

CONNEAUT LAKE BARK PARK INC.



COME BARK WITH ME

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DOG TRAINERS AT THE BARK PARK

The future dog training staff at CLBP will meet to discuss the schedule for dog classes at the Bark Park. Tentative plans include puppy class, junior handler obedience classes, basic obedience, rally, beginning agility, Good citizenship Certification, and screening for Therapy Dogs Incorporated. A complete list of class times, cost, and a summary of each class will be on the web site in the near futures. *Members of CLBP will get a reduced rate when participating in any of the dog classes. A very impor-*

tant job of the trainer will be the temperament test program at the dog park. CLBP urges all dog park members to take advantage of a **free** orientation program prior to participating in all dog park activities, including off leash and on-leash usage. The temperament testing will be conducted on a regular basis so all dog owners can easily find a convenient time to sign up for the program. Topics will include: what to expect at

the dog park, how to identify potential problems,

understanding dog behavior, owner responsibilities, and the do's and don'ts of a dog park.



AWA Volunteers For The Bark Park

AWA, Animal Welfare at Allegheny College, will lend a helping hand to the Bark Park this April. Students will be scheduled to work at CLBP on Saturday, April 11th and Sunday, April 26th. Jobs will include: painting, planting gardens, weeding, mulching, and general maintenance, all in preparation for the opening of the dog park. The *Bark Park* will provide a lunch of hotdogs hamburgers, cheeseburgers, chips, and a drink for these hungry college students.

Travelers and Their Pets

Conneaut Lake Bark Park will be the first dog park in Crawford County. Emphasis will be on both recreational use and educational programs for the local residents, but the dog park will also serve as a tourist attraction for travelers and their pets.

Many travelers check the various dog park web sites and plan their trip according to the location of dog parks. After a long day of travel, both owners and their dogs look forward to spending time in the comfortable and relaxing surroundings of

a dog park. Travelers will need to check web site information to download appropriate health forms, etc. so they can use the dog park facility. In addition, local hotels and motels are urged to develop a pet friendly policy to meet the needs of the

traveler and their dog. CLBP is listed in brochures for the *Crawford County Convention and Visitor's Bureau*, and *Conneaut Lake Area Business Association*. Local campgrounds are also urged to develop a pet friendly policy.

"Jack the Dog" is Coming

Jack the Dog band will be playing a benefit for the CLBP on Saturday, May 2nd at the Cow Shed on Route 18 in Conneaut Lake. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and will be available at the Stable Pit and Pub, CLBP, Berry Basket, Andover News and Gifts, and the Meadville Chamber of Commerce. We want to thank WUZZ for their support. The band is comprised of 5 members with over 20 years of experience. They have their own unique style, and we guarantee you will have a great time as they play hits from Van Halen, Foreigner, Aerosmith, Styx, ACDC, Pink Floyd, and more. We invite you to come and "howl at the moon," with *Jack the Dog*, and help support Conneaut Lake Bark Park.



Scouting & 4H Opportunities

Students involved with their local Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or 4H Clubs are reminded to consider working with the Conneaut Lake Bark Park when working toward special certifications or badges. CLBP is willing to help any student achieve their goals when the work on projects involving pet care, pet health, and general pet awareness. In addition, there are various service and community projects that can be developed while volunteering at the Bark Park. For more information call 814 382-2478.

Web Site Information

The best way to get information about Conneaut Lake Bark Park is to check out the web site. Materials on the web site include: a list of facilities, cost for membership, applications, special events, and fund raising projects. Also included on the web site will be links to other special dog related sites. If you need additional information send your comments or concerns to petcem23@windstream.net.

Special Garden at CLBP

CLBP will offer special cement paw prints to be placed in our "Best Friends" Garden. The Best Friends Garden will be one of the large, new, perennial gardens at the Bark Park. Simply place your dog's name on the paw print as it becomes the outside border for the garden. Paw prints are available in two different sizes. Cost will be \$15.00 and \$25.00.

Local Officials Invited To Grand Opening

Conneaut Lake Bark Park has extended a special invitation to all local and state government officials to attend the Grand Opening. Invitations were sent to: state representatives, local supervisors, and congresspersons, to attend the activities at the opening. Service dogs, law enforcement dogs, and therapy certified dogs have also been invited to attend.

Gift Certificates

Gift Certificates to the Bark Park are now available. Sent requests to: petcem23@windstream.net. Gift certificates will be available in the retail trailer after the official Grand Opening. You can show your support to a dog owner and their friend, by purchasing a gift certificate. It is a great way to acknowledge the importance of the owner/dog relationship and to support the programs at the Conneaut Lake Bark Park.

Who Is Martin!

Martin is a three year old "some of" mix. His complete ancestry is a mystery. All that is known is that Martin is a "mutt," some of this and some of that. He was rescued three years ago from deplorable conditions in a local community housing project. Along with two of his litter mates, he was transported to Conneaut Lake and started his journey to become a very popular therapy dog in the Conneaut Lake/Meadville Area. He now lives the life of luxury, first as a therapy dog, but most importantly, to him, the life of a hunter and cow watcher. He is well known for his kindness, his gentle disposition, and his beautiful eyes at the many local nursing homes he visits frequently. He also likes to hang out at TCU, Allegheny College Dorms, and the Oncology Wellness Institute. Last year Martin logged over 100 hours of community service. He has become the "Official Mascot" on all Bark Park materials, and the Newsletter, "Come Bark With Me." He will be the guardian of the Bark Park and will be there to extend a warm welcome to all of its members and visitors.



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