

# FRIENDS OF DOGBONE MEADOW



DOGBONE MEADOW

A COMMUNITY FOR DOGS AND THEIR PEOPLE

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

WHAT'S SHAKING AT THE BEST DOG PARK IN MARIN

## News for Dogs

### HELP WANTED

Friends of Dogbone Meadow needs volunteers! We need all kinds of help.

If you have talents to share – no matter what they are – we would love to hear from you. We can use help with the newsletter (submit an article or suggestions for “Dog of the Month”) and getting signatures on our petition against the proposed road. We particularly need help with fundraising.

Contact us by email at [dogbonemeadows@aol.com](mailto:dogbonemeadows@aol.com)

### UPDATE ON PROPOSED ROAD THROUGH DOGBONE MEADOW

The Board of Directors of Friends of Dogbone Meadow will be meeting with the Community Garden Group and City Hall in early May. To prepare for the meeting, we have brought in certified arborists to discuss potential damage to the Heritage Oak and the problems associated with moving six grown trees from the area where the proposed road would go. We also talked to the original contractor, Bob Lewis, who has told us the proposed road

is too close to the irrigation manifold, among other problems.

We will be interested to hear if the Community Garden group has any alternatives to their plan; if not, we have a couple of suggestions.

Shortly after the meeting there will be a report posted on the bulletin board; the report will also appear in the next newsletter.

**MAY 21, 2011**

The American Cancer Society Bark For Life™ is a noncompetitive walk event for dogs and their owners to raise funds and awareness for the American Cancer Society's fight against cancer.

**Dogbone Meadow will be closed to the public until 3:00 p.m. that day.**

**Registration begins 9AM**

**Opening Ceremonies 10AM**

**Walk around the park will follow.**

Registration is \$25 for the first dog, \$5 for each additional dog, per team. For each registered dog, the owner will receive a raffle ticket for awesome prizes.

PLEASE, DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH, AND PLEASE, BE READY TO CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG

**Show your relay spirit!**

Prizes will be given for the best dressed Relay dog and for the owner showing the most Relay Spirit! Plus other animal activities!

For more information about the Bark for Life event, call Victoria at 415-225-6757 or Penny at 415-897-9328.

Friends of Dogbone Meadow will have a table at this event to collect donations and sign up members.

***JOIN US!***

There are over 40 members already in Friends of Dogbone Meadow. We are up to 43! Come join us! It's only \$10.00 a year for voting membership, \$5.00 a year for associate (nonvoting membership). Through the newsletter, you'll be kept informed of any developments at the dog park, plus you'll find lots of valuable information about dog care and each month you'll learn about a different dog and his or her owner(s) in our "Dog of the Month" column. (We also welcome donations along with memberships or on their own. Regular users might consider donating \$1 a week or \$52 or 50 cents a week or \$26.)

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**K-9 Corner**

Welcome: Let me take this opportunity to welcome and thank all supporters of Dogbone Meadow. It is truly an inspiration to see so many people and businesses in so much support of keeping all our K-9's happy and healthy.

What in the World is K-9 Corner? This corner of the newsletter will be dedicated to questions and concerns about your pet(s), as well as education on behavior and little quirks that you may not understand about your pet. I, as the author, shall remain anonymous because I think it is important to understand

that many of the answers I will give are based on my 10 years of experience with animals, both medical and behavioral, as well as 3 years of human psychology. My credit goes to the thousands of animals that have crossed my path and blessed me with a lesson. I give all my credit to our teachers...our angels...our animals.

Disclaimer: I am in no way a licensed psychologist, professional veterinarian, nor a professional animal behaviorist. Please consult professionals for medical questions. Again I am a student of life and these are only opinions gathered from research and personal experience.

So What Now? Sooo... What would you like to know? What funny little behavior do you wish you understood. Why does Sparky do XYZ? What does it mean when...? How do I deal with...? Please email your questions to [info@dogbonemeadow.org](mailto:info@dogbonemeadow.org), put in the subject line "K-9 Corner" or "Dear K-9 Corner", so your valued question does not get lost in the many emails we receive daily. Thank you and I look forward to your questions.

# Bill & Fran & Gracie

April 16, 2011 by Matthew Kratoville

**G**racie is a year and half old lab mix with perhaps some Chesapeake mixed in. Whatever she is, everybody loves Gracie. She was a rescue from the Marin Humane Society. When her owners, Fran and Bill, went to pick out a dog, Gracie fell asleep in Bill's arms and that was it. "And she hasn't slept since," says Bill. Gracie is on the go 24 / 7 / 365.

The garden hose is easily Gracie's favorite toy. She unwinds it and takes it in the dog house with her and waits for water to come out.

What she doesn't like is change, particularly when things are out of place. Once, Fran moved a candle from its regular place in order to put some flowers on her mantle. Gracie went over to the candle in its new temporary location and barked at it. The same thing happened when Bill didn't put his chain saw away properly. She knew it didn't belong under the boat! She doesn't like cats, vacuum cleaners, or anything with wheels like bicycles and skateboards.

There's quite a stir when she's at Starbucks (where's she's known as



Bill and Fran with Gracie

the "Starbucks dog") and the deliveryman appears with a dolly.

But Gracie loves the mud. Gracie "has converted" from white to black many times. Now that the rainy season has passed, Gracie has a new challenge: learning to swim in deep water. She doesn't know yet that she can do it, but she's a smart dog, so no

fear. When she gets a little older, Bill might take her hunting and fishing. He just wants to be sure she's ready. Bill and Fran would like people to know that, above all, Gracie is a sweet dog. But we knew that. That's why she's our very first "Dog of the Month."



Gracie likes to get in the tub. She is waiting for the hose to start flowing.



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## RECIPE FOR A SUCCESSFUL DOG PARK

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**MAY 21, 2011**  
**BARK FOR LIFE**  
**AN AMERICAN**  
**CANCER SOCIETY**  
**EVENT**

\*Park Closed To Public  
Dogs Must Register To  
Participate In Events



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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Dog's name \_\_\_\_\_

Voting membership (\$10) \_\_\_\_\_

Or \_\_\_\_\_

Associate membership (\$5) \_\_\_\_\_

And/or \_\_\_\_\_

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