



Woofs and Wags from NOLA city Bark 🐾

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LIGHT UP THE BARK: We are currently working with the City Park Administration on plans to light the dog park so it can be open from 6AM - 9PM year round. We know that our permit holders are anxious to make this a reality. Look for information about cost and funding options in the next Bark Bit issue and how you can help make this project a reality.

ADOPTION DAY:

P.A.W.S. will hold another adoption event at the dog park on Saturday, February 12 from 11 AM - 2 PM. Look for the very adoptable foster dogs wearing "ADOPT ME" vests



P.A.W.S. pooch and lucky new mom!

VALUABLES:

Do not leave valuables in your car and keep your car locked when visiting the dog park. There have been two incidents of car break-ins during visits to 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.



Sissy & Moet

REUNION: Oprah is not the only one who was recently reunited with a long lost relative. Chuck Zamjahn writes, "On a recent visit to (NOLA) City Bark with poodle, Sissy, we met another member with an identical poodle, named Moet. Sissy's owners, Chuck and Cathy Zamjahn and Moet's owner, Joseph Serio, discovered that both poodles had the same parents and had come from the same owners in Metairie, but were a year apart in age. Future reunions are to be scheduled."



Howard Couvillon's Oui & Minnie

PERMIT RENEWAL: Woof-woof! That is your pooch reminding you to renew your permit! Board members will be at the entry plaza of NOLA City Bark this **Saturday, January 29, from 11AM - 2PM** taking permit renewals and new permit applications. NOLA City Bark t-shirts and bandanas will also be available for purchase. All 2010 permits that have not been renewed will be **deactivated beginning February 1, 2011**. New permits and permit renewals are still only \$35 and are valid through December 31, 2011. We accept cash, check or credit card. Permits may also be renewed by mailing or bringing the permit form to our office at #1 Palm Drive, NOLA 70124. The dog park office is open 8AM-5PM, M - F.

You will keep your existing 2010 entry card and it will be activated for 2011 upon renewal. After January 31, please do not admit persons into the park who show a card that does not activate the gate release. Remind them that they need to send in a renewal form and pay the \$35 fee for 2011.

REMINDER-PICK UP THE POOP



Guess what is the biggest complaint we hear from our permit holders!

BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT:

* Big dog/little dog: Remember that although many small dogs enjoy playing with big dogs by chasing them and barking at them, some big dogs will perceive this as aggressive behavior and will then perceive the small dog as "prey" rather than a playmate. Avoid having your small dog accidentally injured by a larger dog; use the small dog area, especially when the large dog area is crowded.

* Red flags that require intervention to prevent escalating aggression in all dogs:*

- o Excessive mounting
- o Pinning (holding another dog down and standing over him)
- o Excessive following of another dog
- o Bullying: repeatedly bothering another dog
- o Fast non-stop running with a group
- o Full body speed slams
- o Putting head repeatedly onto another dog's neck or back
- o Staring with a fixed gaze at another dog
- o Snarling; raised lips
- o Baring teeth
- o Raised hackles

The best way to avoid an aggressive situation is to be aware of your dog at all times. If you notice any of the above signs in your dog or another dog, call your dog away to another area of the dog park. If necessary, leash your dog and temporarily leave the dog park.

*Thanks to Gene Goldring, new NOLA City Bark Board member, for these helpful tips.



Please don't forget to renew our permit-we love the dog park!

***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.)