



Woofs and Wags from NOLA city Bark 🐾

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ADOPTION DAY:

P.A.W.S will hold an adoption event at the dog park on Saturday, January 8 from 10 AM - 1 PM. Look for the very adoptable foster dogs wearing "ADOPT ME" vests.

CITY/BARK/CITY PARK OFFICES CLOSED:

All park offices will be closed on Monday January 17 in honor of the Martin Luther King Holiday. The dog park itself will remain open for the usual hours.

VALUABLES:

Be sure not to leave valuables in your car and to keep your car locked when visiting the dog park. On Dec. 31, there was an incident of a purse being stolen from a car parked outside the dog park. If you are a victim of crime anywhere in City Park, please notify the City Park police at 421-9307, as well as the NOPD, 911. It would be a good idea to put the City Park police # into your cell phone.



Bagged by a dedicated volunteer!
Pick up your share or you may be the next volunteer!

Did you know that the number one reason that dog parks fail is because users do not take responsibility for their pet's waste. Please don't let that happen to our beautiful park.



Happy New Year from Big Zeus!

HAPPY NEW YEAR: Happy New Year to all NOLA City Barkers! As we enter our second calendar year of operation, please remember that all permits will expire on **January 31**, and the entry cards of permits that have not been renewed will be deactivated. The permit fee is the same as last year, \$35 for up to 3 dogs from your household...what a bargain!

It's easy to **RENEW**. Just print out the registration form from our website, www.nolacitybark.org, complete it, making sure all information is legible and up to date and mail it with your check (payable to City Park/dog park) or credit card information to **1 Palm Dr., NOLA 70124**. Your card will remain activated.

And speaking of that address, **we have finally moved** to the new building on Palm Drive, behind the practice track, close to the railroad tracks off Marconi Dr. So don't look for the dog park office in the trailer by Storyland because "it ain't dere no more!"

REMINDERS:

FOOD* Please remember that no food, either human or canine, is allowed inside the dog park. Some people have been using training treats with their pets on the agility equipment. With so many dogs around, any food may become an issue that triggers an aggressive incident. Also, and just as important, many dogs have food allergies and sensitivities. Food that is just a welcome treat to your dog could trigger a severe allergic reaction in another dog. Be considerate of the health of other peoples' pets. Within the dog park, use only praise as a reward to your dog for a job well done.

LEASHES* Dogs must be on-leash when entering or leaving the dog park. Leashes should be removed only within the howdy gates. Off-leash dogs outside the park can become a problem as they approach on-leash dogs. Your off-leash dog is also at risk of injury with all the cars coming and going from the area. It is a city ordinance that dogs must be on-leash, except within the fence of NOLA City Bark, the only official off-leash area in Orleans Parish.

MAINTENANCE* The dog park is closed for maintenance every Tuesday until 1PM. Your entry card will not work on Tuesday until 1PM, and even if the gate is open with maintenance workers coming and going, you should not enter the dog park. Tuesday mornings are used for grounds maintenance, insecticide application, repairs, and general cleaning. Gates are not secured then, therefore your dog is not in a completely fenced area; also chemicals or equipment might be in use that is hazardous to your pet. The maintenance crews need to be able to get their jobs done without interruption from dogs and visitors. Please visit after 1PM on Tuesday.

COMPASSIONATE CANINE: Narah Cano wrote in to tell us about a big hearted black lab that was more compassionate than competitive. He was in the large dog area and became interested in playing with a tiny tsi 'zhu across the fence in the small dog area. They were enjoying playing together alongside the fence, and the lab began running. As the smaller dog tried to "race" to catch up, the lab slowed down and let her win. We can all learn so much about how we should live from our dogs!

***Post it in Bark Bits:** If you are involved with a dog related non-profit fundraiser or event, we would like to hear from you so we can post it in Bark Bits. Please send us all pertinent information about the event at least 4 weeks prior to the event so we can include it in Bark Bits. Also, if you have a funny or positive anecdote related to NOLA City Bark, we would like to hear about it. To be considered for posting in Bark Bits, all information should be sent to barkbits@gmail.com instead of our "info@" address. You must include your full name, email address, and daytime telephone number so we can confirm the information you have sent. (Questions, concerns, rule violations, etc., should still be sent to the "info@" address that is posted on our website.)