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Events & Dates To Remember!

January 14, 2012

2nd Fundraising Committee Meeting

January 29, 2012

Pet Parent Social
Lakes Region Pet Resort

We moved our Facebook Page!



We are in the process of revising our website and calendar. Please check Facebook for the latest event info.

(Off-) Lead Story

Moving Forward

Hello and Happy New Year,

In the last edition of our e-newsletter, we spoke about a parcel of land we had identified and were actively pursuing on Route 106 in Belmont, NH. The particular parcel was 8.6 acres and was slated to be purchased by a local resident who was to set up his small business /residence on the parcel and then allow Happy Tails use of some remaining acreage. We had been excited about the prospect of finally finding a home. We began the process of filing the application and appearing before the town's zoning board. We received approval from the Belmont zoning board and were actively fundraising for money needed for the next step of submitting our planning board application when we learned that the deal was off the table because the prospective buyer would not be purchasing the land.

Late 2011 saw the creation of a new fundraising committee . A land search committee is set to launch in 2012. If you are interested in being on either committee, please contact belmontdogpark@yahoo.com or 603-369-2101

We reflect, we learn, we move forward stronger and together as a community.
Wishes for all good things in 2012 ~Lisa Clutters

Pet Parent Social November 2011

Dog Behavior Specialist and owner of Doggonit NH, Kelly Arbogast made a presentation to pet parents about proper training techniques, how to read dog behavior and answered many age old questions such as "Do dogs feel guilt?"



Mission Statement: "To improve the quality of life for the human and canine residents of the lakes region through education, empowerment and recreation."

Ask Kelly



Dear Kelly, Why does my dog bark at everyone passing by my house? He also goes nuts when the UPS man comes to my door. What can I do? I'm OK with him informing me that there is a stranger coming to my home as it makes me feel safe but he is a bit excessive about it! HELP !

This is such a great question and such a common problem as well. Let's face it, dogs bark. Barking in itself is not wrong; it is natural. However, excessive amounts of barking or barking at inappropriate times can be a real problem for some owners. Remember that barking problems are rarely solved in a day. You should understand that your dog was not born an "over-barker." Natural behavior in dogs indicates that they generally do not draw attention to themselves when alone or scared. Chances are they learned to bark incessantly as a response to the environment in which they live. Also, we have to remember that dogs do not know where your property line ends which means to him, property is wherever he perceives it. Any dog of any size will protect its territory. It is a natural behavior.

Also, the problem with passer bys and the UPS man is that it is self rewarding for him. Meaning that when he barks the people keep walking or in the UPS man's case...turns around and walks away. This leaves your dog thinking that he did it, he made them go away! So the barking has been reinforced over and over every time he has barked at someone and they have walked away. This is why many people report barking increasing or getting worse over the years.

So what do I do? First of all if you are petting him while he is barking you **MUST STOP!** You are only making it worse. Petting your dog while he barks will reinforce the behavior. The other thing to keep in mind is that dogs feed off of energy. If you are frantic and over-excited...that's exactly what they will become! If you are yelling "hey, hey, hey, quiet, quiet, quiet!" What does that sound like to them? Yep, you guessed it....Barking! The think you are joining in on their barkfest!

Teaching the word "quiet": I do agree with you, I like my dogs to inform me of someone coming to my home but 3 or 4 barks is enough! Because of this I have taught my dogs the command "Quiet". When the dog is barking: STOP, stand there and ignore the behavior. Wait for your dog to quiet down then PRAISE it with a high value treat (Hotdog, cheese, chicken..etc) and say "good quiet". If it seems that your dog never quiets down then try this: While the behavior is going on BARK, BARK, BARK . . . call your dog to you, "Finley, Come." If he comes to you, reward him for coming with a high value treat... while he is enjoying his treat chances are he is quiet. Then tell him (or her) "GOOD QUIET" and give another treat for choosing to stay with you instead of going back to the door to bark. If you repeat this every time your dog hears something and starts barking it will eventually learn that it is better to come to you and wait for a reward than it is to bark at whatever it is that he sees.

