



DOGPAW PRINTS

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Welcome

In this issue:

One important change is that our founding President has resigned, which was announced at our General Membership Meeting.

There is just so much information packed in this newsletter. So please read on.

You can support off-leash by supporting those that support us.

Please, be sure to read more about our news and events on the following pages or visit us online.

Thanks for supporting DOGPAW!



General Meeting Update

Thanks to everyone who participated in our General Membership Meeting on Friday the 6th. We had a great meeting with excellent input.



Kathleen Hansen, President, announced that Pam Goe had recently resigned and thanked her for her hard work and dedication. She also encouraged everyone to donate, volunteer, and apply to the board of directors because without supporters there would be no off-leash parks.

(<http://www.clarkdogpaw.org/supporters.shtml>)

One hot topic was our “Next to Build” Vancouver Lake Off-Leash Area (no water). We looked at a few locations at the north and south end of the lake and presented an aerial view of the land. It is estimated to cost approx \$15,000, as Brush Prairie cost approx \$12,000 to build last Fall.

(<http://www.clarkdogpaw.org/futureparks.shtml>)



Another hot topic was our [financial status](#). At the beginning of last year, we had \$28,911.23. With our basic expenses and the “Next to Build” project, we were down to \$24,953.93 at years end. Therefore, to raise more funds, Mark Heiny has introduced [paver sales](#) for install at our parks. This will also aid in dealing with muddy paws! Jean Hood will be organizing one event at Ross this year to raise funds. So she is asking you to vote and let us know, if we should hold that event in the Summer or Fall. So, please login to your ["member profile"](#) and vote!

We will respond to comment cards soon. For more details, like minutes, finances, etc, visit:

<http://www.clarkdogpaw.org/publicdocs/>.



HAZMAT WARNING...



Last Friday, a witness told DOGPAW Site Managers that Thursday afternoon an unidentified woman poured bleach in a puddle near the east entrance. The woman was later described as, white, 35 years old, brown hair and with a Mastiff-Pitt dog. The woman told a bystander that her dog had contracted the parasite Giardia at the park and she wanted to sanitize the water.

IF ANYONE KNOWS THIS WOMAN, PLEASE CONTACT THE AUTHORITIES.

✚ In Case of an Emergency ✚

- Call **911** IMMEDIATE police-fire-ambulance.
- Or call **Animal Control** 360-397-2488.
- Or call **Humane Society** 360-693-4746.
- Take a **picture** with your camera phone.
- **ID** dog, handler, license plate, and witnesses.
- **Report** incident to [muttley at clarkdogpaw.org](mailto:muttley@clarkdogpaw.org).

Politely, safely, help each other and inform DOGPAW.

As a public place, we need to police ourselves to help ensure that our parks remain clean, safe, and fun. Thanks to a witness for reporting this incident to DOGPAW Site Management, who took immediate action to stop any further visitor exposure to this toxin. Site Managers were able to stave off visitors with temporary fencing, while our government partners pumped out the contaminated water. Awesome volunteer action - good job – thank you!

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HAZMAT WARNING... (cont)



Bleach Poisoning in Dogs and Cats

Veterinary & Aquatic Services Department, Drs. Foster & Smith

Signs

With ingestion, signs include drooling, vomiting, abdominal pain, and sore throat. The hair coat especially around the mouth and paws, may be bleached or smell like chlorine. If fumes were inhaled, signs such as coughing, difficulty breathing, or retching due to pulmonary irritation may be seen.

Immediate Action

DO NOT induce vomiting. Give milk or water if ingested. If dermal (skin) exposure occurred, wash and rinse the hair coat thoroughly. Seek veterinary attention

ASPCA Emergency Poison Hotline 888-426-4435

2009-03-20 :: HAZMAT WARNING ::

<http://www.clarkdogpaw.org/news.shtml>



Vote (2009-One Event)



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This year, we will only have one event at Ross. Members please vote, by March 31, and tell us which event you'd like us to provide:

- A. Summer (Jul)
- B. Fall (Oct)

Login to your "member profile" to vote:

<http://www.clarkdogpaw.org/members/myprofile.php?>

If you're a current member, but experience voting difficulties, please contact membership. You must be a current member to vote and we've received a few membership payments without a name attached, at the General Membership Meeting.

Jean Hood, membership at [clarkdogpaw.org](http://www.clarkdogpaw.org).



Upcoming Events



(2 Events) Membership Drive & FREE Class

Watch Your Lab

Everything in the Ark Animal Training
2613 NE 114th Ave. Bldg N Suite 1
Vancouver, WA 98684

Sat, April 18, 2009 (11:00am - 12:30pm)

Watch your Lab, not your latte- a class for park users. This class covers topics such as breed specific traits and body language. This class is **FREE TO MEMBERS** (no dogs). Please RSVP on our “watch your lab” page.

<http://www.clarkdogpaw.org/education/watchyourlab.shtml>

Dakota Membership Drive

Pacific Comm Park (164th and 18th)

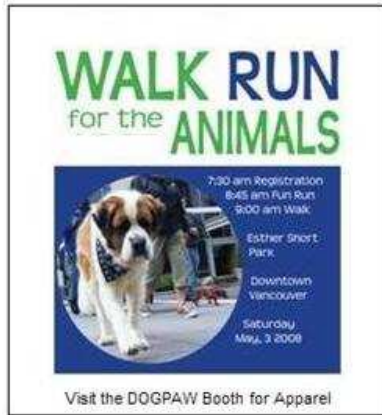
Sat, April 18, 2009 (9:00am-4:00pm)

Volunteers needed to run membership booth for 2 hour shifts. Please contact [membership at clarkdogpaw.org](mailto:membership@clarkdogpaw.org) (Jean Hood) to schedule time.

General public welcome and dogs allowed..

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Upcoming Events (cont)



Humane Soc Walk Run for the Animals
Sat, May 2, 2008 - Esther Short Park
Rain or shine! (7:30am - 12:30pm)

Visit the DOGPAW booth!

For more details, like to RSVP, itinerary, map, volunteer, donate, or walk with the DOGPAWPack, visit us online:

2009-05-02 :: Walk/Run for the Animals ::
<http://www.clarkdogpaw.org/events.shtml>

Get DOGPAW items online from the DOGPAW Store, Beastie Boutique, Natural Pet NW, or at the event.

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"because pets are people too"



Support Off-Leash

You can help support off-leash by supporting our partners...

Both **Beastie Boutique**, in the Salmon Creek neighborhood, and **Natural Pet NW**, on the eastside, have DOGPAW items available.

Remember to visit the **DOGPAW Store** to donate, order items, or renew your membership online or by mail. For details, go to <http://www.clarkdogpaw.org/dogpawstore/>.

You too can do something "pawsitive" for Clark County's streams and wetlands:

1. Scoop the poop.
2. Bag it.
3. Toss it in the garbage!

Visit

<http://www.clarkdogpaw.org/cleanwater.shtml> for more information and get your FREE gift.

