

The Scoop

Did You Know . . .

- RDOG meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.
- Our upcoming meetings are on October 21st and November 18th
- Meetings are at the Raley's Market Meeting Room, 1915 Douglas Blvd., in Roseville
- We will not have a meeting in December

New West Roseville Dog Park in Jeopardy Your Support is Needed Now!

In the past six years Marco Dog Park has been open, it has been obvious to us what a benefit having a dog park truly is to our community. Marco has been a spectacular success and is a model being emulated throughout Northern California.

For the past six years a second dog park, to be located in West Roseville, has been planned. It was incorporated into the General Plan for this area years before the first home was ever built. This second park, recently named Bear Dog Park, is designated near the corner of Junction and Baseline in the Woodcreek West community – a location that is more convenient for many of us than Marco, and will



draw even more dog owners who may not use Marco today.

There is a contingent of residents surrounding the park site who are extremely

opposed to a dog park in their neighborhood. They have organized and are actively trying to derail the park planning process. They believe the park will be a threat to their children's safety, a nuisance, and reduce

their property values. We know their concerns are unfounded but we are heading into uncharted waters and need to make sure our views are heard before it's too late.

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Using Effective Time-Outs A Regular Column by Area Dog Trainers

**By Valerie Barrett
The Right Steps (Orangevale)**

As owners are embracing gentler methods of training their dogs, there is still a need to effectively discourage unwanted behavior. Used properly, time-outs can fill that need. Time-outs can be used both for behavior that you never want the dog to exhibit, such a climbing on the table (pulling from personal experience...), and

those behaviors that have some wiggle room, like climbing onto your lap for attention.

The key is whether or not you give the dog on initial warning. The function of the warning is to alert the dog that he is on notice. that a line has been drawn in the sand; cross it and lose your freedom. The warning also gives the human wiggle

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Tiffany Stutzke Speaks in October

Join us for our October monthly meeting with speaker Tiffany Stutzke. Tiffany will be speaking on the topic of "reliable recall" (does your dog come when you call?).

Tiffany is a member of the Davis Dog Training Club where she currently serves as Obedience Trial Chairman (2003/2004), Canine Good Citizen coordinator, Public Edu-

cation Chairman and Canine Ambassador. She has also serviced twice as the Club President and Vice President.

The meeting is on Tuesday, October 21, beginning at 7:00 PM at the Raley's Community Room on Douglas Blvd., in Roseville. For more information visit our web site at www.rosevilledog.org.

Please Visit All Our Business Members

RDOG receives support from our business members, and we need to show support for them. Please visit them at every opportunity and let them know you appreciate their support of our group.

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Time-Outs. . .

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room. Until the warning is given, the dog's behavior is 'legal'. Everyone's personal limit varies from day to day, and dogs can't understand why climbing on you today is such a problem when last week it was fine. Using a warning gives the dog something consistent to attend to.

My dog loves to climb onto my lap when I am working on the computer, and most of the time I love it too. That's not a behavior I want to stop. But sometimes, I need to get work done and he is a little incessant. I just want a way to turn the behavior 'off'. If I just gave him a time-out when I had reached my personal limit, he would never learn how to tell when enough was enough. If, however, I gave him a warning first, and then followed through with a time-out the moment he continued to bug me, he would learn to back off when he heard the warning.

Your dog will learn two cues, one is the warning and the other predicts the time-out itself. Once the warning is given, you must follow through with the time-out cue and the time-out if the dog continues the behavior. Neither cue is given in a harsh tone; the cues are simply information to the dog. My warning cue is "Enough!" and my time-out

cue is "Too Bad!" Since the dog will learn to predict the time-out when he hears "Too Bad!" having him trail a leash will make him easier to collect should he begin evasive maneuvers.

The length of the time-out is short, one to two minutes is fine. The idea is to get the dog right back out so that he can get another repetition. The time-out area doesn't have to be out of your sight, it is simply a temporary loss of the dog's freedom. Shutting the leash in a door would work fine. There is no scolding on the way to the time-out" maintain a normal, matter of fact demeanor.

