



With your help, the Villa Park Community F.U.N. Commission will try to break the **Guinness World Records™** Title for the **World's Largest Dog Wedding Ceremony** during our annual adoption event, Paws & Claws in the Park.

**We're Marrying (Your) Dogs For Charity: REGISTER NOW**

Get your pooch into Guinness World Records™ and join the F.U.N. Commission's attempt to break the Title for the World's Largest Dog Wedding Ceremony on September 25th, 2021. Secure your doggy's future and Villa Park's place in history, [https://www.pawsandclawsvp.com/!](https://www.pawsandclawsvp.com/)

The first 500 dogs to register will receive a "Doggy Do's" swag bag overflowing with more than \$50 of doggy deals and products. AND if you register your pup by this coming **Tuesday, September 7th**, you'll automatically be entered in to win a HoneyWOOF Giveaway package\*! The drawing will be held on September 14th, and the lucky winners will be announced at the ceremony.

**Taking The Lead: We're Almost Halfway There!**



Our goal is to marry 500 four-legged heart-breakers into 250 record-breaker canine couples and we are almost halfway there! With **22 days to go**, when you [register now](#), you get the discounted rate and additional perks. The registration fee will increase to \$35 per dog for walk-ups on the day of the event.

## Request A Song: [Chicago Mobile DJs](#)



Round of ap-paws for Marcus Windsor who will be DJing our event! Marcus has 17 years of experience DJing weddings and events throughout Chicagoland. He has brought his talents to over 1,100 weddings and many other celebrations but this will be his first DOGGY WEDDING CEREMONY! There's a first for everything...our thanks to [Chicago Mobile DJs](#), for providing your services.

Each dog (owner) registered can request one song to be played at the ceremony. If you would like to request a song, please email us the song title and artist at [pride@invillapark.com](mailto:pride@invillapark.com).

## Rescue Alumni Hype

The rescue organization that gets the most alumni dogs to register and walk down the aisle will receive a bottle of doggy wine for EACH alum! Woof! When they sign up, participants should include the name of your rescue under the "How did you hear about us" field.

## Who Let The Dogs Out

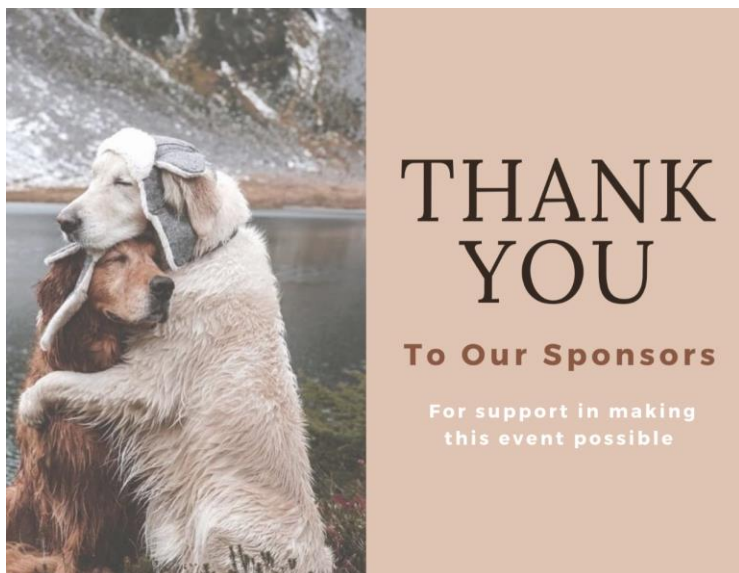
If you haven't seen it yet, check out our press release in the [Elmhurst Patch](#). Thank you to [Inside Edge PR + Media](#) for making it happen!

In other news, read what the [Daily Herald](#) had to say about our event. And, in the words of [96.7 The Eagle](#) and [Editor 99](#), we are here to confirm, this is no joke, Illinois will hold the World's Largest Dog Wedding Ceremony. Will you help us break this record for the first time in history?

## We're Going To Be On TV!

We are thrilled to announce that on Thursday, September 23rd, we will be featured on a new hour-long WGN-TV lifestyle show called Daytime Chicago! Stay tuned for more details as soon as they become available.

## Thank You To Our PAWrtners



Thank you to our early sponsors, especially Fetch Portraits, FUEL & Crème, Pet Supplies Plus, and Phillip's Flowers & Gifts for support in making this event possible. Most recently to join the pack, thank you to DuPage Animal Hospital, Nature Strips + Buddy Strips and Okidoki Pets.

And thank you to our partners in kind, The Drone People, Tree Towns, Inside Edge PR + Media, Ruff Life, Stranger Strings, Eclipse Dog Grooming, Lyons Township Dog Training Club, and Cherokee Rose Embroidery Inc. A special shout out to Hicks Vacuum who threw us a bone and donated to our HoneyWOOF Giveaway package. Woof!

