

Conneaut Lake Bark Park Inc.



COME BARK WITH ME

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What Makes Conneaut Lake Bark Park a Non-Profit Corporation?

With a nonprofit corporation, profits cannot be distributed to members, officers, or directors of the corporation, but instead, must be disbursed in support of the beneficial purposes outlined in its articles of incorporation. Also, activities are controlled by a self-perpetuating Board of Directors (see our Board Members on page 2). Our mission statement has been printed in this newsletter, and is posted on our web site www.conneautlakebarkpark.com. Conneaut Lake Bark Park is also a 501,C-3 corporation, therefore, all contributions are tax exempt.

Mission Statement

The mission of Conneaut Lake Bark Park, Inc. is to introduce the general public to the wonderful world of opportunity that exists for the owner and the pet to enjoy together, both educational and recreational canine sports and activities. A dog park promotes responsible pet ownership while providing an opportunity for dog owners to be better informed on issues surrounding the health and welfare of their dog. Conneaut Lake Bark Park, Inc. is committed to providing a facility that will allow both the elderly dog owner and the handicapped dog owner an accessible place to exercise their companions. The dog park will provide a social setting in which people can gather and interact with other pet owners. Through a large variety of both recreational and education programs and activities, Conneaut Lake Bark Park, Inc. will bring pet owners together to enjoy the benefits of owning a dog and the benefits of building a strong

bond of companionship with their pet. The dog owner will be able to socialize and exercise their dogs in a safe environment and enable their pets to legally run off-leash in designated areas.

Directions To The Bark Park

From Interstate 79, take Exit 147 B (Route 322 West) toward Conneaut Lake, Pa. Follow 322 West for 6 miles, turn right onto Route 18 North. go approximately 1.3 miles and turn right onto Foust Road. Remain on Foust Road for 3/4 mile. Bark Park will be located at the top of the hill on the left. The main entrance is located beside the two red barns.

This Edition of the Conneaut Lake Bark Park Inc. Newsletter was created by Carolyn Nowack, a fan of Martin & Sue Anderson.

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- **Connie Cox**-PNC Bank, Meadville, Branch Manager
- **Nancy Manning**- Past Director, Meadville Council on the Arts
- **Laurie Nottingham**- First National bank, Conneaut Lake, Branch Manager
- **Ron Oswald**- Retired Teacher, Butler School District
- **Becky Stanton**- Veterinarian, Conneaut Lake Veterinary Service
- **Ken Toth**- Retired Administrator, Penncrest School District
- **RobbWaid**- Waid Funeral Home

Meet the Trainer...Katara Peters

When you enroll in a dog-training class, you're investing your trust, time, money, and dog with the trainer. You want a trainer that is knowledgeable about your type of dog, dog behavior, various training techniques, grooming, and health issues. Meet one of the Conneaut Lake Bark Park trainers that you can rely on!

My name is Katara Peters. I have loved dogs all my life. I cannot remember a time in my life that there was not a dog in our home. I believe dogs can have a positive relationship with every member of it's family and I hope through training, I can make that happen.

About 10 years ago my son wanted a Chihuahua for his birthday. Her name is Chi Chi. She was a typical small dog and was a little shy, so I decided to take her to obedience school for socialization. We loved it. We went through puppy, basic, and some advanced obedience classes. She did so well that I decided to have her tested to be a therapy dog so we could visit nursing homes. We have now been visiting for 8 years.

When Chi Chi was 5 years old, I decided to get a puppy. I chose Lilly, a Miniature Pinscher. Lilly runs agility (competing at the excellent level) and has been a therapy dog for 2 years. You can see her around the Bark Park,

demonstrating obedience and helping with temperament testing. Recently I added an English Black Lab puppy to our pack. Her name is Sydney. She has many roles to fill. Her future includes assisting me in obedience class, competing in agility, and working as a therapy dog.

I am also a tester/observer for Therapy Dog Inc. It is a goal of Therapy Dogs Inc. to provide registration, support, and insurance for members who are involved in volunteer animal assisted activities. These activities include, but are not limited to: visits to hospitals, special needs centers, schools, and nursing homes. The objective is to form a network of caring individuals who are willing to share their special animals in order to bring happiness and cheer to people, young and old alike.

Assisting and teaching obedience classes have been part of my life for the past 7 years. During this time, I realized how great it was to help others with their dogs. The purpose of offering obedience classes at the Park is to help owners and their dogs build better relationships with each other and other dogs. We are here to help anyone wanting to give their pup a good start, off just wanting to try something new with their dogs. Cricket Dignall helps me with all the dogs in our classes and we make a great Team. Read more about

Cricket in an upcoming issue of the Bark Park Newsletter.

Our dogs love to be with us. Even though we bring our dogs to class to be more obedient, the dog sees it as one more thing it gets to do with it's owner. No matter what - taking a walk, playing fetch, or going on a therapy visit -our dogs are always there for us.



Katara's dog...Lilly

Seminars Planned at the Bark Park



During January, February, and March, Conneaut Lake Bark Park will sponsor several Saturday seminars so pet owners can be better informed on issues surrounding the health and welfare of their dog. Possible topics will include: new medical procedures for treating pet conditions, first aid, identifying stress in dogs, and dealing with the geriatric dog. As seminar information is finalized, be sure to check the web site or call **(814) 382-2478**.

