Did you know that 44% of dogs are overweight?

Hot Dog needs to get back in shape! Learn about healthy food and exercise choices and discover how obesity can lead to other health concerns.

Program and Sponsor

Hot Dog’s Fitness Challenge is part of the Fat Dogs & Coughing Horses: Animal Contributions towards a Healthier Citizenry program to develop educational programs for P-12 students, parents, teachers, and the public about the science involved in keeping people healthy.

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Hot Dog’s Fitness Challenge Exhibit
Discover how advances in animal health can lead to advances in human health!

Exhibit Walk-Through

Hot Dog’s Fitness Challenge includes several stations with interactive elements.

Introduction: Hot Dog, an overweight dog, is your tour guide for learning about healthy food and fitness choices.

Body Condition: Learn how to tell if a dog is overweight by feeling models of thin to obese dogs.

Health Conditions: Explore how obesity can lead to other health concerns like diabetes and heart problems.

Healthy Treats: See if you can figure out the healthiest treats for your dog!

Fitness challenge: Finally, see if you can survive Hot Dog’s Fitness Challenge which features steps, a punching bag, and much more!

Learning Objectives

- Understand and be able to perform body condition scoring in dogs.
- Understand some relationships between body condition and health issues in animals and people.
- Understand healthy food choices in animals and people.
- Understand how exercise burns calories.

Target Audience:
3rd through 9th graders and their families

Availability:
Hot Dog’s Fitness Challenge is available for three-month rental periods.

Price:
$3,000 for 3 months plus in-bound shipping. Indiana venues are offered a 50% discount.

Square Footage:
250

Category:
Health and Science

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