



BARC Park at Hannah More

November 2008



HALLOWEEN/ANNIVERSARY PARTY!!
NOVEMBER 1ST 11AM-2PM

The party was a great success. Hope everyone that came enjoyed themselves. We would like to thank those that helped with set-up and clean-up, Steve & Matt, who judged the costume contest, Rachel Lachow, who put on a great dog behavior workshop, and the 2 guys (we don't know your names) who arranged the hay bales into a great maze. (The maze was a big hit, during and after the party.)



Recommended books for dog people

Marley and Me by John Grogan

From Publishers Weekly

Labrador retrievers are generally considered even-tempered, calm and reliable; and then there's Marley, the subject of this delightful tribute to one Lab who doesn't fit the mold. Grogan, a columnist for the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, and his wife, Jenny, were newly married and living in West Palm Beach when they decided that owning a dog would give them a foretaste of the parenthood they anticipated. Marley was a sweet, affectionate puppy who grew into a lovably naughty, hyperactive dog. With a light touch, the author details how Marley was kicked out of obedience school after humiliating his instructor (whom Grogan calls Miss Dominatrix) and swallowed an 18-karat solid gold necklace (Grogan describes his gross but hilarious "recovery operation"). With the arrival of children in the family, Marley became so incorrigible that Jenny, stressed out by a new baby, ordered her husband to get rid of him; she eventually recovered her equilibrium and relented. Grogan's chronicle of the adventures parents and children (eventually three) enjoyed with the overly energetic but endearing dog is delivered with great humor. Dog lovers will love this account of Grogan's much loved canine.
Can be ordered through Amazon.



Brian's Corner

Why own a dog? There's a danger you know,
You can't own just one, for the craving will grow.
There's no doubt they're addictive, wherein lies the danger.
While living with lots, you'll grow poorer and stranger.

One dog is no trouble, and two are so funny.
The third one is easy, the fourth one's a honey.
The fifth one's delightful, the sixth one's a breeze,
You find you can live with a houseful of ease.

So how 'bout another? Would you really dare?
They're really quite easy but, oh, Lord the hair!
With dogs on the sofa and dogs on the bed,
And crates in the kitchen, it's no bother, you've said.

They're really no trouble, their manners are great.
What's one more dog and just one more crate?
The sofa is hairy, the windows are crusty,
The floor is all footprints, the furniture dusty.

The housekeeping suffers, but what do you care?
Who minds a few noseprints and a little more hair?
So let's keep a puppy, you can always find room,
And a little more time for the dust cloth and broom.

There's hardly a limit to the dogs you can add,
The thought of a cutback sure makes you sad.
Each one is so special, so useful, so funny.
The vet and food bills grows larger, you owe BIG money.

Your folks never visit, few friends come to stay,
Except other "dog folks" who live the same way.
Your lawn has now died, and your shrubs are dead too,

But your weekends are busy, you're off with your crew.

There's dog food and vitamins, training and shots.
And entries and travel and motels which cost lots.
Is it worth it you wonder? Are you caught in a trap?
Then that favorite one comes and climbs in your lap.

His look says you're special and you know that you will
Keep all of the critters in spite of the bill.
Some just for showing and some just to breed.
And some just for loving, they all fill a need.

God, winter's a hassle, the dogs hate it too.
But they must have their walks though they're numb
and your blue.
Late evening is awful, you scream and you shout
At the dogs on the sofa who refuse to go out.

The dogs and the dog shows, the travel, the thrills,
The work and the worry, the pressure, the bills.
The whole thing seems worth it, the dogs are your life.
They're charming and funny and offset the strife.

Your life-style has changed. Things won't be the same.
Yes, those dogs are addictive and so is the dog game.

Unknown Poet



Committee News

Don't forget to get your renewal registration in. These must be returned by mail by the end of January 2009 in order to be given the new code, which will be sent to returning members on February 1, 2009. If you are a returning member, please write your membership ID number on the new application. Go to www.reisterstownrec.com/dog.htm and print the application from there.



