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# Come Bark With Me

The Conneaut Lake Bark Park Newsletter

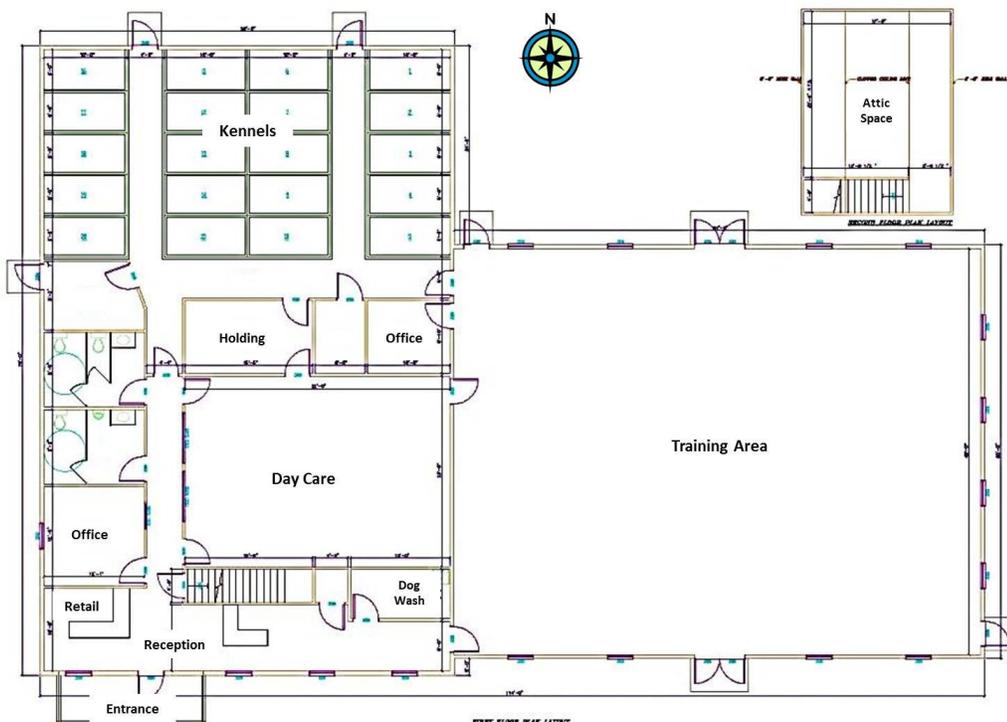
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## Building Fund Update

The Bark Park's plan for 2013 is to add several new services and a variety of classes to the total operation of the Bark Park. These services will include kennel/boarding, doggie day care, pet sitting, laundra-mutt, small dog friendly campground, and evening lighting in the off-leash areas. To provide all of these additional services, a new building will be built on the existing property. The building will house the kennel and day care along with a large indoor training area. In the past four years, over 1,100 dogs have participated in our training programs and the new training area will give us more flexibility in both the scheduling and a variety of classes being offered. The cost of the proposed building is \$200,000. The target date for completion of the building and to begin providing the above mentioned services is April of 2013.

1. The Bark Park is a 501 C-3 Corporation so why not consider a tax deductible donation.
2. We also have a loan program available to help with the building funding. We will provide 6.5% interest over 6 years to any individual loan made to the program. Promissory notes will be jointly signed and payments will begin in April 2014 on a monthly, quarterly, or semi-annual basis.
3. Consider donating through any of the programs in our brochure entitled, "How to Support the Bark Park," available on the Bark Park website at [www.conneautlakebarkpark.com](http://www.conneautlakebarkpark.com)

If you would like to become involved in this exciting area project, obtain additional information on our building project, or receive a copy of our business plan along with our proposed revenue and expense figures, please let me know. I can be reached at (814) 382-2478.



**Architect's rendering of the floor plan for the proposed Bark Park building.**



Several Bark Park dogs and their people enjoy a snowy, sunny day.

## Winter Fun at the Bark Park

Visit the Bark Park this winter and send your pictures to us so we can highlight dog play at the park in our monthly winter issues. Just send pictures to [petcem@windstream.net](mailto:petcem@windstream.net).

We will attempt to keep the road to the trailer open all winter. However, with large amounts of snow, our plowing company may be a little late getting the road plowed, so be careful when driving down to the parking area.

The water has been turned off during the winter months, so be sure to bring adequate water with you when using the park. If you forget water, there is water in the refrigerator in the trailer and several dog dishes which can be used to give your furry friend a refreshing drink.

