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COME BARK WITH ME

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Conneaut Lake Bark Park Adds Another Training Area

After being an eye sore for over 10 years, the old deck hockey structure came down with the help of the inmates at the Cambridge Springs SCI. The asphalt area will be sealed again in the spring and we will install a 4 foot fence around the entire area. Because of the flat, smooth surface, this area will be perfect when we offer training classes for the handicap and elderly pet owners. The area will also be used for special events held at the Bark Park this summer.

Santa & Mrs. Claus Help Conneaut Lake Bark Park

A big highlight of the Holiday Season was the Christmas pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus, aka Joe and Mary Purnell. Over 50 dogs had their picture taken with the help of photographer Robin Peterson and her helper, Kelly Drake. Santa and Mrs. Claus donated their time for the photo shoot in memory of Roxy Pounds, and her love of animals.



Pictured with Mr. & Mrs. Claus are three members of the Anderson family, left to right Roscoe, Martin, and Tyler.

Winter Seminars

Conneaut Lake Bark Park will offer dog related seminars on designated Saturdays in January, February, and March. All classes will be held at the Station 3 Fire Hall Social Center on Route 18.

January 30 - Understanding Dog Behavior. Coffee & Donuts at 8:30. Class 9:00-12:30. This seminar will give the pet owner an

opportunity to better understand the behavior of their dog in situations involving training, socialization, playing with other dogs, using the dog park, etc. The cost of this seminar is \$10.00.

February 27 -First Aid for Dogs. Coffee & Donuts 8:00, Class 8:30-12:30. The dog owner will understand how to deal with several medical conditions and what they can do until the dog recovers or needs to go to the local veterinarian. Dog owners taking this class will receive a certificate from the American Red Cross. The cost is \$25, which includes a book.

March 20- Dog Workshops. Coffee & Donuts at 8:30, class 9:00-12:00. The cost is \$10.

The Workshops include:

- A. The use of acupuncture in treating various conditions.
- B. Understanding the advantages and disadvantages of laser surgery.
- C. The geriatric pet, euthanasia, losing a pet, etc.
- D. Chiropractic practices to treat conditions for your dog.

Participants must sign up in advance for the seminars by calling the Bark Park at:

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

Plans for a Reverse Raffle

Plans are moving forward for the first Reverse Raffle for the Conneaut Lake Bark Park. The raffle will be held in the Ballroom at Conneaut Lake Park on Saturday, April 24th. The evening will begin with a buffet dinner. Tickets are \$35.00 each, or 2 for \$50.00. Conneaut Lake Bark Park is a non-profit 501 C3 Business. All profits from events held for the Bark Park will be used solely for the development and improvement of the park. More information concerning the evening's events will soon be available.



Kelly Drake

Hi! For those of you who don't know me, my name is Kelly Drake and I am one of the trainers at the Conneaut Lake Bark Park. I have been deeply involved with dogs in both a private and professional capacity for approximately 7 years. I teach Rally Obedience at the Bark Park on Friday Nights. My hobbies include herding with my dog, photography, and reading my collection of over 200 dog related books. My obsession with dogs began with a special needs boxer named Joey. Having him join our family, helped me decide to become an advocate for animals.

My four legged family has continued to grow over the past several years. My interest in training began when we added our second dog, a young, over-exuberant boxer named Wizard. In addition to Wiz, my four legged family now consists of Killian, a bullmastiff, who was given up by his previous owner. You may have met Killian at the park, because he is our resident temperament tester. Then we have the real boss of my household, my 4 year old Belgian Tervuren, Adazia, which means "little sister" in Navajo...she is the only girl dog in our house. The last and final dog in our family is Jolt. He is my daughter, Abigail's, junior handling dog.

By doing the temperament testing, I have been able to share my knowledge and educate pet owners about their furry friends. But my favorite part is teaching Rally because I love to see the bond that forms between people and their pets when they learn to work together as a team.

Meet The Bark Park Dogs:

Jimmy Hovanik



Around November, 2008, we were looking to adopt a dog. I was partial to Boxers, and Bonnie was partial to Labs. We searched on Petfinder and saw a picture of a Boxer mix south of Pittsburgh named "Jimmy Brindled Boxer." He was about 16 months old

and we saw in his picture, the most expressive eyes beckoning us to come and take him away.. it was also indicated that his time was running out, as they were going to euthanize him shortly. We drove down to see him, and I was amazed at how small he was for the breed. He was also very skinny and sickly. We knew he had to be ours.

It's been a year now and Jimmy possesses enormous energy and has a very unique personality. He is also very intelligent and highly resourceful. The Bark Park is the perfect place for him, as it gives him an outlet for all the energy as well as playmates to interact with. One of the Meadville Tribune writers wrote about him when the Park first opened, and said to us "That's one happy dog."

Training Classes for 2010

Three training classes have been scheduled for the beginning of 2010. Classes offered include puppy classes, basic obedience, and advanced obedience. All classes are on Tuesday evenings for a period of six weeks and held at the Station 3 Fire Hall Social Center on Route 18, East Side of Conneaut Lake. The starting dates for the classes are January 19th, March 16th, and May 4th. For more information, or to reserve a spot, contact Katara Peters at (814) 720-1456.

Conneaut Lake Bark Park Tentative Events for 2010

January 19

January 30

February 27

March 16

March 20

April 10

April 24

May 4

May 15

June 12

June 14 or 21

July 10 and 11

July 30, 31, August 1

August 7

September 11

October 23

November 6

Winter Training Classes Begin

Seminar-Dog Behavior

Seminar-First Aid for Dogs

Spring Training Classes Begin

Seminar-Dog Workshops

Blessing of the Animals

Reverse Raffle-Conneaut Lake Park Ballroom

Early Summer Training Classes Begin

Tentative Soup Luncheon

Canine Weddings

Monday-Thursday Evenings-Doggie Camp

Summer Fest

Tamarack Dog Agility Trials

Canine Carnival

Pawsitively Pink Party

Bonfire and Halloween Party

Pictures with Santa



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