

The SaddleBarker January 2018

Happy New Year & Thank You...

To everyone who over the last year donated their time, resources, money and physical labor to the dog park....**Thank you!!!** To everyone who attended the fun-raisers and to those who donated items for the raffle prizes....**Thank you!!!** To our sponsors who help financially support the dog park...**Thank you!!!** To the Board Members who work tirelessly to keep our park a special place for our dogs...**Thank You!**

Annual Meeting Thursday February 8, 2018 1PM—3PM

All of the current Board Members have agreed to serve another term. However if you desire a position on the Board and would like to run please contact:

Trudy Rossi, Chair of the Nomination Committee
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We currently need a web master and historian and welcome your talent!!!

Water and the Dog Park

We have issues. 1st, the park is in a retention basin. By name, it is a place to collect water. We have not added top soil for years. Remember 5th grade science? Soil erodes. All of your Board Members are divided **between large dog park users and small dog park users**. I have heard from both sides that they feel like **the other side of the park receives more attention...** This is simply not true. Large Dog Park members have to realize that 4 paws of a large dog do more damage to turf than 4 paws of a small dog. The suggestion has been made to water at night. In much of Arizona we cannot water at night as it causes a fungus and mold which is dangerous to dogs.

Last week Ken turned off the water to the large dog park yet when he checked on Saturday the watering schedule was moved to **3 times per day** which flooded the park. NO ONE IS TO TOUCH THE WATER CONTROL BOX...

We are looking into solutions **but it takes money**. We will bring plans forward at the annual meeting. If you have a suggestion or idea, please contact myself or Ken. I understand your frustration...I have a white dog who insists are going to the park daily. I have to put her in the sink every time we come home. The issues exist in both parks...We are trying to find solutions... Ideas, please share!!!



Unfortunately, the beginning of the New year didn't start out so great for Willie and Trudy Rossi. While at the park early New Years Eve morning, 2 other dogs (*Willie was not involved*) got into a confrontation. The owners of the dogs involved were screaming, (a natural reaction) but the **worst** thing an owner can do. This escalates the pack behavior. Trudy went for the water bottle and tried to stop the fight. Willie, seeing Trudy run towards the spat, did so also and he scratched (it was not a bite; no canine teeth indentations on the skin of the owner but it was bleeding). Trudy and Willie urged her to seek medical attention, which she did.

Arizona Law requires all physicians to report any and all dog bites to Animal Control. Willie, *being a sound member of the park*, of course had his rabies certificate and Pinal County Tags. However, he is quarantined to his home for 10 days. Willie and Trudy wanted me to share their story and update those who are not familiar with the law. We also want to reinforce the Rule that should your dog get into a fight, **you are to remove your dog immediately from the park**. I have also put 4 new water bottles in the park. Pay attention to your dog and stop the problem before it starts.

A water bottle is an amazing tool...use it!!!

This presentation is part of the **SaddleBrook Dog Park's**
free seminar series,
open to *all interested SaddleBrooke residents*.

January 11th, 4 PM, MountainView Ballroom
Lisa Ostazeski, Certified Professional Dog Trainer

"Respect the Dog within the Animal," will explore a more fulfilling relationship with your dog.

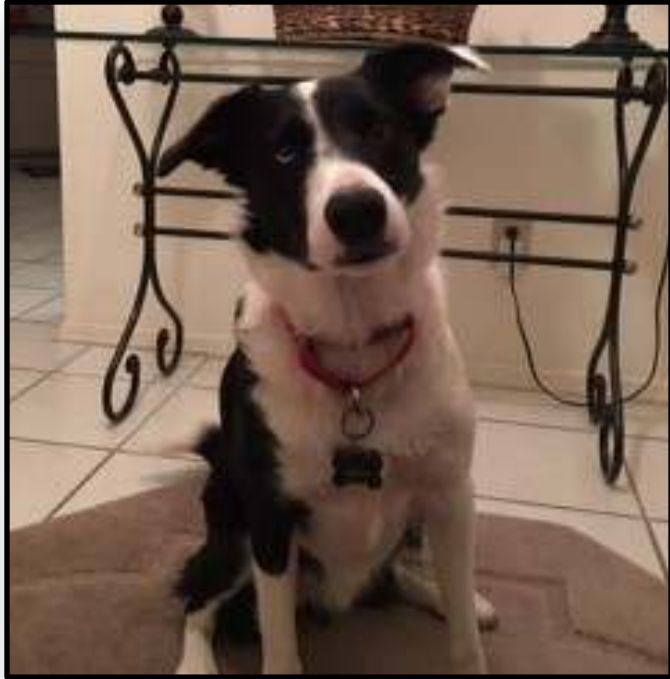
Some of the topics she's willing to address include:

- 1-Social needs of different breeds and how that changes with age
- 2-Leash aggression
- 3-Appropriate and inappropriate play
- 4-Larger dogs accepting smaller dogs
- 5-Integrating a new dog into the Dog Park.

For head count purposes (and to make sure we have chairs set-up) please email Al Goldberg with your name and number of reservations.

Goldbergavn@gmail.com

Happy Birthday!



WILLIE ROSSI DIDN'T GET TO CELEBRATE HIS PARTY ON JANUARY 2ND. HE WAS 2 YEARS...PARTY SOON!!!



Isaac Aird was 1 year on December 29th



Bam Bam Koblewski will be 7 years old on Jan 11th. Photo by (who else but)...Bob Koblewski



Sebastian Hess turned 6 on December 24th



My number one complaint over the year... Dog Poop!!!

Dog waste is an environmental pollutant. In 1991, it was labeled a non-point source pollutant by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), placing it in the same category as herbicides and insecticides; oil, grease and toxic chemicals; and acid drainage from abandoned mines.

Far from Fertilizer

Woof-woof waste does not make for a good fertilizer. It is actually toxic to your lawn, causing burns and unsightly discoloring.

Beyond your grass, it has been estimated that a single gram of dog waste can contain 23 million [fecal coliform bacteria](#), which are known to cause cramps, diarrhea, intestinal illness, and serious kidney **disorders in humans.**

Dog feces are one of the most common carriers of the following diseases: Hookworms, Roundworms, Tapeworms. Parvo, Corona, Giardiasis, Salmonellosis, Cryptosporidiosis & Campylobacteriosis

I have been asked by several to please reinforce the rule (and Pinal County ordinance) that you are required to pick up after your dog. The park has been a mess on both the large side and small side early in the morning... **PLEASE PICK-UP!!!! Thank You!!!!**



In conclusion, one of my favorite parts of the newsletter is **Birthdays**. If I missed your dog, please send a photo. I was hacked and lost some emails. (I hope your dog's birthday photo was not one of them.) If so...send it again. Also, sadly, we want to acknowledge your dog in the Rainbow Bridge. I am not always told about passing's and I need your help to make the proper acknowledgements.

At the writing of this newsletter over 20 people made additional donations to the park in their annual renewal. THANK YOU!!!

FYI—All dues are due by the 31st of January and all members that are not paid will be have their key card deactivated.

I hope to see you at the annual meeting. And don't forget about our speaker this Thursday. Last year we were almost incident free. Knowledge for our members ensures we have a safe place for all our dogs.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen Dunbar
President*

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