



Baldy View Dog Park

Paw Print



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President's Message

Do You Care About the Dog Park?

I look back at past issues of the Paw Print to try and keep a fresh and current message with each new issue. Looking over the past few I have continually asked for park users to "step up" and volunteer their time, but we still have the same four board members working on every project and really spreading themselves so thin that I fear we are getting to a breaking point.

Today more so than ever before, I appreciate the efforts of those board members before me. We all have lives, jobs and families to come home to. However, what should be a very "part time" volunteer position has become a full time job when you have little or no help from other park users.

Time goes by and brings change into all of our lives. About three months ago, our vice president and myself moved to Oceanside, CA. We are no longer able to stop by the park and fix broken fences or clean up the bulletin board. We are not able to easily drive by local vendors to get them interested in park events or to lead clean up days at the park. Regardless of how far

away we have moved from the park, we remain focused on helping in anyway we can. However I can't help but wonder...Can people that live over 80 miles away care more about the park than you?

I personally challenge you to step up and show us that this is not true. We need people who are willing to lead and give an hour or two of their time a month to help, that's it! Maybe down the road you will be writing this column, but at this point we would be thrilled with a few people that were willing to roll up their sleeves and show their commitment to the park.

I realize that some of you may not be physically able to clean the park, but a lot of you are. We need a few people to step up that we can depend on. Maybe its you or maybe it's someone you know that doesn't get this newsletter. Please email us or ask us how you can help at our Halloween event.

Best Regards,

Sean Smith—BVDP President

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Clean Up Days Canceled

Baldy View Dog Park has been forced to cancel Clean Up Days due to lack of participation. Clean up day was purely a volunteer effort run by the baldy view dog park committee to maintain the park clean and safe for our dogs, members, park users, and community. The baldy view dog park committee would like to continue this monthly event, but without the help of volunteers it is not possible. If you are interested in donating your time to clean up the park contact us at:

committee@baldyviewdogpark.com

Chocolate, Onion, and Grape Toxicity in Dogs By: Jennifer Schmidgall

Most dog owners are probably aware that chocolate can lead to death in dogs, but did you know that onions and garlic as well as grapes and raisins can be equally as lethal? If you suspect your dog has ingested any of these foods, it should be treated as an emergency and seen immediately by a veterinarian. The following is a brief summary of how these foods may adversely affect your animal and the toxins they contain.

Chocolate contains theobromine; which, like caffeine stimulates the central nervous system (CNS) and gives humans the sensation of enjoyment from eating it. In essence, it is the over-stimulation of the CNS and cardiac muscles in animals that can lead to death. Clinical signs begin to appear about 1-2 hours after ingestion and include restlessness, vomiting and diarrhea, seizures, and increased heart and respiratory rates. If you know or suspect your animal has ingested chocolate take them immediately in for treatment, do not wait until the clinical signs appear as rapid initiation of treatment is essential.

The toxic component and the exact mechanism of how raisins and grapes cause toxicity are not completely understood, but are known to cause acute kidney failure in dogs. Signs of acute kidney failure can be indicated by vomiting, diarrhea, and tremors. Blood work typically reveals an increasing elevation in kidney enzymes indicating that the kidneys are not

functioning to concentrate urine. This causes toxins normally released in urine to reenter the bloodstream of the animal. In many cases, the outcome is not favorable.

And finally, the toxic component found in the bulbs of onions and garlic is N-propyl disulfide. Once this toxin is absorbed into the bloodstream, it attaches to the red blood cells of the animal. The red blood cells become denatured triggering the immune system to begin destroying them. If red blood cells are destroyed faster than they can be produced the animal will become anemic, which can rapidly lead to death. Two of the most common things that can indicate anemia in your animal are generalized weakness and pale or blue gums.

If you find that your animal has ingested any type of toxin, one useful thing to remember is to bring any packaging or labels with you when you go to the emergency room. It will be helpful to the veterinarian to determine the type and how much of a toxin may have been ingested. If you're unsure if something that your pet has eaten is toxic, a reliable source to contact is The ASPCA's Animal Poison Control center which can be reached by calling (888)426-4435 or you can visit their website at www.asPCA.org/apcc.

Volunteers Wanted!!!

Baldy View Dog Park is in search of park members and park users to volunteer their time in helping the park continue to be a great place for our dogs. We are searching for people to participate in committees, contribute to the newsletter, and to help at park events, such as clean up days and our sea-

sonal special events. The commitment of a few hours of month will preserve and continue to improve the park. Your help is necessary in keeping Baldy View Dog Park great. To offer your help contact us at committee@baldyviewdogpark.com

Financial Report as of 8-30-07



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| Balance as of June 15, 2007 | | \$ 2,346.36 |
| Credit from Memberships | + \$ | 170.00 |
| Credit from Donations | + \$ | 158.00 |
| Credit from Event | + \$ | 552.50 |
| Debit for Newsletter, flyers, postage | - \$ | 100.29 |
| Debit for Event | - \$ | 372.95 |
| Debit for Maintenance Supplies | - \$ | 854.50 |
| Debit for Legal filing | - \$ | 30.00 |
| Debit for Storage unit | - \$ | 90.00 |
| Debit for Bank Fees | - \$ | <u>16.00</u> |
| BALANCE AS OF 8-30-07: | | \$ 1,763.12 |

We thank you for your support

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

Membership Spotlight

A special welcome to our new members

Well, another year has come and gone. Once again we are faced with hot, sizzling summer days and new school years. Remember to keep your pooches cool in this warm weather and make sure they have lots of fresh water available.

It is also the time for membership renewals so watch your mail for your renewal notice. Membership dues help us put on fun events, publish the newsletter and keep the website up & running. They also help us purchase the poop bags and other maintenance items. So when you get your renewal notice, won't you please support your park and renew your commitment to make Baldy View Dog Park the best in the area? Your dogs will love you for it !

Welcome our newest members of the Baldy View Dog Park family!

Mike Clayton, Amp, Rocket & Roost

Neal Hinckle & Daisy

Patricia Marston & Kali

If we missed anyone, our apologies



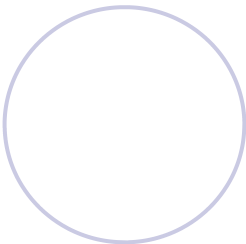
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Upcoming Events



October 14, 2007

Halloween Hound Festival

**11 am – 3:15 pm @ Baldy
View Dog Park**

Bring your dog dressed up in their Halloween costume and participate in our costume contest. Participate in the BVDP raffle and you could win great prizes donated by our vendors, all the proceeds return to the park to help maintain the park. Donations for Care for K-9s can be dropped off at this event, donations will be given to the Upland animal Shelter. See you there!