

# Truckee Duckee Derbee benefits dogs-cats

After a one-year hiatus, the Truckee Duckee Derbee returns to the River Ranch Lodge on June 24.

Billed as the “most unpredictable two minutes in Tahoe,” this year’s event will mark the official summer opening of River Ranch’s popular outdoor patio.

The rubber duck races, which were canceled last year because of high water conditions, benefit the Humane Society of Truckee Tahoe. The afternoon’s festivities also include live music provided by the After Eights on the outdoor patio, a barbecue, drink specials, raffle, the hilarious “Dogz in Dudz” K-9 costume contest, and the “Cool Catz in Hatz” contest open to all “human” attendees.

Once again a local canine will be honored as the TDD’s “Pet of Honor.” This year’s recipient is Leana who was found abandoned on Donner Summit emaciated and with a bullet fragment in her head. Through the efforts of the HSTT, Leana was rescued, rehabilitated and adopted. She now serves as a therapy dog.

The pre-race party and registration starts at 1pm. Cost to sponsor a duck is \$10 and the top three ducks win cash. There is no cost to enter the K-9 costume or hat contest.

Ducks may be purchased **online** prior to the event and Derbee winners need not be present to collect cash prizes.