

# The Scoop

**Did You Know . . .**

- RDOG meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.
- Our upcoming meetings are on February 17th and March 16th
- Meetings are at the Raley's Market Meeting Room, 1915 Douglas Blvd., in Roseville

## New Year-Round Dog Parks Coming City Passes West Roseville Specific Plan

At the City Council meeting on February 4, 2004, the Roseville City Council passed the West Roseville Specific Plan (the "West Plan"). This plan is a large expansion to the city limits to the west of the city which will be developed into homes, commercial, and significant park and open space lands.

RDOG set a goal in 2003 to have a year-round dog park included in this plan. After many meetings and discussions, the city and developer agreed that the city actually needed two dog parks in this new area.

The first park will be at the Village Center area park and would likely be 1-2 acres fenced inside a larger central park. This park will be in close walking distance to hundreds of multi-family homes with little or no backyards. The second park will be somewhat larger and will be a part of Fiddymont Park. This park will be more rural and will likely have shade from the large oak trees.

We're very excited about these new parks, but we have to remember that

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## And the Survey Says . . .

Our annual membership survey was included in the December newsletter. Based on responses received so far, here are the results:

Meetings are informative, conveniently located, fun, welcome, educational, and interesting. Attendance has improved and many seem to find the date and time convenient.

The newsletter continues to be fun to read, looks professional, informative, relevant articles, and is published just the right amount of issues. The advertisements are not too intrusive, which help pay for the newsletter.

Services members are interested in are maintaining and improving Marco Dog

Park, working with the City of Roseville to open year round dog parks, and allowing dogs in all city parks. Members also enjoy the newsletter, managing an informative web site, and suggest RDOG continue to hold educational workshops. Members would also like RDOG to sponsor low cost and or refresher dog training, continue to sponsor group trip/outings, and Canine Good Citizen.

RDOG annual dues are just right!

Thanks to everyone who submitted a survey. By doing so, you have provided direction to our group's leaders for this next year, and will help make RDOG an organization that better meets your needs and expectations.


## The Scoop

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## The Doggie Days of Winter

*By Dana Maroney  
Yes Good Puppy Dog Obedience*

The days are short, cold, and definitely damp. The dog park is closed and the mud in the back yard is getting deep. Winter can be a challenging time of year when it comes to the dogs in our lives. They need exercise and stimulation regardless of what the weather is. Usually our dogs follow the same patterns we do when winter comes. They become couch potatoes, sleeping and eating more that is wise or they become anxious, bored and create their own opportunities for entertainment. These may include undesirable activities like disemboweling the couch or if you are one of my dogs, the raiding of the pantry and bread drawer.

So, what can we do with our dogs when the weather is cold and nasty? Winter is a great time for teaching new tricks. Sitting-up, rolling over or jumping through a hula hoop are old favorites and are easy to teach. Once mastered you can move onto more complicated behaviors by breaking them into small steps and rewarding your dog at each success.

Most dogs love games and FIND-IT is our favorite. Levi's job every morning is to FIND breakfast by following the trail the shaken bowl leaves and then sitting in front of the hiding place until I give him a bit of kibble out of his bowl. All of my dogs love this game but Levi is the master. Start this game simply by showing the dog a bit of treat and move it out of sight but close by. Give the FIND-IT command and let your dog go. As the dog gets the idea, hide the treat in more and more difficult places. Hiding people is a great variation on this game.

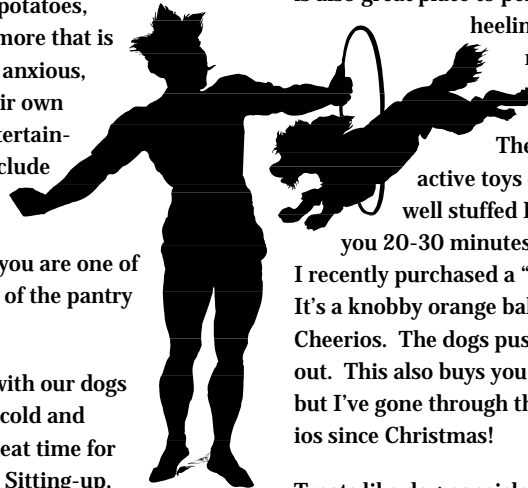
You can find many household items that also make great dog treasures. Empty plastic milk or orange juice jugs are fun to chase and carry around. An old bath towel, sock or piece of an old sheet knotted with a couple pieces of kibble in the middle is really satisfying to tear and tug. If you need a little more physical activity, throw a sheet over the coffee table or some kitchen chairs and teach your dog to "tunnel". The house is also a great place to perfect your off-leash heeling and furniture makes great obstacles.