### **What to Expect**

The day will be filled with lots of family friendly activities for both four-legged and two-legged guests such as live music/other entertainment, dog training demonstrations, photo booth stations, kids activity tent, face painting, balloon artist, pup tent with dog friendly games, puppy pools, pet food drive, and of course dog vendors and pet adoptions/rescue groups. Here's the detailed scheduled:

#### **Wedding Ceremony**

8:30-9:45 A.M. – Registration for wedding participants

8:30-9:15 A.M. – Doggy speed dating

10:00 A.M. – Ceremony

10:15 A.M. – World Record Attempt Confirmation and Award Ceremony

10:15 A.M. – Wedding cake served and goat's milk toast

#### **Activities**

8:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. – Food area open

10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. – Animal adoption, activity tents and vendors open

10:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M. – Dog training demonstrations and workshops (exact times TBD)

11:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. – Balloon artist and face painting

2:00 P.M. – End of event

## Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities



You don't have to be a dog owner to be part of this record-breaking history! We need volunteers! If you are interested in helping us pull off this blissful fur-covered event please contact us at [pride@invillapark.com](mailto:pride@invillapark.com). Our volunteer meeting tonight (9/3) will be held **virtually** (via Zoom) at 6 P.M. Please email us for details.

The following meetings will be held outside, in person next to the Villa Park Historical Museum at 6 P.M. on the dates listed:

Friday, September 10, 2021

Friday, September 17, 2021

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

We need doggy stewards for the World Record Attempt. A doggy steward is responsible for 25 dog couples and will make sure they are in their place when it's time to seal the deal and break the record. This is a Guinness World Records™ requirement, so we'd love to double down and have two stewards for every 25 dog couples. We also need leash-holders. We need puparazzi helpers. We need poop-scoopers. We need water bowlers to keep the doggy's hydrated. We need smiling faces in all kinds of places on the day of the event! Come to a meeting and learn how you can help.

### Sniffing Out More Sponsors

Do you own a business or know someone who does and would like to sponsor this event? We offer some great P.R. and marketing opportunities for our Sponsors and fully expect to get local, if not national, TV coverage on the day of the event. Plus, Guinness World Records™ will be playing a video of the event on their website for even more marketing exposure. We have sponsorships for all levels starting at \$250, for more information visit <https://www.pawsandclawsvp.com/Sponsorship>. Or talk to us about creative sponsorships in kind – we don't bite.

### **On The Prowl For Vendors**

Local vendors are welcome to set up a table/tent at the event for free! All we ask is that they contribute to our HoneyWOOF Giveaway package or Doggy Do's bags. If you are a vendor and interested in participating or donating to our giveaway/swag bags, please email us at [pride@invillapark.com](mailto:pride@invillapark.com). A sneak peek at vendors that will be at the event:

Corgcutorie

DogGone Good Martingale Collars

Fetch Portraits – photo stations to capture adorable, Instagrammable moments

FUEL & Crème – food for hoomans

Happy Dog Barkery – providing a wedding cake/pup cakes for 500 dogs!

Lyons Township Dog Training Club – live training demonstrations

Ruff Life – Doggy Do's swag bag station

Scentsy Consultant

Wildwood Dog Training Club

6 Mutts Chicago Food Truck

### **Digging Up More Animal Rescue Groups**

All of the registration fees from the doggy wedding will be split between the animal rescue groups at the event that day. We are capping the number of rescues to 15 so we don't overwhelm the animals. Rescues currently signed up are:

Chi-Town Pitties

DuPage County Animal Services

Greater Chicago Cage Bird Society

New Start Dog Rescue

NISA Samoyed Rescue

Rover Rescue

Tiny N Tall Rescue

Wet Nose Food Pantry

Underdog Railway Rescue

Treasured Animal Rescue

Chew on this! At \$25 per registration x our goal of marrying 500 dogs = \$12,500 for the animals! We still have space available for 5 more rescues so please spread the word and help us help them!

### **Event Details:**

**When:** Saturday, September 25, 2021 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. (Check-in starts at 8:30 A.M. and wedding scheduled for 10 A.M.)

**Where:** Lions Park, located at 320 E. Wildwood Ave., Villa Park, IL

**Rain date:** Sunday, September 26, 2021



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*\*NO Purchase Necessary. Two HoneyWOOF Giveaway packages will be given away. One package to one doggy bride and one package to a doggy groom, not necessarily married to each other. Drawing will be held on September 14<sup>th</sup> from all the entries received. To enter without registering for the event, please send a stamped postcard with your full name, address, phone number, and email address to PAWS AND CLAWS 2021, C/O Robust Promotions LLC, 164 S. Myrtle Avenue, Suite 1, Villa Park, IL 60181. Must be 18 years of age or older to enter.*

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Sincerely,

Villa Park Community F.U.N. Commission

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