

We would like to thank our ever-supportive and pet-loving community for their participation in the 2022 Los Alamos Dog Jog! Despite the smoke associated with nearby fires, Saturday April 30th dawned sunny, clear and calm. To celebrate the beautiful morning, about 20 runners and over 100 walkers with dogs turned out for the Los Alamos Dog Jog. All of the funds raised will go to support Friends of Shelter and Companion Animals and our spay/neuter programs and our catastrophic vet care programs. Through these programs we help reduce pet suffering and pet overpopulation and help pet owners care for their beloved cats and dogs.

This year's Dog Jog was dedicated to the memory of wonderful Los Alamos citizen and lifelong animal lover, Kent Pegg, who passed away last year. Kent supported Friends of Shelter and Companion Animals and the Los Alamos Dog Jog every single year that he lived in Los Alamos, and we all remember him fondly. Kent's widow, Carrie Montoya-Pegg spoke about the amazing person that Kent was and his dedication to helping people through training and coaching as well as his devotion to friends, family and his beloved pets. We played Kent's "theme song" "The Best of Buddies" to an appreciative crowd. Also, this year's t-shirt was designed by Chamisa fourth-grader Taylor Schwerdt and her design incorporated a tribute to Kent Pegg.

The fastest runners on the 5K course were Adrienne and Luke Hetrick who crossed the finish line together with dogs Amber and Koa and baby Ryder in the stroller – a true family effort! Fastest kid on the 5K course was Annette Preston with Bon Jovi flashing his fancy purple tail. 2nd place awards went to Andre Sison and Pike and Ayva Preston with pink-tailed Kiss, while our third-place finishers were Mike Salmon and Chester, and Steph Sitarz with Peanut. On the 5K course, we also had some special prizes, including one for our most determined dog, Ripley, who despite still sporting stitches from an unfortunate porcupine encounter, finished the run in fine style!

Thanks to the current reduction in COVID cases, we were able to hold a post-race prize ceremony where many dogs received special prizes for their cute ears, adorable wags, or just for being the special pups that they are. We gave a special prize basket to our oldest dog to participate this year, 16 year-old Sassy, and we also honored 13- and 14-year-old dogs Fido, Zoey, Chaco, Frankie, and Bronco – we love the senior Dog Jog dogs.

Over on the walking course, fun was had by all. Dogs with many spots, dogs with fluffy coats, dogs with adorable ears, dogs just having a great time were spotted on the course and the Dog Jog organizers just really enjoyed watching everybody have fun. You can check out the whole photo gallery soon at [https://www.flickr.com/photos/fos\\_losalamos/sets](https://www.flickr.com/photos/fos_losalamos/sets)

We also had finish line dog toys, donated by Pet Pangaea, for every pooch – many of our four-legged finishers enjoy deliberating over the many toy choices and picking out that special toy themselves. Gracie the yellow Lab was not registered this year, but since she lives in the neighborhood and happened to be walking by, we encouraged her to pick out a toy to take home, and she did!

We would like to thank our sponsor and donors, including our titanium sponsors:

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...and also to our silver sponsors:

Los Alamos Medical Center, Santa Fe Sports and Images, and Los Alamos Chiropractic.

And another thank you to all of our prize sponsors who donated gift cards for our fastest runners, our random walkers, our happiest kids and our very special dogs:

Pet Pangaea, the Running Hub, Los Alamos Coop Market, and Papa Murphy's Pizza.

And a huge thank you to all of our participants, you make it fun and we appreciate you all so much!

### **5K run**

1. Adrienne Hetrick 22:02
2. Luke Hetrick 22:03
3. Andre Sison 25:34
4. Garrison Sison 27:04
5. #294. 28:05
6. Marcus Kolman 28:07
7. Dave Kolman 28:08
8. Mike Salmon 28:10
9. Ayva Preston 29:42
10. Annette Preston 30:35
11. Stephanie Sitarz 34:30
12. Emmitt Tibbetts 38:15
13. Denise Robertson 39:05
14. Ben Barnhardt 40:01
15. Jeanette Trujillo-Rondeau 46:20
16. Linda Vance 46:30
17. Tamara Jurado 46:31
18. Ted Williams 50:55
19. Lisabeth Fogarty 51:03



**Formal dogs and their friends having fun at the 2022 Dog Jog.**





**Styling dog and her colorful human looking good at the 2022 Dog Jog.**