**THE PUPS HAVE ARRIVED!!**

Welcome to everyone!!! The tips listed below will help you prepare for the best possible vacation for you and your pup(s). Please pack accordingly for yourselves and your pups. Be sure and ask questions if you aren’t sure, event volunteers are there to help you enjoy your stay.

PLEASE REMEMBER - the biggest way we can make a bad impression is not to clean up after our dogs and to be disrespectful of hotel staff and patrons not participating in our event. Just think about it, for a whole weekend you have wonderful places to go and a variety of things to do where your dogs are welcome - let’s make sure our host hotel, local businesses and the town of Myrtle Beach know how much we appreciate their hospitality.

This event is the first year of many. A great opportunity to meet up with old friends and to make new ones; a great place to make life-long friends!!! As this event grows, we are hoping that attendees will come from all parts of the United States and possibly even Canada and beyond. You already have one thing in common - love of the Chinese Cresteds, so please take some time, don’t be shy and talk to the person next to you.

**IMPORTANT - READ ME**

**Travel Tips**

1. **Local address dog tags:** Purchase some round, plastic key tags with a metal ring on them (they can be purchased at your local hardware store or Walmart). Put adhesive labels on them of your dog’s name, a local contact number, your cell phone and the hotel name. Remember, having tags with your home phone number are useless when you’re away from home on vacation.
2. **Water**: Some dogs are sensitive to changes in water, etc. Bring a few containers of water from home or purchase a case of bottle water. This will help your pup avoid any tummy issues and will lessen the chances of you having to deal with the mess of the Big “D”.
3. **Safety**: Make sure your pup is restrained in the car, either by car seat or leash. It’s an exciting time for your pup and he/she may not react to things like they do at home.
4. **Extra blankets, dog beds and crates**: Pack at least two or three extra dog blankets to cover the hotel beds or to lay on the floor for the dogs to sleep on. If you have enough room in your vehicle, you may want to bring their dog beds and crates.
5. **Frequent Walks**: Walk your pup before checking into the hotel room. This will reduce the chance of accidents. Utilize belly bands for those boys and don’t forget to pack a supply of puppy pads for the nervous or fair weather pups. Be sure and walk your dog often throughout the weekend because being in an unfamiliar location may make your dog more anxious and less inclined to “hold” it as much as at home.
6. **Do-Not-Disturb Signs**: Use the do-not-disturb sign the hotel provides also, event specific do-not-disturb signs will be available at the event, please ask an event volunteer where one can be obtained.
7. **Baby gate/X-pen:** Bring a baby gate (or several) and x-pens. Setting a baby gate at the hotel door will help avoid any dogs who bolt. Also, the weather may be nice and you may want to have your balcony door open. The balcony railings have large enough spacing where a small pup could get through, by placing an x-pen (or a roll of plastic fencing or chicken wire) across the railing will help in the prevention of unnecessary and potentially very dangerous accidents from happening.
8. **A flashlight**: Bring a flashlight and extra batteries. The flashlight will prove to be invaluable for those late night walks. You are required to pick up after your dogs all hours of the day.
9. **A variety of clothes**: Weather can be unpredictable late October in Myrtle Beach. Pack for all 4 seasons and rain. Even if the temperature is warmer, the wind from the ocean can be chilly and the pups will need the appropriate clothing.
10. **Medical Information/Medication**: Be sure to bring your pups most current vaccine records and/or any medical specific documents. Bring enough meds for your pups for the weekend and pack extra if the unexpected happens.

**Packing List**:

Hopefully this list will help assist you with packing. \*This is just a guideline to help remember some key items.

| Packed | Item |
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|  | Dog tags with local contact info |
|  | Leashes (No retractable leashes) |
|  | Dog costume for contest |
|  | All Weather Items   * Dog rain coat or umbrella * Warm coat or sweater * Towels |
|  | Food & Water   * Dog food & water bowls * Usual dog food * High value dog food * Can opener if using canned food * Usual dog treats * High value dog treats * Bottled water or water from home |
|  | Dog Poop Equipments   * Additional poop bags * Flash Light (with extra batteries) * Spray bottle with cleaner to clean messes * Paper towels |
|  | Bedding   * Dog beds * Dog crate * Extra blankets to lay on floor and cover hotel bed |
|  | Medical   * Daily medicine * Travel meds (motion sickness, calming, etc.) * First Aid Kit (guaze, vet wrap, tape, etc.) |
|  | Toys and chew toys |
|  | 2014 Buff & Puff Event Guide |
|  | Baby Gate & X-pens (or rolled fencing) |
|  | Proof of vaccines and any medical specific documents |
|  | Current photo of your dog (in case of lost pup) |
|  | Index card with Emergency Contact Info:   * regular vet * medical conditions * list of medications * Authorization and contact information for someone that will make decisions about your dog’s care in case you are not able to. |