Finally, when walking on the property and back on the rustic trail, be safe and carry your cell phone with you. Cell phones can be a great safety back-up in case an unforeseen situation might occur.



Robin Peterson

## Winter Training Classes Begin January 8 and 9

Don't forget the importance of dog training classes, especially for puppies, but certainly for dogs of all ages. Classes offered include puppy, basic, intermediate, and a fun games class. Come and join the fun of interacting in a positive way with your canine companion. Contact trainer Katara Peters at (814) 763-5968. You can also visit her web-site at: [katara@groovypoochtraining.com](mailto:katara@groovypoochtraining.com)



Katara Peters

## Come! Sit! Stay!



Cricket Dignall

### Seminar Schedule

Saturday seminar classes are scheduled to begin on February 2nd. Classes are held at the Conneaut Lake Station Two Fire Hall on Route 18 North. Each seminar class is three hours in length and the cost is generally \$12.00, with the exception of the Pet First Aid class scheduled for April 6th. Other possible topics include: the All Natural Dog Food and Supplements; Laser Rehab Therapy, Massage Therapy, and Training 101/Everything You Want to Know About Dog Care, Behavior, and Training. For more information call Sue at (814) 382-2478.



**Winter Safety Tip:** Don't leave your pet outside in the car. Just as your vehicle can become an incinerator during hot weather, it can become a freezer, holding in the cold air, during the winter. While not as common as pets expiring in hot cars in the summer, too many precious dogs and cats have frozen to death in a cold car.

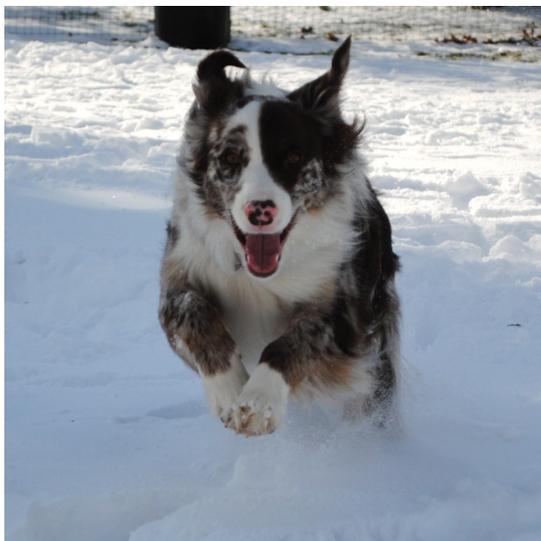
## Evening Use of the Bark Park

Because of work schedules, some of our members find it difficult to get to the Bark Park before dark. To accommodate these members, we have made arrangements for those individuals to use the training area which has lighting to exercise their dog. If you are interested in this arrangement, give Sue Anderson a call at (814) 382-2478, and Sue will explain to you the procedure we have been using. One of our plans for 2013, is to have the capability to light both the small dog and large dog areas. We have the electricity in place, all we need is to find a telephone pole and the necessary flood lights.

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## Scout, the Australian Shepherd

Hi, I'm Scout, a 2-year old Australian shepherd. My mom and dad adopted me from a ranch in Middle Park Colorado, where I spent my time herding cattle. Since my parents didn't own any animals to herd, they introduced me to some new "jobs" like playing Frisbee and hiking in the Colorado mountains. Although I loved Colorado, I am excited to be in Pennsylvania with all the fun stuff it has to offer, like the Bark Park. I know my dad is definitely glad to have moved away from the Colorado sun and protect my cute little pink nose from sun-burn. Whenever my parents grab the Frisbee, I just know we are going to the Bark Park. Besides Frisbee, I also love meeting and playing with other dogs at the Bark Park. I especially love when they chase me! My parents just got me the best present ever for Christmas; a friend to play with! My new "sister" Moo and I play all the time and love running around the Bark Park. As the big brother, I am hoping to teach her how to play Frisbee.



The Australian Shepherd, or Aussie, is a breed of herding dog that was probably developed in the Pyrenees Mountains between Spain and France. It was called the Australian Shepherd because of its association with Basque shepherds who came to America from Australia in the 1800s.

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## Classified Ads and Advertising Space

To place a classified ad or a business ad, send an email to [petcem23@windstream.net](mailto:petcem23@windstream.net) by the 15th of each month for placement in the newsletter.

**Classified Section** – this is an opportunity for pet owners to sell items they have purchased but no longer need, commonly referred to as “*slightly used*.” This could include leashes, crates, doggie clothing, or other gadgets. The Bark Park will not list dogs for sale. The cost to put in a classified ad is \$15.00 for a maximum of 65 spaces.

