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President & Vice President's Farewell Message

About two years ago Betsy and I decided to get involved with our little dog park committee. Our first objective was to create a new and improved website. We organized and executed several very successful events, hosted pet CPR classes, personally coordinated many monthly clean up days and had a very successful Christmas float during the Christmas parade in downtown Upland. We put a lot of work and love into what we brought to the park but, due to several factors, our time with the park committee has come to an end.

Before each monthly committee meeting we would leave our dogs and tell them that we were doing all of this for them. The complete truth is that we did it for a number of friends that we met at the park and for many people who enjoy the park who we don't even know. The park is a great place and thanks to the great efforts of the Upland parks and recreation department, we can tell you without a doubt in our mind that the park is in good hands, with or without the dog park committee. Please don't get the wrong idea as the committee is not going anywhere, and in fact, it could include you in a short time! We do have a few board members whom remain to help lead the park into 2009 and will soon have elections for you to run for any of our positions. We are sure that once the voting has been completed, our new board will organize next years events and make a great contribution to the park.

As many of you are well aware, Betsy and I moved to Oceanside about a year ago. Once we did so, it put an obvious strain on what we could do for the park. Shortly after that we graciously accepted the city of Uplands offer to re-seed the entire park, even though it would lead to the park being closed for nearly 3 months. With all of these changes, it made it very hard to really keep the spark going that we had created in our first year on the board. The committee is made of park members that have taken a great park and improved on it to make it the best in the inland empire. The city will do a lot, but if you want it to be even better, please let us know of your interest to run for a position and maybe you will be writing this message soon!

We want to thank you all for the support you have given us over the years. People like Lovie, Evelyn, Irma, Rick, Sharon, Ricky, Renee, John Marlin, Cristi Parker, Steve and Linda Ipson are what always kept us going. Your friendship has had a profound effect on our lives and we thank you for the great conversations sitting under the cool trees of our little dog park.

Thank you for letting us serve you,
Betsy Sirgo & Sean Smith

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Understanding Parvo Virus: In Puppies and Adult Dogs

Dr. Jennifer Schmidgall and Dr. Sara Stoll

Most dog owners are familiar with the term "Parvo" and recognize this disease as one of the common and often deadly puppy diseases. Although Parvo most commonly affects puppies, it can affect adult dogs too. The purpose of this article is to discuss what Parvo Virus is, and to talk about the importance of vaccinations in both puppies and adult dogs.

Parvo is shed in large numbers and can persist in the environment for years. Adult dogs with healthy immune systems that are regularly vaccinated typically do not become ill from the virus as their immune system is able to keep it under control. However, many dogs that are able to fight off the virus can carry and shed the virus into the environment. This makes places like the Dog Park high risk areas for contracting the virus.

This means that puppies are at an increased risk of acquiring Parvo until they are four months of age and are fully vaccinated. Puppies should begin vaccinations for Parvo at eight weeks of age and should receive booster shots until they are four months old. The reason for booster shots is two fold. First, to acquire full immunity from disease will take multiple vaccinations. Secondly, milk from the puppy's mother (colostrum) contains antibodies that inactivate the vaccines. It is unknown how long a mother's antibodies will continue to be active in an individual puppy. While these antibodies can help to protect the puppy for a brief period of time, they also complicate the vaccination process. Therefore, multiple vaccinations given at 3 week intervals are necessary to provide full immunity in all puppies

This virus is most deadly to puppies because they have weaker immune systems and less ability to withstand its debilitating effects. Symptoms of parvo include vomiting, diarrhea, decreased activity, and decreased appetite. Vomit and diarrhea often contain blood. Puppies with parvo will require intensive treatment and hospitalization. This treatment can be very costly and is not always enough to save the puppy's life. Therefore, prevention is the BEST medicine.

A puppy who has started the vaccine process is not fully protected until it received it's full series of shots. Puppies who have not received all of their shots need to be protected from exposure. It is also very important to know that puppies do not have to come into direct contact with another dog to contract the virus, simply walking where another dog has been is enough to expose your puppy. Areas frequented by greater numbers of dogs are much more likely to contain the parvo virus. Therefore it is very important to keep puppies who are not fully vaccinated away from high risk areas such as dog parks, pet stores, and boarding facilities. To find out if your puppy or adult dog is protected from Parvo, contact your family veterinarian.

