

# Press release

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## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Running of the Chihuahuas **NEW DATE – SATURDAY, MAY 20!!**

When: **Saturday, May 20, 2017 | 1pm to 5 pm**

Where: The Wharf - 600 Water Street SW, Washington, DC 20024

Why: A benefit for local animal charities and a hilarious way to celebrate Cinco

What: Chihuahua races, food trucks, beer stands, live music, dog contests, a family friendly FREE event!

*Attention Media – given the weather and cool temperatures forecast for the weekend of May 6 & 7, the Running of the Chihuahuas has moved to Saturday, May 20. All the same fun, just a new and (hopefully) sunnier day! Your assistance in updating listings is greatly appreciated.*

Kick off Cinco de Mayo at the **Sixth Annual Running of the Chihuahuas!** 1pm – 5pm on **Saturday, May 20** at The Wharf – DC’s amazing new destination taking shape on the southwest waterfront. The Running of the Chihuahuas is part of DC’s best Cinco de Mayo celebration, an afternoon that includes great food from **Sol Mexican, Red Hook and Captain Cookie** food trucks, cold beer, **live music** and of course, the races.

The highlight of the afternoon, the races feature 128 Chihuahuas racing in groups of eight on a sixty foot “race track.” All the action is captured on a 17 foot Jumbotron screen and the winners take home \$500 in cash and prizes. ALL race proceeds benefit Rural Dog Rescue – a non-profit organization dedicated to pulling dogs from high-kill rural shelters.

Don’t have a Chihuahua? You can still take part in the excitement with the all breed contests for best dressed dog and best trick! There will be local vendors and giveaways from DC’s pet friendly businesses.

Deadline to register dogs online is Friday, May 19, walkups on race day accepted until all spots are full. \$25 per dog to race. **This is a family and dog-friendly, admission-free event**, but you must be 21+ to drink beer. To enter and for more information, visit [www.cincodc.com](http://www.cincodc.com)!

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