are the details for the Basset Hound Olympics?

This event is on Friday, April 17th\*\* at the Ocean City Tabernacle grounds (corner of E. 6th St and Asbury Ave). Registration starts at 11:00am and the games begin at 12:00pm. No pre-registration is needed for your competing hounds. Free to participate! Only Basset Hounds and Basset Hound-Mixes are welcome to compete. We will have snacks/drinks available or bring your own food.

## What are the details for the Pawction Dinner?

This event is on Friday, April 17th. Cocktail hour is at 5:00pm and the buffet dinner is served at 6:00pm. The venue is Linwood Country Club, 500 Shore Road, Linwood, NJ. Tickets **MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE** (\$45 per person) at <https://tristatebassets.org/product/pawctiontickets/>. Ticket sales end on April 14th. Dogs are not permitted at this venue. Casual attire. Cash bar. Buffet menu will be posted on the BoardWaddle site once available from the venue.

## What are the details for the Picnic?

This event is on Saturday, April 18th immediately following the parade (approx. 1:00 to 4:00pm) at the OC High School football field next to the OC Recreation Dept (at E. 6th St & Boardwalk). Hot dogs, snacks and drinks available to purchase. Pet-related small business vendors and other rescues will be there with a variety merch and services available to purchase. New TSBHR merch for sale. Costume and parade float contests. DJ playing music, games for the hounds and much more; check out the BoardWaddle site for a full list of vendors and all updates.

## How do I purchase a t-shirt or hooded sweatshirt featuring the 2026 BoardWaddle logo?

Purchase 2026 BoardWaddle short sleeve t-shirts, long sleeve t-shirts or zip up hooded sweatshirts at our online shop: [www.tristatebassets.org/shop](http://www.tristatebassets.org/shop). Online orders end on April 3rd. **Popular sizes sell out quickly.** Shirts also available for purchase in-person at the Basset Hound Olympics, Parade Registration and the Picnic (as available).

## Can someone help me to order my BoardWaddle shirts and/or Pawction Dinner tickets?

If you need help manually placing an order for shirts and/or Pawction Dinner tickets, call Amy Allen at 609-221-9150.

## Are dogs allowed at all of the events?

The only event that dogs are **not permitted** is the Pawction Dinner on Friday night. Every dog breed is welcome to walk in the Parade and attend the Picnic. We ask that the dogs you bring are up-to-date on shots (Rabies is a required vaccine in NJ), and they are friendly towards other dogs and people. And please clean up after your dog!

## Are all outdoor events rain or shine?

On Saturday, the Parade and Picnic will proceed as scheduled **rain or shine**. \*\*On Friday, in the event of rain, we may move the Basset Hound Olympics to the Picnic following the Parade on Saturday. Please check our Facebook page for real-time updates: [www.Facebook.com/TSBHR](http://www.Facebook.com/TSBHR).

## Is there food/drinks to purchase at the Basset Olympics, Parade Registration and Picnic?

Yes. There will be snacks/drinks available for a small donation to TSBHR. You can also bring your own food or visit one of the many local restaurants/stores on Asbury Avenue or the Boardwalk: [www.oceancityvacation.com](http://www.oceancityvacation.com)

## Do you have a senior dog who cannot walk the entire parade route?

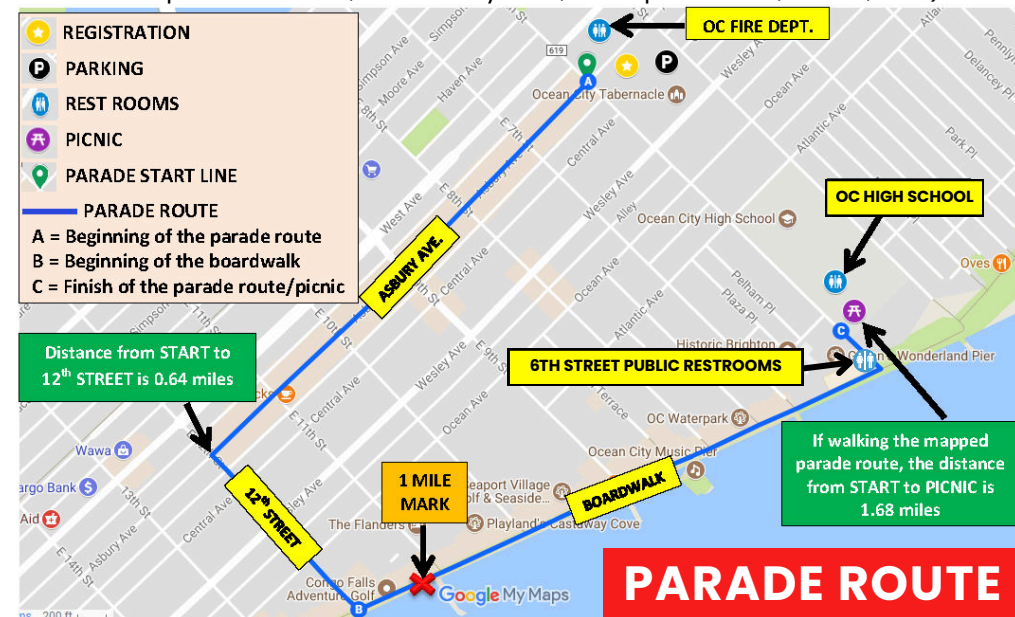
A limited number of spots are available to ride the entire parade route on the "Senior Express" (tickets are here: <https://tristatebassets.org/product/seniorexpress/>). Or you can walk the parade until they get tired and hitch a ride on the "Pooped Pup Truck" or pull them in your own wagon/push them in your own stroller.

## Do I need to sign up in advance for the costume/parade float contests and Basset games at the Picnic?

Advanced sign ups are not required, just sign up when you arrive at the Picnic (head to the 'welcome' table next to the DJ booth).

## How do my BoardWaddle pledges help the rescue?

Pledges go to the general fund to pay for the dogs currently in our care (e.g., spay/neuter, monthly flea/tick and heartworm preventatives, veterinary bills, transport costs, meds, etc.) and to continue saving more dogs in need.



## DIRECTIONS

**To OC from North:** Take the GSP to Exit 30. Go straight, including around the circle and over the bridge. The bridge becomes 9th St. Turn left onto Asbury, travel to 6th St. The Tabernacle is located on the corner of 6th and Asbury (spot for Olympics & Parade start).

**To OC from South:** Take I-95 N to Rt 40 E, then to Rt 55 S. Take Rt 55 S to Rt 49 E and follow signs to OC.

**To OC from West:** Take the AC Expressway to Exit 7S, onto GSP S. Follow directions for North above.

**To Linwood Country Club from OC:** Take the 9th St Bridge across the bay. Turn right onto Shore Rd. Turn right onto Haines Ave to enter the country club grounds.