Let's say that the problem behavior is chasing the cats in the house. And, for the sake of peace in the household, this is a behavior you don't want the dog to do at all. First step is to control the dog's freedom so that he can't chase the cats when you are not in a position to administer the time-out. This is the problem with any punishment, if the dog has the freedom to safely exhibit the behavior, he will only get better at it. This is not being sneaky, this is being adaptive, and the moment the dog starts to chase the cat, give your time-out cue and remove him. No warning, no grace period, you're outta here.

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Park in Jeopardy. . .

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RDOG believes Bear Dog Park is a wonderful addition to Roseville that will benefit all of the tens of thousands of dog owners in our community. It has been on the plan for six years and the neighbors knew that when they moved in.

We must demonstrate the widespread support in the community that Bear Dog Park has. This is achieved by getting ourselves more organized and showing up en-masse at the planning meetings, the parks com-

mission meetings, and the city council meetings to get what we want.

What can you do? Please attend our October 21st meeting where we will discuss the situation and lay out action plans.

We can prevail and get this dog park. The funding is there. We believe the facts and logic are definitely on our side, but we absolutely must show community support for this park. Please come to the October meeting and help us get our park!

Happy Birthday

October

- Hershey McClure, Oct. 1
- Lily Molnar, Oct. 1
- Sassy Rue Oddone, Oct. 2
- Bunni Mayeda, Oct. 4
- Dylan Quick, Oct. 5
- Maximus Lipska, Oct. 21
- Ziggy Garcia, Oct. 23
- Holly Dougan, Oct. 26
- Bandit Dobbins, Oct. 31



November

- Juno Hendren, Nov. 14
- Bo Propp, Nov. 25

Is your pup's birthday missing? Send an email to birthdays@rosevilledog.org or call (916) 774-2854 to add them to the birthday list!

*We send out lots of news and special event information via email to our members. Please send us your current email address!
membership@rosevilledog.org*

Calendar of Events

October 18, 2003

The Happy Tails Pet Sanctuary and the City of Sacramento present the **Second Annual Mongrel Mash** at William Land Park. This day of fun starts with a morning Dash and includes vendors, games, and a costume contest. For more information visit www.happytails.org or call (916) 978-3109.

October 21, 2003

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October 25, 2003

RDOG is hosting a **Halloween Bake Sale** at the Petco store on Douglas Boulevard in Roseville from 9 am to 1 pm. This bake sale is to raise money to sponsor a kennel at the Placer SPCA. Come bring your Halloween themed baked goods and your wallet to this worthy cause. Dog treats, cupcakes, cookies, loafs, anything you would like to donate will be gladly accepted. Not a baker? Donate your time to help at the sale. For more information call Peggy at (916) 663-2398.

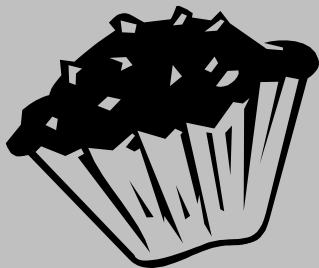
November 2, 2003

RDOG and POOCH are sponsoring our second **Canine Good Citizen Test** of the year at Kaseberg Park in Roseville. The test starts at 9 am. Pre-register on-line at www.rosevilledog.org or on the day of the test. For more information see the web site or call (916) 774-2854.

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Volunteer at Our Upcoming Bake Sale

to Benefit the Placer SPCA Cage Sponsorship Fund
Saturday, October 25th, 9 AM to 1 PM
PETCO Store, Douglas Blvd., Roseville

If you can't volunteer, please bake something and bring it that morning.
Cupcakes, breads, cookies, dog treats... anything good to eat!
Call Peggy at (916) 663-2398 for more information.



RDOG Promotes Responsible Dog Ownership

Pamela, Tracy, Maggie, and Kelley worked hard to set up these display cases at the Roseville Main and Maidu branch libraries to promote responsible dog ownership in September. The American Kennel Club designated Wednesday, September 17th as Responsible Dog Ownership Day.

The display cases such as these are another wonderful way that RDOG is able to communicate our mission and goals to the community. Thanks Pamela, Tracy, Maggie, and Kelley for your efforts!

