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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FRIENDS OF DOGBONE MEADOW



A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION
DEDICATED TO THE MAINTENANCE
AND BEAUTIFICATION
OF NOVATO'S FINEST DOG PARK

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Once again we are so grateful for all the volunteers who turned out to help with Barkfest 2. There were so many that I worry that I am leaving someone out. Thanks go to Bill and Fran Craig, Judy Ahern, Vicki McDill, who helped direct the vendors to their sites and donated wonderful needlepoint to the silent auction, Matt Kratoville, Cheryl Mitchell and Sandra Aslesen, who brought us dog snacks on the day, Kim Vogee, the Girl Scouts who did the face painting, who took pictures of the event, plus our great Refreshment Committee chairperson Kathy King, all of whom joined our (overworked) Board of Directors Courtney Flavin, Angie McGraw, Alan Rosenbloom and me in making our second Barkfest a huge success.

But we could not have had such a great Barkfest2 without the generous support of Novato's many merchants and donors from Marin and beyond. Please see the last page for a list of all those great vendors and please consider supporting them when you shop!

We doubled the number of attendees over last year with an estimated 250-300 people over the course of the event. We more than doubled the vendor/exhibitors to 18. The silent auction under the direction of Fran and Marnie Craig was a great success as was the raffle handled by Angie McGraw.

Our great city of Novato was represented by Mayor Pro Tem Pat Eckland who presented the trophy for best costumed dog. The big surprise was our City Manager, Michael Frank, and David Adams who arrived in Dalmatian costumes. Everyone enjoyed the dog contests.

So, thank you all to everyone who turned out to raise funds for our small dog area project!

Now we are on to our next fundraiser, our second annual Pawsta Feed in March. We will be sending out time, date and location very soon. Please consider joining your dog park friends for a great pasta dinner and entertainment. Once again we need you to volunteer for serving, ticket taking, silent auction and cleanup. Please step up and join us in this endeavor! Call 415 827 0097 or email Dogbonemeadows@aol.com.

In closing, I want to thank our member Beverly Abernathy for donating storage space for our group's accumulated items.

Brian Pearson, President



David Adams, who won honorable mention in the best costumed dog category, and his mother, who entered him!

MORE PICTURES FROM BARKFEST 2



Judy Ahern and friend at the volunteer table.



Mayor Pro Tem and dog park fan Pat Ecklund



Best Dog Costume: "Rainbow Coalition"



IMPORTANT!

There have been a few cases of bordetella (kennel cough) reported at Dogbone Meadow. It is vital that all dogs who visit the park, particularly those who visit regularly, be up to date on their bordetella vaccinations.

Dogs that are regularly boarded get a bordetella shot every six months, but those visiting a dog park should be vaccinated annually. The “shot” is actually a squirt up each nostril. The first time your dog is vaccinated, there may be a booster shot a short time afterwards.

Many vets only vaccinate for bordetella if you request it. Be sure your dog is current.

ALSO

The rain has brought mushrooms back to the dog park. Not good for dogs! The fallen walnuts are getting moldy – potentially fatal to dogs who eat them. Please do all the dogs a favor and pick up fallen walnuts and mushrooms as you stroll the park. They can be tossed in the black garbage can.

SAVE THE DATE!



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15TH
1:00 – 3:00
AT DOGBONE MEADOW**

**A LITTLE HOLIDAY CELEBRATION
WITH HOT SPICED CIDER AND
CHRISTMAS COOKIES**

Feel free to bring a dog toy or dog treats for the SHARE (Special Human-Animal Relationships) program at the Marin Humane Society. They ask for extra donations at Christmas.

SHARE's goal is to keep good friends – people and companion animals – together. It provides ongoing pet care assistance to low-income seniors and one-time support to others in need. It brings animals to visit people to assist with their care or education. Through its SHARE A BOOK program, it helps children improve their literacy skills.

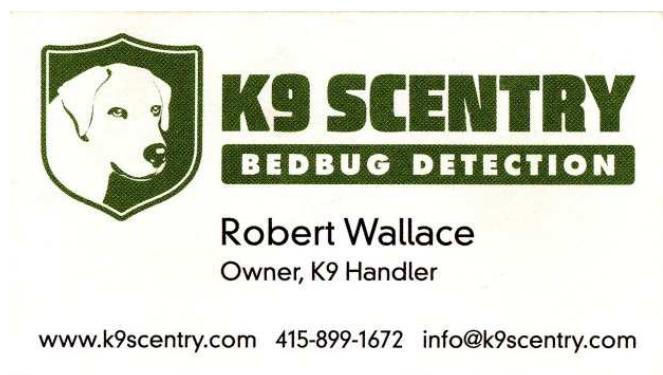
If you can't make it to the holiday celebration, there is a bin in the lobby of the Marin Humane Society for donations of toys and treats.

**WITH GRATEFUL THANKSTO
THE FOLLOWING SUPPORTERS**

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