

FRIENDS OF DOGBONE MEADOW



Lady Gaga was the winner of the Dog Costume Contest

A COMMUNITY FOR DOGS AND THEIR PEOPLE

**THE FRIENDS OF DOGBONE MEADOW IS
A NONPROFIT GROUP DEDICATED TO
SUPPORT AND MAINTAIN THE PARK**

BarkFest Funds Go to Second Donation

President Brian Pearson and Vice President Judy Ahern presented another \$1,000 check to the City of Novato, thanks to the surprising amount of money raised at the first annual BarkFest. Slightly over \$2,000 was taken in, with a net of nearly \$1,500 after expenses. The remaining \$500 will go to expenses for the next big fundraiser.



The Dog Costume Contest was so much fun! The First Place Winner was Lady Gaga. The Second Place Winner was Joe The Plumber.

**Joe The Plumber
Second Place**



K-9 Corner

Q: Dear K-9 Corner: I recently heard about people being knocked down by some dogs at the park. What happened? Is the park safe to walk in?

A: Yes, a woman was injured when some dogs were playing and ran into her from behind. She did not see them and she was sent flying. She hit the ground hard enough that there was fear she had a concussion so the paramedics were called. The dogs didn't mean to hurt her, they were just running and playing. That is why we bring them to the park...so they can run and play. It is very important that anyone walking or standing in the park pay attention to what is going on at all times. They don't have to be big dogs to knock someone off their feet. It is especially risky to stand out on the lawn area while a group of dogs is running and playing. Dogs who are playing, chasing a ball or running do not pay attention to people in their path. Be aware of congregating in the middle grass area while dogs are playing. Occasionally look behind you when you are walking on the path so you are aware of where the dogs are.

Please email your questions to info@dogbonemeadow.org, put in the subject line "K-9 Corner"

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Once again I need to say THANK YOU!!! Thank you to all our donors who supplied the prizes for our BarkFest 2011 raffle and our silent auction! A large thank you to our great Board of Directors who planned and carried out BarkFest 2011! Another large thank you to the volunteers who provided the groundwork for the event without which we could not have put on this great fundraiser!

By now I am sure most of you know that BarkFest 2011 was a great success. It exceeded our goals and brought in over \$2000! Attendance was lot higher than we estimated; folks came from such far away places as Martinez, Stockton and Modesto. What a great day it was!

Trophies were given out for Best Costumed Dog, Tail Waggingest Dog, Most Affectionate Dog, Best Dog on Leash, Most Talented Dog, etc. Jane Zabielskis, a dog behaviorist and trainer from Marin Humane Society, demonstrated simple commands and then led a partial agility run. Danielle Buonchristiani, a professional pet photographer, took candid shots of the canine attendees and is sending them to the companions of the dogs – she also donated a professional dog photo sitting to the silent auction. Postmore Kennels

gave free nail clippings and donated three day care certificates to the auction; Pet Food Express gave out gift bags and also donated a bubbly fountain to the silent auction; the Marin Humane Society gave out information and lent us a canopy. Rick Cummings of Afrika House donated a beautiful beaded dog collar for the silent auction. In addition to these vendors, Kathy King ran our bakery booth as well as showing her own beautiful jewelry. (She also donated a pair of gold earrings and turquoise necklace and earring set to the silent auction.) Paula Cottom donated overnight pet sitting services.

Fran Craig ran our White Elephant table while her husband Bill Craig did the set-up of our canopies, traffic cones, tables and chairs (he also picked them all up and returned them). Our Board Members Courtney Flavin, Judy Ahern and Ed Shelley shared running the sign-in table, the distribution of raffle prizes, and the silent auction. In addition to these dedicated workers, local Scout Troop 42 was represented by half a dozen Boy Scouts who helped with traffic control, drawing raffle tickets, assisting in awarding trophies and manning the gate to prevent dogs from escaping the park. Chris Taylor stood at the parking lot entrance and directed overflow traffic to the

San Marin High School parking lot; Tom O'Doul drove people back and forth from the high school parking lot to Dogbone Meadow. We also were grateful to Matthew Kratoville who worked tirelessly all day helping with the set-up and the take-down, “de-pooing” the park, hanging balloons and generally being there for everyone. Kathy Eckels did the same thing – helping everyone get set up for the event. Kim Vogee took hundreds of candid photos of the event, while your President MC'd the event wearing a distinctive Goofy Hat. Bev Abernathy made the parking signs and lent us tables. I hope I haven't left anyone out.

As you can see, it took a lot of people to make this fundraiser a huge success, and we need even more volunteers to help us with some fundraisers we are planning over the winter and spring. We need YOU! Please come and join the fun and madness of planning and carrying out events that will raise funds to improve Dogbone Meadow. This is YOUR park, and it needs all of us to work to make it the best park in the Bay Area.

So once again I thank you all. I hope you all take a minute to pat yourselves on the back for a great job well done.

Brian Pearson, President
Friends of Dogbone Meadow

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