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Come Bark With Me

Conneaut Lake Bark Park Newsletter

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New Year's Resolutions for Dogs – 2015

1. Visit the Bark Park next summer.
2. I will beg less every time my owner is eating.
3. I will recognize the difference between furniture and fire hydrants.
4. I will stay out of the cat's litter box.
5. I'll introduce myself in more appropriate ways when someone comes to visit my owners.
6. I won't drink from the toilet.
7. I will come when you call me.
8. I'll remember the garbage collector is NOT stealing our stuff.
9. I will stop trying to find the few remaining pieces of clean carpet in the house when I am about to throw up.
10. I will not roll on dead animals, on duck poop, or dead fish.
11. I will not lick my human's face after eating animal poop.
12. Even though we do not have a doorbell, I will not bark each time I hear one on TV.
13. I will not steal my owners underwear and dance all over the back yard with it.
14. I will remember the sofa is not my own private face towel.
15. **I will help all of my doggie pals get adopted.**



Paws Perks Extended

The purchase of Bark Park Paw Perks for 2015 has been extended to January 15th. For each dollar purchased, you will receive an additional 30%. Purchase a \$100.00 card and receive \$130.00 in sales. If you are a dog owner who uses any of our services, then this is a perfect way to increase your buying power. The Paw Perks can be used for kennel, day care, laundra-mutt, grooming, pet-sitting, Bark park memberships including coupon books, dog food, and any other retail store items. Give a Paw Perks Gift card to yourself, as a gift to a dog lover, or a special gift to anyone who might be interested in getting involved with the programs at the Bark Park. For more information contact the Dog House at 814-382-2267 or check out the information on our website at www.conneautlakebarkpark.com.

2015 Seminars

Popular Doggie Massage Seminar Returns January 17th

The first Bark Park seminar for 2015 will be held on Saturday, January 17th , and is entitled Doggie Massage. This seminar is appropriate for pets of all ages. Pet massage promotes socialization, trust and bonding between the owner and the dog. Puppies learn owners can touch all parts of the body in a gentle way. Older pets often benefit from the relaxation and muscle warming. Athletic pets can enjoy a sports massage before and after exercise. The sessions will be given by Carol Redlawski from Erie. There will be two identical sessions, each 1 ½ hour long, one beginning at 9:00 am and the other at 10:30 am. Each session is limited to 10 participants with their dog. The cost for the seminar is \$9.00 and includes coffee and donuts with lots of fun and laughter. Dogs are definitely invited to attend. Because of limited space, pre-registration is required. Seminars are held on the Bark Park property at the new Dog House. To register call the Dog House at 814-382-2267, or Sue at 814-382-2478 or email petcem23@windstream.net. All Bark Park seminars are open to the public

Dogs 101, Bark Park Seminar February 28th

The seminar offers a great opportunity for the dog owner to find out answers to those puzzling problems on dog ownership. Topics will include curbing bad doggie behavior, crate issues, behavior warning signs, proper play, leash aggression, socializing your dog, and most any other questions presented by those in attendance. This is a two hour seminar, 9:00 am – 11:00 am. and will be held at the Dog House at the Bark Park on Foust Road. The cost is \$9.00 and includes plenty of coffee and donuts. Pre-registration is required due to limited seating space. To register for the seminar or for additional information contact the Dog House at 814-382-2267, or call Sue at 814-382-2478. Or email at petcem23@windstream.net. All Bark Park seminars are open to the public.

First Aid for Dogs, a Practical Approach, March 21st

First Aid for Dogs, a basic first aid class for dog owners, will be held at the Bark Park on Saturday, March 21st, from 9:00 am – 12:00. Coffee and donuts will be provided. This class will give the dog owner some basic information on dealing with various medical emergencies including CPR, bleeding, poisoning, respirations, pulse, temperature, etc. Class participants will receive the Dog First Aid Book which includes a reference guide and CD. Cost of the class which includes the book is \$28.00 and will be taught by an American Red Cross instructor but will not include certification for participants. Pre-registration is required due to limited seating space. To register for the seminar or for additional information contact the Dog House at 814-382-2267, or call Sue at 814-382-2478. or email at petcem23@windstream.net. All Bark Park seminars are open to the public.

Bark Park January Events

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| January 15 | Thursday | Last Day to Purchase 2015 Paw Perks |
| January 17 | Saturday | Doggie Massage Seminar |
| January 19 | Monday | Lucky Loco Committee |
| January 20 | Tuesday | Pet Loss Support Group |

Protecting Pets in Cold Weather



1. In extreme cold, short haired dogs and elderly dogs should wear a coat or sweater.
2. Remove snowballs in the pads of the feet, dip paw into water
3. Never leave a dog in a car during cold weather since the car acts as a refrigerator in the inside of the car.
4. Check ears, tail and feet for frostbite.
5. Avoid contact with anti-freeze which may be found on driveways, garage floor, etc. Anti-freeze is highly poisonous. 1-2 teaspoons can be lethal to a small animal. If the paws come in contact with anti-freeze, licking of paws with anti-freeze on them can cause kidney damage.
6. Rock salt can irritate footpads. Buy pet safe rock salt if it is used near dog areas. Some owners place boots on the dogs to avoid contact with rock salt used when walking outside. Be sure to rinse off the dog's paws when coming inside to avoid problems with rock salt.
7. If the dog must stay outdoors
 - a. Provide a good dog house, not too large, (stand, turn, lie down) preferably straw for bedding, elevate it off the ground, have a flap across opening
 - b. Provide water, best if electric water dish so water does not freeze

Therapy Dog Testing - 2015

Become part of Paws Hand Delivered/Therapy Dogs Incorporated and share your special canine companion with those in a variety of situations around the community. The 65+ therapy dogs are involved in sharing their special love with the residents of several local nursing homes, TCU, the Tales that Wag library reading program, Women's Services, Yolanda G. Barco Center, MMC Liberty Street, CHAPS, Crawford County Hospice, Active Aging, special needs students in the Crawford Central School District, and several other organizations in the community

The next testing date is scheduled for Saturday, February 28th, from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm at Conneaut Lake Bark Park. For additional information contact Sue at 814-382-2478.

Lucky Loco Committee

In September of 2014, the Bark Park shared the story of Loco, a dog that was rescued from a shelter in Louisiana and made the long trip to Meadville to his new permanent home with Kelly Potter. The Bark Park Lucky Loco program was established to help transport dogs on their journey from one location to another, and to also bring attention to local dogs looking for a permanent home. The first meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 19th, at 6 pm at Perkins (backroom). If you are interested in helping with this project, and serving on a committee to get this project moving forward, send an email to Sue at petcem23@windstream.net or call the Dog House at 814-382-2267.



Photo courtesy George Nowack



Lucky Loco Ladies

Pet Loss Support Group January Meeting

Everyone who cares for a pet will one day face the illness, old age and passing of their beloved animal friend. It is both natural and necessary to grieve for the loss of a pet as it is for any loved one who dies. Conneaut Lake Bark Park and Forever Friends Pet Memorial Park are continuing the pet loss support group. The meeting this month will be held January 20th, Tuesday evening, at 7:00 pm. Meetings are open to the public and will be held at the Bark Park/Dog House, 12810 Foust Road. Reservations are never necessary. Come and share with other pet lovers your experiences and stories of a pet you have lost. For more information contact the Bark Park at 814-382-2267 or Sue at 814-382-2478.

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 Bark Park website at: www.conneautlakebarkpark.com for updates on various activities. You can also call Sue Anderson at: (814) 382-2478. Martin and all of the other dogs remind you to visit us on Facebook too.