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Roseville Dog Owners' Group

The Making of a Dog Park: The Marco Story

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Early in 1996, Tracy Beagin contacted the Roseville Parks and Recreation Commission regarding the possibility of allowing dogs in the Roseville city parks. She soon learned that Renee St. Denis was also in touch with the city to investigate the possibility of being able to take her dogs to the park.

Tracy and Renee, along with Lorrie Stevens and several other interested Roseville dog owners attended several Parks Commissions meetings and City Council meetings lobbying for dogs to be allowed in Roseville parks.

After months of meetings, studies and data gathering the Roseville Parks and Recreation Commission made a recommendation to the City Council to construct an off-leash dog park on Sierra Gardens Drive.

During this time the Roseville Dog Owners' Group (RDOG) was formed to work with the city of Roseville to build the off-leash park and promote responsible dog ownership and responsible dog related activities.

In July of 1996 the Roseville City Council allocated an initial \$25,000 for grading and irrigation installation.

Over the next year the Roseville City staff and volunteers from RDOG worked to make the off-leash park a reality.

On June 4, 1996, the park was officially named MARCO DOG PARK in memory of Marco, a Roseville Canine officer killed while on duty in 1996.

Marco Dog Park officially opened June 14, 1997.

Did You Know . . .

- RDOG meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Christian Life Center in Roseville. See page 6.
- The June meeting will be on Tuesday, June 4, 2002, starting at 7:00 pm.
- RDOG's web site is at www.rosevilledog.org

Two Spay/Neuter Stamps to be Issued

Prevent a Litter Coalition (PaLC) has been working on the STAMP OUT Campaign for five years. September, 2002, will be the payoff for director Hope Tarr, animal advocates across the country, national and local organizations, national celebrities, Congressmen, Senators, and more than two hundred thousand Americans.

The United States Post Office has announced that two United States Postal Service (USPS) commemorative stamps dedicated to the lifesaving and preventative message of

"spay and neuter" will be issued.

One hundred twenty five million stamps will go on sale in September 2002 as one of the USPS's premier stamps of the year. The stamps will remain on sale for one year and hopefully will help build awareness of the tragic issue of the surplus of unwanted pets in this country.

For more information visit PaLC's website at: www.palc.org



Happy Birthday!

June

Tika Barbree, June 1
 Jazelle Harman, June 1
 Betty Waldie, June 1
 Roseann Waldie, June 1
 Samantha Waldie, June 1
 Anna Medley, June 5
 Sadie Burger, June 6
 Edna Ma Dunlap, June 11
 Duffy Molina, June 15
 Ch. Jack's Robbie for Top Hat, June 15
 Darcie Anderson, June 16
 Casey Jon Preece, June 16
 Spencer McPherson, June 17

Dexter Pice, June 22
 Maya Jasper, June 24

July

Jake Barr, July 12
 Phantom Billings, July 3
 Bella Jasper, July 7
 Pepper Klinger, July 1
 Cirby Langley, July 7
 Nevada Lumsargis, July 1
 Roxy Brow Natad, July 17
 Ginger Sanderson, July 4
 Cody Walker, July 21

Is your dog's birthday missing? Call (916) 774-2854 or email birthdays@rosevilledog.org to add his or her name to the list.

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City Includes RDOG Flyer in Dog License Renewal Notices

The City of Roseville has agreed to let RDOG include a flyer in the dog license renewal notices which talks about the Marco Dog Park and RDOG. The flyer includes an RDOG membership application as well.

The goal in sending out the flyer is to raise awareness of the group and the special role we play with Marco Dog Park. Many members of the community do not realize the park exists, and there are several folks who use the park regularly but do not realize that RDOG pays for poop bags and park improvements such as the canopy and the extension of the concrete slab for the wading pools.

RDOG provided the printed, folded flyers to the city, and also helped to stuff renewal

notices into envelopes for the nearly 6,000 dogs registered in the city. There is no cost to the City for including our flyer with their renewal notices.

Many thanks to the following individuals who gave up a Tuesday afternoon to stuff envelopes with us:

Lisa Mayeda
 Josh Jacoby
 Maggie Vinning
 Lee Prager
 Wally Barr
 Pamela Dallas
 Donna Treibel

Safety Reminder

Submitted by Tracy Beagin

This just happened today; the handlers of "Toby" are a foster home for our rescue. Here's a good reminder to folks who are not using crates for travel safety and assume their dog wouldn't do this...

She and her husband were out walking Toby, when an SUV passed by, going about 35 mph. There was a dog in the SUV, barking and barking at Toby. The dog got so excited, he *jumped out of the car as it was moving*, hit the street, got up, shook himself off, and ran over to meet Toby!

Our volunteer couldn't believe her eyes, and just held onto Toby, ready to fend off the other dog (Chow mix) if necessary. As the dog ran up to them, her husband grabbed the other dog, and our volunteer held Toby. The dogs were fine, just sniffing each other as if nothing had happened! The SUV driver made a sudden U-turn, and came back to retrieve her dog. Our volunteer suggested she raise her windows.

Upcoming Events

Entire Month of June

RDOG is sponsoring the display case at the Roseville Main Library. The exhibit gives information about the Marco Dog Park, the biography of Marco, the police dog for whom the park is named, and more.

Tuesday, June 4, 7:00 PM

June Meeting, featuring Richard Lee from Sacramento Urban Search and Rescue. Promises to be a fun evening!

Sunday, June 9th, 8:00 AM

RDOG is holding a rummage sale to raise funds for dog park improvements. The sale is at the Douglas Park Veterinary Clinic, 3970 Douglas Blvd., in Roseville. If you have items to donate, please call the voice mail at (916) 774-2854.

Saturday, June 14th, 10:00 AM

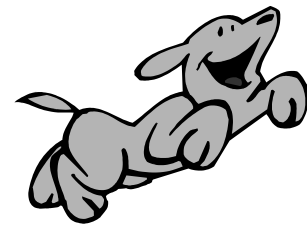
Marco Dog Park's 5th Birthday Celebration. Fun for the whole family (including your pooch)!

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RDOG Meeting Information

The Roseville Dog Owners' Group (RDOG) meets monthly on the first Tuesday of each month, starting at 7:00 pm. We are pleased to announce our new permanent meeting place:

The Christian Life Center
119 Fern Avenue
Roseville

If you are coming from Cirby on Riverside (heading towards Douglas) the street after Darling is Fern. Take a right turn and the next street is Clinton. The church is on the corner.

Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, June 4, 2002, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, July 9, 2002, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, August 6, 2002, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, September 3, 2002, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, October 1, 2002, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, November 5, 2002, 7:00 pm

