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Welcome

In this issue:

Find out how we made the “10 cultural milestones worth reflecting upon”. Be sure to read about some of the things that are happening, this week, at your favorite park.

Please, come and share your ideas or concerns about your off-leash areas at our annual meeting. You might even win a valuable prize. See you there!

Remember to support those that support us.

Please, be sure to read more about our news and events on the following pages or visit us online.

Thanks for supporting DOGPAW!



2008 in Review: Clark County

We made the “10 cultural milestones worth reflecting upon” with three dog parks and more on the way!



Kathleen Hansen stands in the new Brush Prairie Off-Leash Area with her keeshond Sidney (right) and other dogs. (photo by Norm Neely)

The 8-acre off-leash area (Dakota Memorial Off-Leash Area) at Pacific Community Park is the county’s only publicly funded dog park. DOGPAW volunteers and supporters paid for and built Ross and Brush Prairie Off-Leash Areas

Thanks to the DOGPAW members, volunteers, and supporters that helped us provide a new park. Some of our top supporters were:

- Clark County Public Works
- Purina Dog Chow Grant
- Sunbelt Rental
- Autumn Arbor Care
- Pacific Crest Box Rescue



Most of all - thanks to our volunteer laborers that get these parks built and keep them maintained!

This spring, we hope to begin construction of our next dog park in the Vancouver Lake area.

<http://columbian.com/article/20081228/LIVING/712289974>



Maintenance and Closure

UPDATE:

Dakota OLA - CLOSED (Feb 18 - 19th). The park will be closed from 7:30am - 3pm both days. If the work is completed prior to 3pm on Thursday, the park will open at that time. There will be lots of heavy equipment on site during these days, so for safety reasons, the park must be closed to the public while the work is being done. The park can be used prior to 7:30am and after 3pm on both days.



County workers will be making improvements to Dakota OLA, which requires the area to be closed for 1-2 days. Those changes are:

- * Trail - a solid surface will cover the gravel.
- * Fountain - height will be raised to avoid flooding.
- * Gates - entrances will be moved.
- * East End - soil increased to avoid flooding.

That was just another heads up.

MOLE CONTROL:

This year, moles are a real problem in many of our parks. So, the County has a few workers going around to control them. This is great news for Brush Prairie OLA, which has tons of moles! In the mean time, please remember the "no digging" rule for safety sake.



The Wild Wild West

We have rules because this isn't the wild, wild, west.



Official Off-Leash Dog Park Rules

BY ENTERING THIS PARK YOU AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE POSTED RULES. THIS PARK IS FOR DOGS AND THEIR HANDLERS. ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT AND SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY UNATTENDED. ALL USERS OF THIS PARK DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK AND ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY PROBLEMS CAUSED BY THEIR DOG.

1. Dogs under 4 months of age, female dogs in heat, unaltered male dogs over 1 year of age, and sick dogs are NOT allowed.
2. Your dog MUST be licensed, vaccinated, and wear an appropriate collar with tags. Pinch collars, prong, choke, spike, etc, are NOT allowed.
3. Dogs MUST be removed from the park at the first sign of aggression.
4. Handlers MUST promptly respond to any request to “call or control your dog”.
5. Do NOT allow your dog to jump on people or bark excessively.
6. Handlers MUST immediately clean up by picking up waste and filling any holes created by their dog.
7. Under NO circumstances are you allowed to leave your dog or child unsupervised in the park.
8. Handlers MUST leash and unleash their dog within the double-gated entrance and carry a leash for each dog.
9. Food, smoking, and glass containers are PROHIBITED.

These rules and tips will help to ensure that our dog parks stay clean and safe.



Ross Park Clean Up



Ross Off-Leash Dog Recreation Area
Saturday, Feb 21st 8AM-NOON...

Please bring shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, gloves, etc. The park needs chips spread throughout, as well as other 'handy man' tasks.

If you would like more details regarding ROSS clean up parties, or have questions or suggestions, please contact Jean.

Remember, our parks are maintained by volunteers, so every extra hand helps.

See you on the 21st!

Contact Jean Hood, jeanhh at clarkdogpaw.org

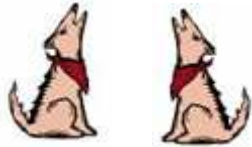
General public welcome and dogs not recommended.



General Membership Meeting

“Calling all DOGPAW Members!”

come and share your ideas or concerns about
your off-leash areas



Friday, March 6, 2009

6:30PM – 8:30PM

Water Resources Education Center
4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver, WA

Water
RESOURCES
EDUCATION
Center



(Follow Agenda and Map - Not GPS)

http://www.clarkdogpaw.org/flyer/2009_GeneralMeeting.pdf

Membership Status:

<http://www.clarkdogpaw.org/members/myprofile.php>

Members Only and Dogs not allowed

(\$\$\$ Door Prize \$\$\$).





"because pets are people too"



Support Off-Leash

You can help support off-leash by supporting our partners...

Both **Beastie Boutique**, in the Salmon Creek neighborhood, and **Natural Pet NW**, on the eastside, have DOGPAW items available.

Remember to visit the **DOGPAW Store** to donate, order items, or renew your membership online or by mail. For details, go to <http://www.clarkdogpaw.org/dogpawstore/>.

You too can do something "pawsitive" for Clark County's streams and wetlands:

1. Scoop the poop.
2. Bag it.
3. Toss it in the garbage!

Visit

<http://www.clarkdogpaw.org/cleanwater.shtml> for more information and get your FREE gift.