There are lots of interactive toys on the market. A well-stuffed Kong toy can give you 20-30 minutes of peace and quiet. I recently purchased a "Tricky Treat Ball". It's a knobby orange ball that I fill with Cheerios. The dogs push it and treats fall out. This also buys you about 20 minutes but I've gone through three boxes of Cheerios since Christmas!

Treats like dog popsicles are also a winner. Freeze low sodium chicken or beef broth with peas or sliced carrots in small paper cups. If it is too cold outside for this treat a towel on the kitchen floor catches the drips and you can work on your long down command at the same time!

If you are using treat type toys or teaching behaviors with food rewards you can use part of the dog's regular food or choose low-calorie type treats. Dogs need fewer calories when they aren't as active so it's a good idea to cut back the amount of food your dog is getting at meal time if they are getting a lot of goodies.

With a little imagination and time, bored winter dogs can become a thing of the past and sanity can be preserved until the arrival of the more dog-friendly weather.




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*“Winter is a great time for teaching new tricks...”*

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## Membership Committee Help Wanted

Wally Barr volunteers to head up our Membership Committee

The RDOG Board is excited that Wally Barr has stepped forward to chair our Membership Committee. This committee works to maintain and increase membership in our group, which allows us to do more community work. Thanks, Wally!

Wally is looking for a few good souls to help with membership drives at Marco Park during April, May, and September. If you would like to help out - either during a week-day evening/day or on a week-end, please send an email to Wally at member-

ship@rosevilledog.org giving your name and daytime/evening telephone number.

We'll be having a brief meeting or telephone survey to divide up days and times prior to starting the drives. A reasonable "turn" at the membership table would probably be for about two hours. Easy duty, and your dog can play at the same time!

We rely on volunteers to make good things happen. If you might have a couple of hours to spare this summer please let Wally know.

## Calendar of Events

### **February 17th**

RDOG monthly meeting, 7:00 pm at Raley's on Douglas Blvd., Roseville.

### **February 21st**

Pet First Aid Workshop at 9:00 am at Raley's on Douglas Blvd., Roseville. Cost is \$35 and includes a book and Certificate. Pre-registration necessary. Call (916) 774-2854 or online at [www.rosevilledog.org](http://www.rosevilledog.org).

### **February 28th**

Outing to Dave Moore Nature Area in Coloma. Meet at Marco Dog Park at 10:00 am with a bag lunch for afterwards

### **March 16th**

RDOG Monthly meeting, 7:00 pm at Raley's on Douglas Blvd., Roseville.

### **March 28th**

Canine Good Citizen (CGC) clinic sponsored by RDOG and POOCH, 9:00 am at Kaseberg Park in Roseville.

### **April 8th through 11th**

Sacramento Kennel Club Dog Show at Cal Expo in Sacramento

### **April 16th**

Placer SPCA presents Funny Bones, their third annual comedy fundraising event. 5:30 pm at the Woodcreek Golf Club. For more information call (916) 782-SPCA.

### **April 25th**

Canine Good Citizen (CGC) test sponsored by RDOG and POOCH, 9:00 am at Kaseberg Park in Roseville.

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

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## Marco Dog Park Proper Etiquette Seminar

Popular RDOG member and trainer Tiffany Stutzke will lead a seminar on proper dog park etiquette for dogs and their human companions.

This seminar will be at Marco Dog Park a few weeks after the park re-opens for the season. Topics to include: recognizing

and understanding canine body language, the importance of park rules, identify potential problems and learn how to deal with them, park etiquette for everyone!



**Make sure your pooch has manners.**

Stay tuned, RDOG will announce the date by email, or watch for notices at the park. This seminar is important for everyone one, members and park users alike.

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## Words From Our President

Winter is about over and time to spring alive. RDOG sure has. The board has been very active with lots of new ideas and activities planned for RDOG members. Here are just some of the happenings.

Canine Good Citizen clinic (practice/class) on March 28th, with the test on April 25th

Outing to Dave Moore Nature Area in Coloma on February 27<sup>th</sup>

Outing to the snow planned for March

Special tour of the Placer SPCA planned for March

Marco Dog Park etiquette seminar tentatively planned for March 27<sup>th</sup>

Easter bake sale on April 3rd (hopefully)

Membership drives at Marco in April, May, and September

"Refresher" training class in May 2004

Another outing in June

Fundraising booths at dog events this spring and summer

Camping trip this summer

Safety Day at Marco Dog Park in September

Another Outing in October

A rummage or bake sale in October

TTouch Workshop in October

Another outing in November

Of course a few can not accomplish all of these great feats! We are still actively looking for a Parliamentarian, and someone to help co-chair Fundraising. We are looking for help from YOU, our members! If you would like to help out on or more of these events, RDOG will achieve all of its goals! You may volunteer by email at [info@rosevilledog.org](mailto:info@rosevilledog.org) or by calling RDOG's voicemail at (916) 774-2854.