Winter Training Schedule

Winter classes including puppy obedience, beginning obedience, and advanced obedience will be held at the Conneaut Lake Fire Department Social Hall on Route 18 North, just off of Route 322. The classes will be held on Tuesday evening beginning on October 6th. Starting dates for the next six week sessions are January 19th and March 16th. For more information check the web site or call the Conneaut Lake Bark Park at (814) 382-2267.

Short Term & Long Term Plans for the Park

If you like to be involved in an exciting, challenging project with lots of brainstorming for new and innovative ideas, join the park planning committee. Join us as we decide the future plans including our rustic walking trail, dock diving, a training facility, and many new special events. Meetings are generally held on Monday or Tuesday evening, or on an evening most convenient for the group. If you are interested in watching this new project move forward, contact the Bark Park.

Park Rentals

Do you know of any dog group or organization that might be interested in having a special event at the bark park? Remember, all events at the Bark Park can certainly be pet friendly, so dogs on a leash are always welcome. Be sure to contact us if you are interested in scheduling any type of event.

Email List

Get regular updates on everything at the Bark Park, including special events, seminar schedule, sale items, etc., by joining the Bark Park email list. Contact us at petcem23@windstream.net and keep informed on what's new at the Bark Park.



Conneaut Lake Bark Park...Where Dogs Rule Meet The Queen and King



Bark Park Queen Ruby

One of the highlights during the Canine Carnival on August 8th was the crowning of the first King and Queen of the Bark Park. Following a very difficult decision by the judges, the Queen is Ruby, a red Doberman belonging to Ron and Char Oswald of Cochranton. The King is "Bugs," a Bichon Frise, belonging to Karen Henderson of Meadville. They will reign as the King and Queen until the next Canine Carnival in August of 2010.



Bark Park King Bugs

Pictures With Santa

Happy holidays will soon be here and it is time to get a picture of the family pet so you can include the snapshot with your Christmas cards or Holiday greetings. Pictures will be taken on Saturday, November 7th, at the Conneaut Lake Fire Department Social Hall on Route 18, just off Route 322. Pictures can include the owners, kids, dog(s), or the entire family. Pictures will be scheduled beginning at 9:30 am and will be scheduled every 10 minutes. More information will be on the web site www.conneautlakebarkpark.com, very soon, or call the Bark Park at (814)382-2267.

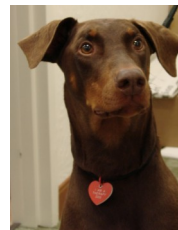


Tentative Plans For 2010

June	Doggie Wedding Day
July	Summer Fests Agility Trials
August	Canine Carnival
September	Pawsitively Pink Party
October	Bonfire & Sing-a-Long



Martin, with the other dogs from Therapy Dogs, Inc. wanted to remind everyone that **October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month**. Make sure you and your loved ones have their annual mammogram.



Our Newest Therapy Dog, Tyler James Anderson

My name is Tyler, and I am a Shih Tzu, pronounced SHEET-sue. The name means "lion" and I have been cherished by Chinese royalty as a prized house pet for over 1,000 years.

I am a sweet and playful companion, but not afraid to stand up for myself. My sole purpose is as a house pet. I don't get very big, only 11 inches high, and weigh 9-16 pounds. I can put on weight, so don't over feed me. My long coat needs daily

brushing and maintenance, that's why my owner keeps my hair short.

I was born on March 10, 2008. My owner, Sue Anderson, got me because many people wanted a Therapy Dog they could hold on their lap. I have a very good temperament, and...be honest, who could resist this face! After going through the training and testing, I became a member of Therapy Dogs Inc. When I'm not at a nursing home, or the Yolanda G Barco

Oncology Institute, I am in a big house on top of a hill overlooking the Bark Park. I play well with my brothers, Rosco, Cody, and Martin. I should have been named Houdini, because, according to Sue, I'm an escape artist. I always manage to get out of where ever I am put.



CHECK IT OUT !!! RETAIL STORE ITEMS

Great to give as Gifts

- Aivila's Dog Food - All Natural
- Lupine collars (regular and martingale) - lifetime guarantee
- Lupine leashes-lifetime guarantee
- Handmade leather leashes - 4' and 6', thin and regular width
- Handmade nylon leashes
- Choke and prong collars
- Doggie bandannas - individual and sets
- Doggie coats
- "Zuke" treats
- Nyla Bones, rawhide bones
- Large variety of toys
- Variety of training items, clickers
- "Kong" throwing and flotation items
- Dog park clothing-t-shirts, golf shirts, sweatshirts-many sizes and colors, dog park tote bags, also special order items.

COMING EVENTS

- Oct 11 Pumpkin Fest pet costume contest, sponsored by Forever Friends Pet Memorial Park and DAD'S pet products.
- Oct 24 Bonfire and Howling Sing-A-Long, 4:00 to 8:00PM, at The Bark Park. \$2.00 for owner and dog. Additional person or dog, \$1.00. Hot Chocolate S'mores, Hot dogs.
- Oct 31 Join the Bark Park and TDI, Therapy Dogs as we march in the Meadville Halloween Parade, in costume!!!
- Nov 7 Have your dog's picture taken with Santa. Call for an appointment

Dates to be announced Educational Saturday seminars in Nov, Jan, & March

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Or call Sue at (814) 382-2267 or (814) 382-2478



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