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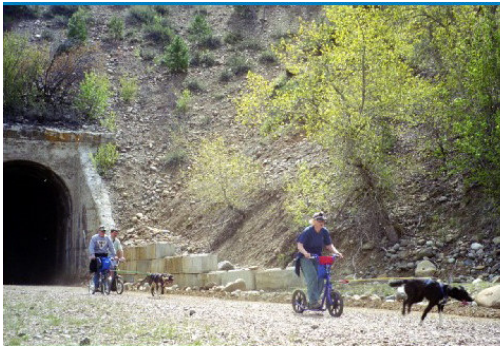
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More information can be found at www.DogsAcrossAmerica.org, including a map showing which states are participating and database of the state leaders and the trails in each state where the event will be held.

INTERESTED IN JOINING IN ON THE FUN?

We would love to have you and your dogs join us, but in the interest of being organized, we need to register everyone that would like to participate. **We are now accepting registrations** at the signup page on our website, www.DogsAcrossAmerica.org. You can also navigate to your state and click the signup link from that page.



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Dogs Across America 2005

A Dog Powered Relay Event



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The event will take place on the weekend of December 2-4, 2005. The weather should be cooled enough for Southern dogs to run and most northern states do not yet have snow cover on the trails. Races for mushers are scheduled for later.

Any wheeled device may be used. The number of dogs per device is unlimited. Dogs can pull scooters, bicycles, sulkies, dryland mushing rigs, wagons, roller blades, skateboards, roller skis, wheelchairs or even humans on foot (canicross).

Should there be snow, skis and sleds will travel the trails. In Washington State for example the course begins at 3,000 feet. We would ask mushers who scooter to take the higher elevation sections so that should it snow, we still can "mush" along. Dedicated drylanders can sign up for the lower elevation sections.

We are in the early planning stages in August, 2005. We are hoping to co-produce the event with organizations that support public trails such as parks departments or with animal welfare organizations such as humane societies. We are in the process of contacting them.

We are a loose group of dog lovers. Many of us converse about dog scooting on the Yahoo Group DogsLoveToRun:

(<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DogsLovetoRun/>). The Internet allows us to organized this event in spite of a lack of formal structure as a club or non-profit. You can also find more information about this event on the website www.DogsAcrossAmerica.org

CONTACT

Each participating State (see map on website) has a coordinator or set of coordinators. To find out if there is one in your State, click on your State in the online map. Please consider volunteering if there is no coordinator.

What is Dog Scooting?

From www.dogscooter.com

Does Your Dog Love to Run?

If your dog loves to run, if you can't walk him enough, if he pulls your arm off, if you would not want your mother or daughter to walk him, if driving to the dog park each night is difficult/boring/expensive, if the Iditarod grabs your imagination, try the new dog sport: dog scooting. Slip your dog into a sled dog harness, rope him to a scooter, hop on the scooter and let him run. The dog and you become a mini mushing team. You ride the scooter; he runs and pulls. Scooter dogs can run for a few city blocks or for 5 to 20 miles on back country trails.

The Worldwide Sport: Dog Scooting

Where there is no snow, dog lovers hitch their dogs to scooters. After work they and the dog go out the front door, hitch to the scooter and trot down the sidewalk, to the park, along the bike trail, across the soccer fields and dash back home. On weekends they load up the car and head for the trails in the countryside. Scooting along with an eager, running dog is a blast!