For more information on Parvo see this website <http://www.veterinarypartner.com/Content.plx?P=A&S=0&C=0&A=581>.

BVDP Committee Elections

Baldy View Dog Park is looking for current park members who want to make a difference. The park committee serves a role in helping maintain the park, improve the park, promote community involvement with park events and help other animal focused organizations in the area like the Upland animal shelter. As part of our annual election process, submissions of interest need to be received no later than October 10, 2008. Please send your submission including: name, contact information, and position you are interested in via e-mail to jennifers@baldyviewdogpark.com or mail to PO Box 183 Upland, CA 91785.

The positions available are: President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer. We are also looking for a maintenance chair and events chair that will be voted into the committee by the new board members. Baldy View Dog Park has incumbent board members that will be seeking re-election, but as all positions serve one year terms with three year term limits, they are all up for grabs. You can get additional information about these positions and the dog park committee at the meeting that will be held on September 21, 2008, 4pm, at the Baldy View Dog park. You can also go to our website at www.baldyviewdogpark.com and read about each positions duties in our park by-laws. You can find this information and more by clicking on the "park rules" tab.

Financial Report as of 8-17-2008

Balance as of June 11, 2008 recap		\$ 1,671.52
Credit from Memberships	+ \$	0.00
Credit from Donations	+ \$	0.00
Debit for Newsletter, flyers, postage	- \$	81.65
Debit for Event	- \$	0.00
Debit for Maintenance Supplies	- \$	723.15
Debit for Storage unit	- \$	90.00
Debit for Bank Fees	- \$	16.00
BALANCE AS OF 8-17-08:		\$ 760.72

We thank you for your support.

Please remember that checks returned to us by the bank cost us and you in returned check fees.

Please Adopt Me! Pet Featured from the Upland Animal Shelter



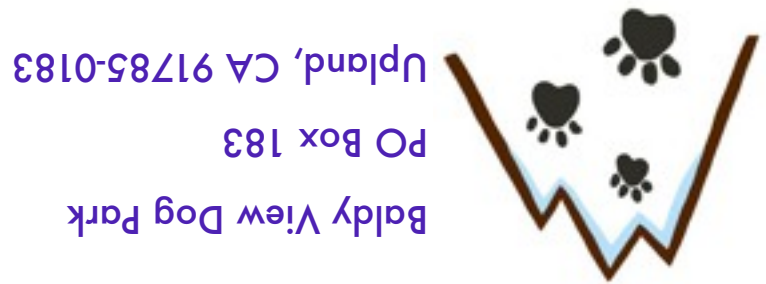
Hello! I am a stray dog that is currently living with the Upland Animal Shelter. They have been very nice to me but I am looking for a family to adopt me. I was picked up at Euclid and 13th Street and so far no one has come to take me home. I am most likely a Rottweiler and German Shepherd mix with lots of love to give. I am a boy that is estimated to be one year old and the people taking care of me tell me that I have a great temperament. Right now I am not neutered but if I am adopted I would be before you take me home. I am well socialized and have shown nothing but love for both people and other dogs.

Please come and meet me at the Upland Animal Shelter. Reference impound #1523

when you come to meet me and tell them you read about me in the Baldy View Dog Park Newsletter. The shelter is open seven days a week and is located at 860 E. 15th Street in Upland. You might want to call ahead for the hours of operation, we can be reached by calling (909)931-4185. I have many friends here at the shelter that are looking for homes too, even pure breeds, and I have heard that there are even cats and kittens looking to be loved.

Don't forget to "Have a Heart and Be Smart"...make sure your pets are spayed or neutered. I hope to meet you soon!





Upcoming Events

Dog park Meeting @ Baldy View Dog park

September 21, 2008 @ 4:00 pm

Discuss dog park issues, questions, solutions and upcoming committee elections

