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COME BARK WITH ME

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Bark Park Building Fund “Raise the Roof”

One of the primary missions of the Conneaut Lake Bark Park is to be a leader in answering the increasing demand for therapy dog visitations. The ability to identify, train, and certify therapy dogs year round will facilitate this rewarding and popular community service. CLBP will strive to become a year around regional resource center for pet-related issues by promoting responsible pet ownership and a strong community service leader by increasing therapy dog visitation activities.

To fulfill the mission of the Bark Park, we are launching a building fund drive from May until the beginning of November. Our goal is to raise enough money through individual donations, contributions, and available grants to erect a 75 foot x 60 foot training facility on the area adjacent to the outdoor training area. The building will include an indoor training area, retail store, office space, all-purpose room, and restroom facilities. During the day time hours the building will serve as a “doggie day care” facility. Any contributions and donations are tax deductible since Conneaut Lake Bark Park is a non-profit 501 C-3 corporation.

Bark Park Social Time For Humans and Their Hounds

Dogs need continued socialization throughout their lives. Many dog owners, by attending training classes, have taken the first step in socializing their dogs. With Conneaut Lake Bark Park, owners have an opportunity to continue to provide opportunities for their dogs to socialize and play with other dogs of similar temperament and size while providing a place where their canine companion can participate and play safely with other dogs.

The Bark Park will work with pet owners and attempt to find groups of dogs that can play together. Consider bringing your dog to the Bark Park and joining a play group. Dogs of all sizes and breeds can definitely benefit from regular play time with dogs of similar size and temperament. The Bark Park would like to work with all dog owners from puppies to older dogs to establish group play times at the park. The other fun part of being part of the Bark Park is meeting other “dog people.” Dog owners love to share training tips, health care tips, and funny stories. Let’s just say that dog people are a special, caring group of people.

Parking Fee Starting at the Bark Park

To help defray some of the costs for the events at the Bark Park, the park will charge a fee of \$3.00 per car for all events this year.

Dogs of the Bark Park



Ruby

Hi, my name is Ruby. I'm a five year old red Doberman. I spend a lot of time at the Bark Park in the summer, most of it in the pond. I love to swim, that's my favorite! I love to play ball too, that's my favorite! I also love to run and play with my friends, that's my favorite! My best dog friends are Spyce, Jimmy, and Mya. I am married to Geert, a handsome Newfoundland. I'm a therapy Dog and my favorite place to visit is the Cancer Center, but I enjoy the nursing homes too. I live with Ron & Char Oswald in Cochran. We had fun skijoring this winter but I'm looking forward to warm weather and swimming, that's my favorite!



Mia

Mia is a 15 month old Staffordshire terrier owned by Ed and Bonnie Hovanik, who was born the day after Christmas in 2009. We got her as a companion and playmate for Jimmy, our Boxer mix. They complement each other quite well due to their mutual energy level Mia loves to go to the Bark Park where she communicates with Sue's dogs and the neighboring horses. She especially enjoys running, playing, and wrestling with Jimmy and Barkel. At home, she loves curling up on the couch with Jimmy, and she is an avid TV watcher, always on the alert for any interesting sounds.



Penton

Penton is a 4 yr old golden retriever. He has 3 siblings at home sisters Roxy and Katie who are 7 yrs old and Piper who will be a yr old in May. Penton is a certified therapy dog and he loves to go to the nursing homes to visit residents. He has attended many obedience classes at the bark park not so much for the learning aspect of it but because of the socialization. Having only been around siblings his first few yrs he has lacked social skills and the programs available through the bark park have definitely helped. Rally class seems to be his favorite. When we go out to the bark park all I have to do is say "the park" and they are waiting at the door ready to jump in the car. They all love the pond and the new dock diving platform. Penton is constantly telling people what a great place the bark park is to play with his friends.

Camp Wagga Tail Returns This Summer

Held at the 35+ acre Conneaut Lake Bark Park, Camp Wagga Tail encourages families to attend and enroll all their dogs. Training with your dog builds your relationship and makes your dog a better companion and family member. Camp Wagga Tail is a fun, interactive series of classes offered to dogs and their people. Every class includes demonstrations of the activity and foundational learning techniques. All classes are taught by qualified instructors with experience in their topic. The Camp will run for four days (June 13, 14, 15, and 16) beginning at 4:30 pm. Classes are offered each day (Monday-Thursday) beginning at 4:30 pm for 45-minute sessions. You may choose to enroll for any one day or all four days of the camp and schedule up to three classes each day, with the last class starting at 7 pm. Additional information is available on the web site.

CLBP Dock Diving Club

The summer of 2011 at the Bark Park will be filled with a new and exciting event. The Dock Diving Club will begin practicing the end of April as they get ready to participate in several exhibitions at the park. With the new regulation dock diving platform and the addition of astro-turf on the surface this year, a fun time should be had for owners and their flying dogs. Exhibitions/competition is scheduled for June 25th, August 13th, and September 17th. Interested owners can find additional information on the Bark Park web site or call the park at (814) 382-2267.

Canine Carnival Coming in May

The favorite Canine Carnival will be held at the Bark Park this year in May instead of August. This promises to be a day filled with a great time as dog owners have a chance to show off the talent of their dogs in various events and contests including the following:

- Canine Good Citizen and Therapy dog testing
- Compete in the rally, agility, and weave pole competition
- A best tricks contest
- Doggie Tic-Tac-Dog teams of five dogs compete
- A dock diving demonstration
- Obstacle Course
- Crowning of Bark Park King and Queen Competition

A complete schedule of events and time periods will be posted on the Bark Park web site.

Saturday Obedience Classes

In partnership with Groovy Pooch Dog Obedience, the Bark Park announces the beginning of Saturday training classes at the park. Classes will include types of basic obedience along with possibly a beginning agility class. For more information on what classes will be offered on Saturdays this summer, contact Katara Peters at (814)763-5968.

Canine Muttrimony Is Back

We have again lost our minds at Conneaut Lake Bark Park. The Second Annual Canine Muttrimony Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, June 11th. Everyone is welcome to participate. If you would like to be part of this year's celebration, with all of its craziness and fun moments, contact us and make the "very minor arrangements." This event is open to both members and non-members of the Bark Park and general public. So, find a willing mate for your canine buddy and join us for a great time at this crazy event. We will follow a shortened schedule for the wedding day with the festivities starting at 11:00 am and concluding at 2:00 pm. We will start with the "Blessing of the Animals" and the Wedding Costume contest to determine the wedding party for the nuptial ceremony. Additional events include: the musical sit and down, doggie limbo, and a retrieve the garter event. Doggie cake, owner cake, and lemonade will be provided for all attendees.



Pictured above are last year's couple, grinning groom, Tyler James Anderson and his blushing bride, Bella Mya Edwards. The newly weds were caught on film just after their nuptials last June 12th. The happy couple is preparing for their One Year Anniversary, and wish their successors the best of luck.



Win a Free Membership!

Design a new t-shirt for the Bark Park and win a free 6 months membership to the park. The Contest will be held the month of May, with a winner chosen the end of May. Submit your ideas to petcem23@windstream.net

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.



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