

FRIENDS OF DOGBONE MEADOW



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

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**

BARKFEST

**DEMONSTRATIONS
AND
DOG-RELATED ACTIVITIES**

RAFFLE PRIZES

SILENT AUCTION

BAKE SALE

ASSORTED VENDORS

CONTESTS

**UGLIEST DOG, GRUMPIEST DOG, BEST TAIL
WAGGER, MOST AFFECTIONATE DOG**

**COSTUME CONTEST
RACES**

FUNDRAISER

On Sunday, October 16, 2011, Friends of Dogbone Meadow will hold its first fundraiser – BarkFest! We hope it will become an annual event.

Already we have received lots of donations of prizes for the raffle: a \$25 gift certificate to Klyde's Pet Store, Brunch for Two at Wild Fox (worth \$40), a computer diagnostic from PC Plus (worth \$70), a \$35 gift card from Mi Pueblo restaurant, two big bags of Candidae dog food, a genuine Friends of Dogbone Meadow shopping bag, a genuine Friends of Dogbone Meadow hat, a Retro Arcade Pac-Man (worth \$25), a 45 minute session at Integrative Living (your choice of a Home Safety Evaluation, Fall Prevention Assessment, Pain Management, and others) (worth \$150), books, and dog paraphernalia. And more donations come in every day. Check out the pictures on the bulletin board at the dog park. So buy your raffle tickets – we'll try to have someone at Dogbone Meadow at all times of the day. They are only \$1 each or 7 for \$5. You don't have to be present to win. You do have to be present for the silent auction: donations include a free teeth cleaning for your dog, including blood work, from Dr. Dahlman at South Novato Animal Hospital (valued at \$500), hand carved walking sticks, original art, watches, jewelry – and, again, more donations come in every day.

If your sweet tooth needs satisfying, there will be a table of baked goods for sale – cookies, cakes, pies.

There will be vendors giving out freebies and vendors with interesting items for sale. There will be contests and demonstrations. We're also having a white elephant table. It should be a lovely afternoon!

A very special thank you to all the people who helped make our work party day a success.



Leo Del Grande enjoys his reward for all his effort at the work party

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Raul Carter coordinator of the Volunteer Work Party

BARKFEST

OCT. 16, 2011

1- 4 P.M.

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Friends of Dogbone
Meadow is now on
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party is available there
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Letter From The President

When I looked around me on August 27th during our first "Work Party at the Park," all I could think of was **WOW!!! A HUGE WOW!!!** To be honest, I had expected (as did others) that we might get six or seven people out to help Raul Carter, our Maintenance Committee Chair. To my surprise and delight, I counted 25 hard working, earnest people cutting, pruning, dragging, gathering, and burning (the nylon webbing poking out from under the turf). To our amazement, the entire park was cleaned and pruned, etc. in just one morning.

How do we express our thanks? The total spirit of community was shining through and invoked the days when volunteers worked together to build the park some 10 years ago. It was amazing to see and to feel. So just saying thank you to these tireless workers seems so inadequate. But **THANK YOU, THANK YOU**, one and all from the pruners to the haulers, to the people who made and supplied the refreshments (coordinated by Kathy King), and to the

people who took the great photos. I cannot list all the names as I am sure to leave someone out and cause hurt feelings. You know who you are, and now you know how much we thank you for your work!

Today was our **FIRST** annual membership meeting and, knowing how boring such meetings can be, I was praying for a quorum of 10 percent of our now 70 members. Once again you stepped up and we had more than a quorum – we had a room full of involved and interested people eager to keep the spirit of the dog park alive and moving forward.

I urge all of you who could not make these events to please put some time aside on Sunday, October 16th from 1:00 to 4:00 to join us in our first fundraiser: **BarkFest**. Before then, we desperately need volunteers to get this day of fun and games going. Won't you please help us?

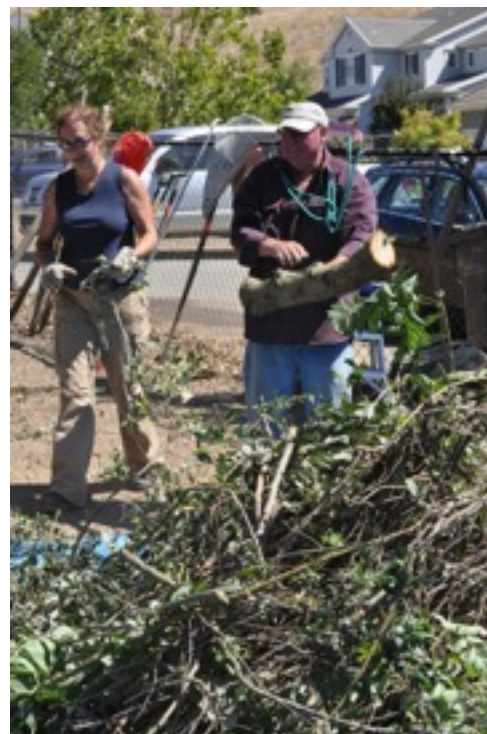
Part of **BarkFest** is a bake sale with Kathy King organizing that effort. She can be contacted at A5150mf@verizon.net or 415-899-9725.

But all this depends on **YOU**. There is something for everyone to do and to enjoy doing: baking, organizing, booth help, advertising, promotion -- come on and join us!

Finally, if you haven't joined our group our dues are only \$26 a year for a voting member.

Thank you all so much,

Brian Pearson



October 16, 2011 1-4 PM

BARKFEST

DOGBONE MEADOW
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Here's what was great about the work party out at the dog park one sunny August Saturday – it was **FUN!** And the reason it was fun is that so many folks joined in. Because many hands made light work, the potential for drudgery vanished. The start time was 9:00, but people showed up well before then. Then, around 11:00, when some people's energy was starting to flag, a whole new contingent joined in, some of whom were people who had brought their dogs to play and didn't even know about the work party. They helped haul the branches on big tarps to the far end of the park to await the chipper. A couple of days later, the City chipped the wood for us.

The big effort was to prune the trees, some of which were still staked from ten years ago, but there was also a lot of raking, poop picking-up, and general cleaning up.

A huge quantity of food was available. Kathy King and Joan Resnikoff made sandwiches, Courtney Flavin made hardboiled eggs donated by Judy Ahern's chickens, Brian Pearson brought doughnuts, Matthew Kratoville supplied soft drinks, Friends of Dogbone Meadow provided bottled water, and Fran Craig sent cookies.



BEFORE



AFTER

Dogbone Meadow before and after the Volunteers Work Party

By noon, the dog park was looking good. Someone commented that the park looked larger because there was so much more shade. There was more to come. In subsequent days a drain was put in under the water tub so that water from the tub could flow down into the soil through the pipe and drench the trees nearby. A newspigot was added to the fountain post so it's easier to fill dog dishes and wash hands. (See picture below).

The bulletin board was moved to a more visible spot.

A round of applause and a virtual medal is due Raul Carter who organized the work party and who almost single-handedly installed the new drain. Thanks to everybody who worked so hard to make Dogbone Meadow sparkle.



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