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Run with Your Dog at this Year's Springfield 800-meter on July 5

A new wave will be featured at the World's Only Straight 800m in Downtown Springfield Oregon

On July 5, during the only "day off" from events at Hayward Field, the fifth annual Springfield 800 Presented by Dole will feature runners of all ages and all levels racing in a unique 800-meter road. For the first time, event organizers are inviting pet owners and their four-legged friends to join in on the fun and to race down 5th Street in the Historic Washburne District of Downtown Springfield.

Ian Dobson, the coach of Team Run Eugene and a 2008 Olympian, approached the City of Springfield and Run Gum about the idea as more and more events across the country are adding dog divisions.

"You are starting to see the dog miles show up across the country," said Dobson. "Why not have the world's only Dog 800 at the world's only straight 800-meter race."

Dobson and his dog Chap will be running and they are both asking the local dog community to join them on the road.

"We have a great running community in TrackTown, but we also have a great dog community. This will be a great event combining the two."

The Springfield 800 is part of a community event called Run Springfield Night and will have multiple divisions including walkers, youth, masters, open and, new this year, a Dog 800 for pet owners and their dogs. The event will begin with a registration and street festival beginning at 4:00pm with races set to tentatively begin at 5:30pm.

For more information and to register, visit www.Springfield800.com. A required 6-foot or shorter non-retractable leash is required to race.

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