Let's have a great year!

Donna Treibel  
President, Roseville Dog Owners' Group

# Happy Birthday

## February

Keaton Stevens, Feb. 1  
 Cassie Wagner, Feb. 1  
 Shadow Williams, Feb. 1  
 Bogie Wilson, Feb. 1  
 Wylie Dougan, Feb. 2  
 Denmark Hofmann, Feb. 4  
 Spike Teitzel, Feb. 4  
 Benji Olayos, Feb. 11  
 Momo Garcia, Feb. 13  
 Jezabel Harrington, Feb. 15  
 Ben Jenkins, Feb. 20  
 Indy Silvius, Feb. 27



## March

Chelsea King, Mar. 1  
 Baron Box, Mar. 1  
 Yoda Shell, Mar. 1  
 Graycee Cain, Mar. 8  
 Abbey Champ, Mar. 14  
 Chester Strack, Mar. 21  
 Eleanor King, Mar. 22  
 Emma Salib, Mar. 23  
 Otis Vining, Mar. 28  
 Otter Pup Harman, Mar. 30

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

## New Dog Parks. . .

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they are not "done deals" yet. The site for the Bear Dog Park near Baseline and Junction was written into the Woodcreek West Specific Plan in 1997, yet has been derailed by neighbors when the time came to build the park.

The Bear Dog Park will likely be moved away from the present site. At the last City public meeting on January 20, 2004, the city presented the community with two options. The first option was to build Bear Dog Park as planned on the present site on Casterbridge Drive. This option would have the added benefit of landscaping and trees in the area. The second option was to not build the park and locate alternative sites. The existing park site would remain unimproved for the foreseeable future, as the funding is tied to the dog park, not the Casterbridge site.

Residents in attendance were largely opponents, although a surprising number of

supporters also attended. This meeting conflicted with the RDOG annual meeting and given that we largely knew the meeting's outcome ahead of time, we encouraged our members to attend the RDOG meeting instead of the City meeting.

In the end, a vote of those present was well in favor of not building a park. This had been expected.

The City, while being sincere in their desire to build Bear Dog Park, has not yet committed to an alternate park site. A handful of options have been discussed, but city staff is still working out the logistics. RDOG representatives Josh Jacoby, Donna Treibel, Dana Maroney, and Wally Barr have met with City staff a number of times to evaluate options and we will keep everyone informed.

Another issue to be discussed soon is a revision to the city dog ordinance to allow dogs in certain designated park areas. This is a new issue that is still in the initial discussion phase, so stay tuned for information.

## Roseville Dog Owners' Group

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### Don't Miss Our February Meeting Tuesday, February 17th, 7:00 PM

Master Consultant **Shirley Hyatt**, co-founder of Winning Communications, will share her unique talents and teaching skills with breeders, trainers, veterinarians, and loving pet owners. During her talk, Shirley will not only serve as a guide in the search for a better understanding between you and your animal friend, but will awaken owners innate, intuitive ability for Inter-Species Communication. Shirley's methods are innovative and achieve remarkable results - with both people and their animal friends.

This will be a fun meeting you won't want to miss!

## Placer SPCA Back Page All Stars!

**Wiggles, ID #4565**  
Australian Shepherd, Male, 1 yr.



Wiggles wasn't named what he was because he likes to stay seated! This high-energy companion loves toys, agility, herding, you name it!

He would do best in an energetic loving family with children old enough to keep up with their new playmate. He should do well with other dogs, is attentive to you and very confident. He may just be the perfect fit for you!

**Speckles, ID #4556**  
Australian Shepherd, Male, 4 yr



This spectacular-looking young man has it all: good looks, intelligence, affectionate nature and good manners. Speckles' high level of activity means any children in his home must be at least 8 years old. He needs socialization with people and should be in-house with his family most of the time.

Speckles eagerly chases a tennis ball. He enjoys the run and jump for the ball; he just doesn't return it, yet. Speckles has good leash manners and wants lots of physical contact with you. He knows the commands `come', `sit', `down', and mastered one agility exercise. Maybe you can teach him to return the tennis ball.

### RDOG's Current Kennel Occupant

**Amber (Willow), ID #4269**  
Hound Mix, Female, 5 mo.



A pretty baby who loves to run like the wind! (in the Willow?) Little Willow is very sociable and affectionate with people. She'll do best being in-house with her family most of the time. Because she doesn't have good canine social skills, Willow's would do best as the only dog in the family.

Sweet Willow walks well on a leash, but throw a tennis ball and she'll race for it and won't stop running once she catches it. Willow is so alert and smart that she mastered three agility exercises, as well as knowing the commands `come', `sit' and `down'. She also learned the command `let-go', so you can throw the tennis ball again.