**Business Advertising** – If you or anyone you know has a business or a pet -related business and would like to advertise in the newsletter just send a jpeg or pdf of the business card or a similar sized image. The cost is \$20.00 for a month, or 3 months for \$50.

## PAWS FOR REFLECTION

By George P. Nowack, Director, ARTS FOR EVERYONE

When Carolyn and I initially conceived of the plans for ARTS FOR EVERYONE, I was just completing a year-long contract with the Commonwealth of PA. My responsibility for the State was to develop a viable program for the linking of the positive economic growth and development of communities all along the Northern Tier with the creative talents of the persons living in each of these communities. In other words, my job was to tie together the economy of the Region with the Artists and Artisans of the Region. Having developed the program, and after proving its success in several selected communities, I decided upon the completion of my contract to submit the plan to the Commonwealth, and concentrate in “practicing what I had been preaching” here, at home in Northwestern PA...specifically, Crawford and Erie Counties.

Representing nearly two dozen Artists, A4E has two basic goals. The first of these goals is **“to enhance the economic success of each of its Artists through display (for purchase) of their works in selected regional galleries and/or venues, and by providing assistance in the areas of publicity and promotion, marketing and sales, and locating sources of funding.”** The second, and complimentary, goal is **“to promote and enhance the economic development of regional venues of notable and irreplaceable historic, cultural, and community-oriented value, while simultaneously linking these venues together among themselves and with the Creative forces of the Community.”**

Great ideas! But, do they really work? Are the goals attainable? Here’s an example...you decide. The first venue which we selected to develop an A4E Gallery within was the historic Meadville Market House. After several years of attempting to reclaim its past significance, the Market House was, despite the best and unprecedented efforts of its current Market Master (Alice Sjolander), in serious danger of closing its doors forever. Late in January, 2011, we (Carolyn and I) approached Alice with the proposal of developing the A4E Gallery at that location. Her excitement was obvious, and her encouragement was significant. The new A4E Market House Gallery opened the first week of March, 2011. Its success took nearly everyone by surprise... everyone, that is except myself and Carolyn. Not only have the Participating Artists enjoyed significant profits from the sales of their works, but the Market House has ended the current fiscal year “in the black” for the first time in quite awhile! In addition, since the arrival of the Gallery, the other Market House vendors have also enjoyed significant increases in their sales. At a recent Market House Authority meeting, A4E was singled as the significant contributor to this new success.

AND NOW...it’s the Bark Park’s turn!

Members of Paws Hand-Delivered who participated in decorating the A4E sponsored Bark Park Christmas Tree and the Light Up Night at the Market House can certainly attest to the fact that the presence of the Therapy Dog Companions were the “hit” of the celebration. Moreover, the B.P. tree placed FIRST in the decorating competition...drawing the most votes EVER attained by a tree. In addition, January marks the beginning of the CONNEAUT LAKE BARK PARK ‘s participation as a vendor at the Market House. (Again, the space allotted is sponsored by A4E.)

But, here’s the BIG news. After “falling in love” with the Red Barn located on the Bark Park property, A4E approached Sue Anderson with a proposal: the development of the barn as a unique (and first of its kind) Gallery, coffeehouse, and Art Learning/Experience Center...where the canine companions of its visitors, Artists, performers, and guests would be most welcome. Moreover, the Gallery will offer regional and local Artists the opportunity to not only market their creations, but also the possibility of demonstrating and creating on-site. By extension, the Gallery could serve as a regional destination for visitor excursions of all types...from vacationers, to residents of local assisted and senior living centers during their weekly outings. Plans currently call for the Gallery to be in full operation the first week of May, 2013, Fridays through Sundays.

In addition, A4E, partnering with international Performance Artist, Howard Mincone, is planning to develop a huge Art and Music Festival for August, 2013.

The possibilities for economic success and prosperity through these two experiences are virtually unlimited. It is sincerely hoped that these venues will provide an additional source of revenue for the Bark Park as it pursues its plan for expansion.

The Conneaut Lake Bark Park is (in this writer’s opinion) much, much more than it appears. It constitutes a true and incomparable Vision...a Vision not only for canines and their human companions, but for the entire Region. Moreover, it and its various component members serve as true beacons of Compassion and unprecedented Love for all.

ARTS FOR EVERYONE is VERY proud to assist in its future development.

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](mailto:petcem23@windstream.net), or keep checking the Bark Park website at [www.conneautlakebarkpark.com](http://www.conneautlakebarkpark.com) for updates on various activities. You can also call Sue Anderson at (814) 382-2478. Remember to visit us on Facebook