



Martin

Come Bark With Me

Volume 4, Issue 1

January February March 2012

COME...SIT...STAY

COME...SIT...STAY is a program at Conneaut Lake Bark Park encouraging dog owners to experience the fun of spending some extra quality time with their canine companion. The Bark Park has partnered with local veterinarians to provide a free visit at the park for any veterinary client. A dog owner simply gets a free pass from their veterinarian and comes to the park to spend a day experiencing the facility and everything the park has to offer. The visitation pass is good for the entire 2012 year. After getting the pass from the veterinarian's office, all a pet owner has to do when arriving at the Bark Park is show the pass to the individual on the property, and then experience the facility and all that it has to offer.



2012 Building Fund



May 2012, will start the beginning of Conneaut Lake Bark Park's fourth year in operation. To say our paw print has reached farther than ever imagined and the demand for our programs, activities, and special events has surpassed all expectations is indeed an understatement. We are very grateful to all of our supporters, volunteers, and contributors who have worked diligently to achieve our successes. We are on target to becoming a regional resource for dog owners in the community. In addition, our large variety of dog park memberships has given pet owners an opportunity to spend quality time with their canine companion, and allow their dog the opportunity to develop important social skills while playing with other dogs. Now we need the help of the community and different local groups and organizations to support the programs and the building fund at the Bark Park. We have the need, *(continued on page 2)*

(continued from page 1)

we have the property, we have the infrastructure, we have the programs, and we have the talent. All we need now is the funding to make our building plans and expanded programs a reality. Conneaut Lake Bark Park, Inc. is a 501 C-3 non-profit corporation and any donations made to our programs are tax deductible. By contributing to our building fund, you can become a part of our team and help us make a difference in our community. Please join us.

Therapy Dog Program Continues To Grow

In the past three years, the local therapy dog program, Paws Hand Delivered, has grown to become one of the leading volunteer groups in Crawford County. The group now has over 45 registered therapy dog teams (handler and dog) and is part of the national pet therapy organization, Therapy Dogs Incorporated. From a five pound Japanese Chin to a 130 pound Newfoundland, from registered dogs to Heinz 57 mutts, and from 1 year old dogs to dogs over 14 years of age, these dogs visit almost all of the local nursing homes and the Yolanda G. Barco Center. In the past year we have increased our therapy dog program to include "Tales that Wag," a reading program which started this past summer at the Meadville Public Library and has now expanded to a Saturday program at the Meadville Library and a program at the Cochran Library. In addition we now visit the special needs students in the Crawford Central School district. Some of the therapy dog teams are involved as volunteers for local hospice programs.



Personality Profile



Name: Ted Marley

Parents: Mother is a golden Retriever, Father is a famous rock (or so my mother says).

Family: My mother, Jody (she's the best unless she is grumpy about the weather and mud). My grand mother, Gramma Sue, she spoils me just like she spoils all of her grandchildren. My brother David, I like to wrestle with him, and my other brother Andy, he is away at college, but we keep in touch.

Residence: A gated community in Meadville, PA, they are kind of picky about the Common Grounds-if you get my drift, hehehehe!!!

Birthday: Nov. 7, 2010, I might be young, but I'm very mature for my age.

Bucket List: I really want a cat!!!!

Favorite Hot Spot: Conneaut Lake Bark Park.

Love at First Sight: Sidney (sigh).

Best Buddy: Justice

Favorite Sparring Partner: Tug

Occupations: Exercise/Fitness Instructor, trying to get my mom to lose some of that **FLAB**. Lap attendant, my grandmother insists that I sit on her lap in the mornings while she reads the paper.

Human Peeve: The "Family" vacation. Why do I not find my name anywhere on an airline ticket when this happens?

Favorite Vacation Spot: Summer home in Canada. Fishing, boating, swimming-need I say more?

Favorite Toy: Mr. Stuffed Monkey, where did that leg go?

Proponent of: Small business. There would not be a Bark Park is not for small business.

Final Thoughts: All businesses should make it mandatory to take your dog to work. maybe they could provide on-site Doggy Day Care?? I go to work with my Mom and everyone is always smiling and tossing balls.

2012 Bark Park Seminars

“Bones of Wisdom”

Again this winter, the Conneaut Lake Bark Park will offer several winter seminars. All seminars are held at Station 2 Fire Hall on Rte. 18, East Side of Conneaut Lake from 9:00am-12:00pm. The cost for seminars is \$12.00 and includes coffee and donuts. Pre-registration is suggested. Seminars are open to the public. The following seminars are scheduled for this year:

February 4th –Understanding Dog Behavior-Ginny Kellogg, Venango county

An opportunity for dog owners to understand why dogs react the way they do in different situations. Learn how to identify when play turns into aggression, leash aggression, and “alpha dog” behavior.

March 10– Mini Workshops

Training 101 - Katara Peters

New ideas and alternative ways to deal with behavior issues, socialization, and frustrations with your canine companion.

Dental Care –Dr. Becky Stanton

Preventative techniques, effects on general health, dental procedures, cleaning and extractions.

March 24 –First Aid for Dogs-Wendy Steffy

Learn basic techniques for first aid. Includes DVD and certificate. Cost is \$25.00. Pre-registration is required for this seminar.

April 21-The Healthy “All-Natural Dog”-Christine McCallum, Aivilas Dog Food

Understand the advantages and concerns with all natural food for your dog and learn how to understand dog food ingredients when purchasing dog food, dog treats, supplements, etc.



TENTATIVE BARK PARK EVENTS 2012

May 19	Hot Diggity, Dog Diggity Day Hotdog Eating Contest with prizes Hotdog Cook-Off Bluegrass
June 16	Canine Carnival, Canine Muttrimony Dock Diving Competition, Canine Good Citizen Testing Therapy Dog Testing
July 12, 13, 14	Camp Wagga-Tail, Graduation on Saturday, Show and Tell, Fun Events, Contests
July 21	Dock diving Event
July 27, 28, 29	Tamarack Dog Agility
August 4	Geert's Canine Cancer Walk
August	Dock diving, TBA
September	Dock Diving, TBA
October 20	Halloween Haunting

For more information on any of the activities at the Bark Park, and to be on the mailing list, send your email information or questions to petcem23@windstream.net or keep checking the web site www.conneautlakebarkpark.com for updates on the various activities at the Bark Park.

The Bark Park Newsletter is done by Carolyn Nowack, a big fan of Sue and all of the Bark Park Dogs.