

FRIENDS OF DOGBONE MEADOW

Dog News

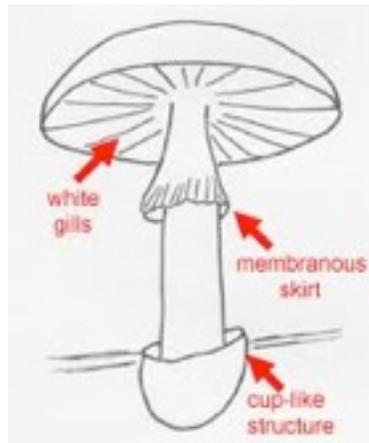


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Question: I recently saw a story on TV about dogs dying from eating mushrooms. What kind of mushrooms are they talking about?

Answer: Again this winter there have been a number of dog deaths in the Bay Area from eating Death Cap mushrooms. This mushroom is rare in most parts of North America but locally common in such areas as the San Francisco Bay area, where it is typically found from mid-autumn through late winter. Primarily a European species, there is no evidence that the Death Cap is native to North America. In California, it occurs under live oak and cork trees (it apparently was brought in with cork tree seedlings and has since adapted to native oaks). Like any mushroom, the Death Cap thrives in wet climates. Look for them after the rain. Be especially aware with puppies as they are more likely to eat strange and interesting things than older dogs are.



Death Cap Mushroom growing more common in San Francisco Bay Area. The cap is 2¼--6" (6--16 cm) wide, smooth, with greenish to yellowish pigments, usually sticky or slippery but sometimes dry, often adorned with one to several patches of thin white veil tissue. The gills are white, crowded together, and very finely attached to the upper stalk. In young specimens, a white, membranous partial veil tissue extends from the edge of the cap to the upper stalk, covering the gills (later remaining attached to and draping from the upper stalk). The spore print is white. The stalk is white to pallid, up to 6" (15 cm) long or tall, with a large rounded bulb at the base; the bulb includes a white sac-like volva. The base of the stalk and the tell-tale volva are often buried in the soil. It has been found in increasing numbers and in an ever-enlarging but still local range, under native oaks; it is rather reliably found there from late September through late October.

If you suspect your dog has eaten a mushroom try to find some of the mushroom. Put it in a plastic bag and get to your vet IMMEDIATELY.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

We have had a lot of great things happen to our group lately. First off our second Fundraiser ever, "PAWSTA FEED," was a good success. We sold close to 70 tickets and had an evening of food, drink and entertainment. Our silent auction did well too. Entertainment was supplied by Tim Clover, a mellow singer, and Dave Austin, accompanist. At this time I need to thank our board (Courtney Flavin, Judy Ahern, Ed Shelly and Chris Taylor) who worked very, very hard to make this such a success. I also want to take time to thank two tireless volunteers, who worked very hard setting up, picking up items and cleaning up after the event...thank you, Fran and Bill Craig. Of course, we had other volunteers who need a "hats off" thank you: Matt Kratoville, Kathy King who organized and baked those cupcakes, Raul Carter and Kathy Eckles. Thanks also go to Gary Gonser of the Novato Players for organizing and setting up for our entertainers, The Boy Scouts Troup 42, who sent four scouts to help serve food and clean up, and the Ancient Order of Druids, Grove 113 here in Novato for the use of their lovely hall and everyone who donated items to our silent auction. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

Also, the Friends of Dogbone Meadow were awarded the Community Service award for Novato by the California Park and Recreation Society District 1. We were honored at a banquet on February 25 at Pickleweed Community Center in San Rafael. This award recognized our group's hard work the past year (our first year of operation) and in particular acknowledged the spirit of cooperation between Friends of Dogbone Meadow and the Community Garden Group. There were articles in the Marin IJ, the Novato Advance and Novato Patch and one to come in the City of Novato News Letter (online) about our receiving this award.

We continue to grow and so does our need for volunteers to help with media and advertising and fundraising. I am sure there are people out there with the creative skills we need. Come help us!

Once again, thank you to all who support us and who turn out for our functions. We represent YOU...we need YOU!! Thank you!!

Brian Pearson - President

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If you would like to post something on the bulletin board please contact us. We are now going to dedicate one side of the board for member use.

Friends of Dogbone Meadow is now on **FACEBOOK** FRIEND US!

If you would like to post information of interest to newsletter readers, just email your announcement to dogbonemeadows@aol.com by the third week of the month.



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We want to thank Journey Ford of Novato and Melissa Mooney, their community relations Director, for allowing our Board to meet in their Community Hub rooms on the 4th Thursday of every month. (We will continue to meet on the 2nd Thursday at various restaurants. THANK YOU, JOURNEY FORD NOVATO!!

**HELP WANTED/
 HELP NEEDED**

Friends of Dogbone Meadow needs two detail-oriented people – one to help with advertising and one to deal with the media. The advertising person would help us get ads for the newsletter and place ads for fundraisers in

newspapers, ideally getting us as much free publicity for our fundraisers as possible. The media person would contact the IJ, Novato Advance, etc. to publicize our accomplishments, such as when donations are made to the City or, as recently happened, when we receive an award. Right now these tasks are being done by overstretched Board members with no particular affinity for them.



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