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Do you have a question for Kelly? Submit it to: Kelly@doggonitnh.com





Callista, or Calli as her friends know her is a two year old American Staffordshire Terrier who resides in the Lakes Region. Calli was rescued from Lancaster, PA in February 2010. She is a social butterfly and loves to give kisses to all who approach her. Calli enjoys playing and socializing at the Barn Doggie Daycare in New Durham, NH. She loves to go camping, taking rides in the car, hiking and running along side mountain bikers. Calli has hiked and biked all over New Hampshire. In her free time she enjoys playing with any dog toy, hanging out with her doggie friends and taking long naps!



Calli also enjoys taking classes with Kelly of Doggonit, NH in Laconia-having taken her Level 1 and Level 2 classes and passing her Canine Good Citizen Test last winter. Calli is looking forward to taking Kelly's Clicks and Tricks class in January. In the summer Calli enjoys taking agility classes with Laura Gendron of Miss Behavior Dog Training in New Durham, NH. Calli is looking forward to Happy Tails Dog Park of the Lakes Region raising enough funds to open a dog park soon!



One Love Many Hands

Libby's Haven for Senior Canines

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Libby's Haven For Senior Canines is a NH Based 501c3 non– profit organization that is dedicated to re-homing and caring for senior dogs in need. The organization was founded by Melissa Dudley and born out of love for her dog Liberty (a.k.a. Libby). The senior dogs are shelter rescues and owner-surrendered dogs with much to offer.



Liberty " Libby"

"Libby's Haven is not a shelter facility; our dogs live in homes with loving foster families while awaiting that special home of their own. Libby's Haven for Senior Canines strives to give *all* seniors the opportunity to live out their golden years being cozy, safe and loved."

A link to the available dogs for adoption can be found on ***www.lhsk9.org***. You can make a difference in the lives of the senior dogs at Libby's Haven. For more information, please visit their website.

Jacob (Male) Beagle Mix



Ginny (Female) Chihuahua / Dachshund Mix



***Bethany (Female) Beagle /
Corgi Mix***

Lovable Yellow Lab & Local Company = A Success Story...

We originally featured Casey Jones Bones in our first newsletter back in 2010. Since then they have grown making many a dog happy since our first feature.

Casey Jones Bones / The Dog Bonery, LLC

was created in 2008 based on the business model of :

- Producing high quality all natural dog treats using simple healthy ingredients. No Preservatives. No Additives.
- Giving back to the community by supporting organizations that help animals and benefit humans

“We have always been ingredient label readers. Looking at what goes into our food can be confusing. You can be standing in the grocery aisle and be saying ‘What’s That?’ At that instance, it is a choice to put it in your cart or put it back on the shelf. It was only a matter of time before the consumer would apply this thought process to the pet food they purchase.” says Kenneth Hassen, CEO and Casey’s dad.



Find Them Here

Sandy’s Pet Food Nutrition Center (Concord)
 Bristol Shop ‘N Save (Bristol)
 Natural Choice Market (Hooksett)
 A Market (Manchester)
 Newfound Grocery (Bridgewater)
 Durham Market Place (Durham)
 Mardee’s Floral Creations (Moultonborough)
 Food For Pets (Manchester & Amherst)
 On The Vine Market Place (Exeter)
 Little Critter Pet Center (Exeter)
 Monty’s Pet Food & Supplies (Epsom)
 Nature’s Country Store (Epsom)
 Running Fox Farm (Canterbury)
 Bedford Fields (Bedford)
 Country Brook Kennels (Rochester)
 Laconia Pet Center (Laconia)

During the initial phase of their business, CJB rented commercial kitchen space from a church, which allowed them to perfect their recipes and spread the word about their dog treats. They did not come up with the name for their dog treats until the fall of 2009, when looking at their dog, “...yelled out Casey Jones Bones”. Casey Jones, is their Yellow Labrador and his image graces the packaging.

In the spring of 2011, CJB moved into their Hudson, NH location. They call their new location, The Casey Jones Bones Baking Headquarters.

It’s equipped with state of the art equipment that will allow them to increase customer base and to develop new products. In 2012, Casey Jones Bones will be launching several new flavors with a focus on wheat free and grain free dog treats

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