

FRIENDS OF DOGBONE MEADOW

NUMBER 17



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

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi, everyone. After two weeks, our park has reopened. It looks good, though there are a couple of details that need to be worked out with the City. Labor Day saw all of us back at the park, and to celebrate, the Board of Directors of Friends of Dogbone Meadow threw a "Welcome Back" party with sandwiches, cookies, and cold drinks.

Next up, of course, is our big fundraiser – BarkFest 3 (featuring "America's Pup"), which will be held Saturday, September 21, from noon to 4:00 at Dogbone Meadow. We are having vendors, raffles, a silent auction, plus contests, contests, contests! And food!!! Mi Pueblo will be there and the Ice Queen (familiar from the Novato farmers' market), so come and bring the family and the family dog and friends! All will have a good time. And bring money! Net proceeds to go to the small dog area fund (see graph).

If anyone has patio umbrellas that you can lend us for the day, please call 415-827-0097. We promise to return them promptly.

We also still need helpers for the event, and if you want to donate items (NEW) for the silent auction or raffles, please call 415-827-0097.

Brian Pearson
President

WE HAVE A WEBSITE!

www.friendsofdogbonemeadow.com

After talking about it for years, FODM finally has a website. Check there for news updates about the park; you can also renew your membership, buy tee shirts and caps, get your FAQ answered, and see pictures (and soon videos) from the park.

Speaking of pictures, we need more. The slide show is heavy on pictures from Courtney, who designed the website, so that means Maizie and Oliver are over-represented. Email pictures of your dog at the park to:

fodm@friendsofdogbonemeadow.com

On the contact page there is a form for sending suggestions or asking questions.

Many thanks to Courtney for her hard work putting the website together.



Joan Robinson chats with Tally Schwartz as Brian Pearson enjoys the shade at the "Welcome Back" social gathering on Labor Day at the park.

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE WAS A HOT ONE!

Literally and figuratively. But intrepid FODM members and dogs decorated Fran and Bill Craig's truck despite the heat, and after an incredibly long wait (next year not just cold drinks, but FOOD will be provided), off everybody went with handouts to advertise BarkFest and patriotic wristbands, which were quite a hit. Below are pictures from that day. [Pictures by Mike Schwartz]



Our decorated truck.



Passing out wristbands.



Cooper is ready and waiting.



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If you are receiving this newsletter by mail, and you have an email address, please send it to fodm@friendsofdogbonemeadow.com. If we can email the newsletter to you, it saves us 46 valuable cents (soon to be more if the post office gets its increase), which adds up over time. An added bonus is that you get email alerts (not too many) to notify or remind you of events at the dog park.

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**DROP IN AND HAVE YOUR
DOG'S NAILS CLIPPED
FOR ONLY \$5 (PER DOG)**

**COMING UP – BarkFest 3
Featuring “America’s Pup”
co-sponsored by City of Novato**



Our annual autumn fundraiser has been expanded this year to include a contest to find “America’s Pup,” the best all around dog at BarkFest. After the seven contests we usually have (Best Dog on Leash, Dog that Looks Most Like Its Owner, Most Affectionate Dog, Best Recall by a Dog, Ugliest but Cutest Dog, Best Dog Trick, and the ever popular Best Costumed Dog), there will be a special category: “America’s Pup,” the Best All Around Dog, and the prize is \$50 and a practical trophy (holds dog biscuits):



But of course that isn’t all. We will have food from Mi Pueblo, the Ice Queen Shaved Ice Truck, vendors with free samples, things to buy, and/or information, photographer Danielle Buoncristiani to take a picture of your dog, our cupcake sale, our tee shirt and cap sale, the fantastic silent auction table, and lots of RAFFLES! Tickets for the raffle are \$1 each or 7 for \$5. Both the silent auction and raffles have restaurant gift certificates as prizes; other raffle prizes are socks from the Foot Fetish lady, books about dogs and dog care, even motor oil! The silent auction has two Grandstand tickets for NASCAR on June 21, 2014, a teeth cleaning from South Novato Animal Hospital, a truly spectacular dog bed, a two night stay in dog-friendly Kimpton Hotel. And that’s just what we have on hand. More to come!

It’s Saturday, September 21, from noon to 4:00 at our own Dogbone Meadow!

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Saturday 9 - 5

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**SMALL DOG AREA
FUNDRAISING CONTINUES**

Thanks to a few unexpectedly large donations, we have about 40% of what we need. In the meantime, if you have a spare \$10 or \$20 to throw in, please send a check to

**Friends of Dogbone Meadow
P.O. Box 773
Novato, CA 94948**

You can also donate online using Paypal at
www.friendsofdogbonemeadow.com





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NOT YET A MEMBER? EASY TO JOIN! HERE'S THE FORM!

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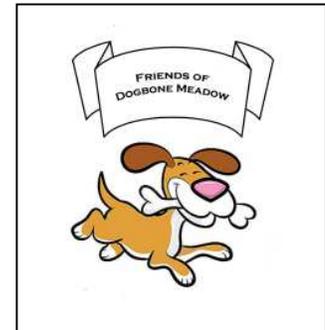
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