

# FRIENDS OF DOGBONE MEADOW

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

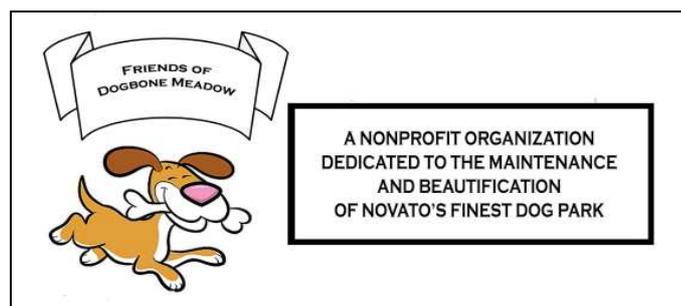
It has been a busy few months. The Board attended the final hearing for the Community Garden lease, and when it came down to the wire, the Garden Group informed the City Council they will not be touching our dog park at all. (Loud cheers!) Of course, this now means that we have to build our own small dog area. We have applied to the Novato Parks and Recreation Department for permission to build the small dog area and to expand the whole park 20 feet (by the width of the park) on the side facing San Marin Drive/Sutro. On September 13th, the Board gave a presentation to the Parks, Recreation and Public Services Commission to get their backing for our project. They voted unanimously to support the application.

So now we need to raise the money. Our fundraiser – BarkFest 2 – is on October 21 from noon to 4:00 p.m. at Dogbone Meadow. Admission is free. We are having a raffle of great items plus a silent auction of some excellent items such as a \$500.00 basic teeth cleaning donated by South Novato Animal Hospital and a dog photo session by our wonderful dog photographer, Danielle Buoncristiani. (She also does family group portraits, children and other pets.). A dog trainer from Marin Humane Society will be there in mid afternoon to provide an introduction and demo of dog agility.

We are also having our ever popular Dog Costume contest, plus other contests including smartest dog, ugliest dog and more, more, more. Plus many vendors!

So where do you all come in? We need you there with your neighbors and friends. We need you to buy raffle tickets. We have hand-outs if you wish to help distribute them. We also need volunteers to sell raffle tickets and to help on the day of the event.

Please help us make Dogbone Meadow an even better park than it is! We are also having our third Clean-Up Day on Saturday, October 6th at 10:00 a.m. Please turn out and bring your rakes and hoes, etc with you. We need lots of people! And it's



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actually fun and doesn't take too long if there are enough people.

Thank you all for your hard work. You are vital to our dog park.

Brian Pearson  
President

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Clean-Up Day

Saturday, October 6, 2012 at  
Dogbone Meadow  
10:00 a.m. to around noon  
to get it ready for:

### BARKFEST

Sunday, October 21, 2012  
at Dogbone Meadow  
noon to 4 p.m.



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## THE SCOOP ON POOP

Poop is the perpetual problem at the park. Granted there are times when even the most vigilant dog owner misses the “donation” left by his or her dog. But that doesn’t account for the enormous amount of poop left behind every day. There are bags right by the front entrance and on the fence on the other side of the park. Grab a bag as you enter; if you don’t need it for your dog, you can hand it to someone who does need it. Handing a bag to a reluctant dog owner might prompt him or her to do the right thing.

The smartest thing a dog owner can do is linger near your dog the first 10 or 15 minutes after you enter the dog park. That is the most likely time your dog will poop. Then you can pick it up and forget about it. (It would also be great if you could try to keep your dog from peeing around the gate. It’s getting a little ripe there.)

It’s especially important these weeks before BarkFest that we get the poop picked up.

## AND ANOTHER BROAD HINT

A lot of heightened energy could be prevented if people would not hang around the gate saying hello or goodbye. If you’re not lingering there, chances are your dog won’t linger either, and it will be much easier (and quieter) for dogs and people to come and go.



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### STILL SHORT ONE DIRECTOR

We have four out of five directors. If there is a member out there willing to donate time and energy to keeping Dogbone Meadow at its best, that person should please call 415-827-0097 and offer his or her services. Accounting or secretarial skills helpful!

### AND ONE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

In addition to a Board Member, we could use an editor for the newsletter.

**WE’RE REPEATING OURSELVES!**

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**AGAIN THANKS**



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