Now that it is getting closer to winter a time when it is even more important to get "Fluffy" or "Spike" or in my case "Shadow" out to your local dog park, because like us, our dogs need exercise and also like us, Fluffy is getting fatter as we speak sitting on the couch. This is a great hobby for me. I get to spend time with my best friend, and sometimes the only one...It's not that bad.

I frequent a dog park near Hannah More School off of Reisterstown Road in Baltimore County. The BARC Park celebrated its first anniversary on November 1st, and about two hundred people and dogs showed up. Now I admit President-Elect Obama can draw a bigger crowd but we did ok. We had dog related games, and our version of the Westminster Dog Show you can see on PBS. We also had a dog behaviorist, we had a lot of fun. We humans do all kind of things to our dogs, dress them up and or treat them as if they could talk to us. If our dogs could talk, I know mine would say "Hey, I need to get out of the house too" and this is a good way to get "Fido" to socialize with other dogs. Oh, by the way does anyone actually name their dog Fido? Anyway take some time and get started on your new hobby, taking care of baby (you know the furry one that never seems to grow up), but look at it this way, you don't have to send them to college and the vet bills are still cheaper.

Submitted by Mark Stewart

www.examiner.com/recreation/hobbies

If anyone has any articles, poems or dog park photos they would like to see

published in the newsletter, please send them to Marilyn at Chesdel@aol.com

Holiday Pet Photos



(with Santa or Winter Scene)

Saturday, December 6th 1:30pm

- 6:30pm. at the Humane Society of Baltimore County 1601 Nicodemus Road Reisterstown, MD
Professional Photographer Mary Swift

Photo Fees: 4 x 6...\$5

5 x 7...\$10 8 x 10 or wallets...\$15 No

appointments will be taken...first come, first served. **All**

proceeds benefit the shelter animals.

Visit **baltimorehumane.org** or call

410-833-8848 ext. 217 for more

information.

Holiday Lights Celebration and Winter Open House

Every year the Humane Society of Baltimore County remembers the special animals that are in our lives with the Holiday Lights celebration.

Holiday Lights has special significance this year due to the dramatic increase in the number of animals surrendered to the shelter as a result of housing issues and financial constraints. Pet owners must make the heart-wrenching decision to surrender their beloved family pet to the Humane Society because they are forced to either move to housing that will not accept pets or the costs of pet ownership are just too much on tight budgets.

The Humane Society of Baltimore County is dedicated and determined to provide care and shelter to all of the animals that come to us. In order to make that possible, the Humane Society needs strong community support.

Humane Society Getting Creative to Help Encourage Animal Adoptions and Donations

The Humane Society of Baltimore County will host a Winter Open House on Saturday, December 6 from 1:30 – 6:30pm.

The open house is intended to provide potential adopters with extended visitation hours and opportunities to share the holiday giving spirit with animals at the shelter.

There is no fee to attend the Open House, but the donation of a wish list item or small monetary contribution is requested.

All contributions at the Winter Open House will directly support the care of shelter animals at the Humane Society of Baltimore County.

Winter Open House Schedule of Activities- Saturday, Dec. 6

All are invited to bring pets and children for photos with Santa or a winter scene (1:30pm – 6:30pm), enjoy a performance by the Harbor City Chorus (5:30pm – 6:00pm) visit with shelter animals available for adoption (11 am - 6:30 pm) view the Holiday Lights lighted animal silhouette display (5:00pm – 6:30pm) enjoy cookies, hot chocolate, wine and cheese (1:30pm – 6:30pm)

Childrens activities include

face painting, humane education

coloring pages and a toy-making craft for the animals.

A special dog or cat goody bag will be given to all visitors (while supplies last).

For more information about the Open House, a list of donation items needed, or purchasing a light or silhouette, please visit

www.baltimorehumane.org

[<http://www.baltimorehumane.org/>](http://www.baltimorehumane.org/)

or by calling 410-833-8848 ext. 217.