



BARC Park at Hannah More

August 2008



Reisterstown Parade

On Saturday September 6, the members of the Barc Park will be marching in the Reisterstown Festival Parade. All are welcome to participate, with or without your dogs. We will meet at the Trinity Lutheran Church at 117 Main Street, between Cockeysmill Road and Chatsworth Avenue, across from Franklin Middle School. Plan to be there by 8:30. The parade begins at 9 a.m. and Main Street will be closed at 8:30 a.m. People are asked to carpool. The parade is 1.3 miles long and ends at Hannah More. If you are planning on bringing your animal, remember there may be many dogs there, and you need to bring water for yourself and your dog. It will probably be hot; make sure you are not putting your dog under undo strain. Anyone who wants to walk without their dog to show support for the dog park is more than welcome. If anyone has any questions, please e-mail Marilyn at Chesdel@aol.com.



Second Dog

Sometimes I look for traits in you
Of a little dog you never knew.....
A dog that loved me all his days
And understood in special ways.
But that's not fair to you, you elf;
You're not a substitute; but
yourself!
You've eased the loss, soothed the
pain
And tugged my laughter home
again.
Yet, puppy, at times I almost start
When your eyes recall him to my
heart;
You'll never lack for love, it's clear
Because of him, you're twice as
dear.

~unknown



Brian's Corner

Dog Property Laws

1. If I like it, it's mine.
2. If it's in my mouth, it's mine.
3. If I can take it from you, it's mine.
4. If I had it a little while ago, it's mine.
5. If it's mine, it must never appear to be yours in any way.
6. If I'm chewing something up, all the pieces are mine.
7. If it just looks like mine, it's mine.
8. If I saw it first, it's mine.
9. If you are playing with something and you put it down, it automatically becomes mine.
10. If it's broken, it's yours.



Committee News

Interlocking play equipment has been ordered and should be here within 2-4 weeks. It is hoped that this will encourage people with small dogs to use the Small Dog area. It is dangerous for most small dogs to be in the Large Dog area.

Remember that dogs younger than 4 months old are not permitted in the Park. They are not sufficiently immunized, and it is not safe.

No children under the age of 12 are allowed in the off-leash area. Small children are vulnerable and can be seriously injured. This is a rule from the **Baltimore County Rec Council**, who are our sponsors.

Everyone seems to be enjoying the wading pools, especially the dogs. If you happen to be the last one there in the evening, **please empty them so we don't breed mosquitoes.**

Hand sanitizers are being purchased. Trees will be planted this fall, primarily in the Small Dog Area.

There will not be more trash cans nor Mutt Mitt (dog bag) dispensers installed. There are sufficient quantities now. Pick up a Mutt Mitt as you enter the Park. If you don't use it, put it back in the dispenser. Please do not leave them stuck in the bench. It looks unsightly. Now that the paving is done, the **First Anniversary Celebration** is scheduled for Saturday, Nov.1, the day after Halloween. It's going to be a low-keyed party with food and drinks. Come and

meet your fellow Dog Parkers! There is a tentative Volunteer meeting scheduled for Saturday 9/20. Keep that date in mind if you would like to become more involved with the park. More info later about this meeting.

Remember to bring your cell phone when at the Park, in case there is an accident and you are the only one there. The bulletin board seems to be a great hit. Questions are being answered as soon as possible. Keep posting the birthdays and comments.

People seem to be very good about picking up after their pets. This is greatly appreciated. The last Saturday of each month is clean-up day for the Park. Please meet at the park at 10:00 a.m.



Breed Profile Poodle

The **Poodle** is a [breed](#) of [dog](#). [Toy](#), miniature, and standard poodles are distinguished by adult shoulder height. Poodles come in many colors including black, blue, white, cream, [red](#), apricot, silver and brown. They also appear in parti-color, or multi-colors. While the

multi-color poodles cannot be shown in the [American Kennel Club](#) (AKC), [Canadian Kennel Club](#) (CKC) or any [Fédération Cynologique Internationale](#) (FCI) [conformation ring](#), they can be shown in the [United Kennel Club](#) (UKC) show ring and in all performance rings.

The FCI lists the country of origin as [France](#), but the breed's true origin is the subject of lively dispute in the dog world. Some experts believe poodles may have originated in [Russia](#) or [Iberia](#); [Germany](#) is also frequently cited, including by the AKC, because the breed's name has German origins. However, most sources concur that the French are responsible for developing the modern breed into its current three sizes: standard, miniature, and toy. Poodles are one of the oldest breeds, and have been popular throughout [Europe](#) for several hundred years; poodle-like dogs are even found depicted in ancient Roman art.

Poodles are retrievers, or [gun dogs](#), and can still be seen in that role. Some sources believe the show clips evolved from working clips, which originally provided warmth to major joints when the dogs were immersed in cold water. The rest of the body is shaved for less drag in the water. Others express skepticism at this theory (if poodles need to warm their joints, why do other water dogs such as labrador retrievers not require this same precaution?), instead citing the French circus as the origin of the entertaining but highly impractical clips. Poodles are skilled at most other dog events including [agility](#), [obedience](#), [tracking](#), and even [herding](#).

They are elegant in the show ring, having taken top honors in many shows, including Best in Show at the Westminster Kennel Club in 2002. The poodle coat is dense and generally does not shed. As a result, coats in show condition require extensive care and grooming. Most pet poodle owners prefer simpler cuts that are easier to care for and require less grooming.

The name *poodle* comes from the German word *pudel*, short for *pudelhund* or means "splashing dog." This reflects the breed's use as a [water dog](#) (the word *pudel* is related to the English word *puddle*).

Source: wikipedia



Notes From the Behaviorist

Please join the Humane Society of Baltimore County on October 4th for an exciting day of fun with your dog including a 5K-9 fun run (you and your dog), a 1.1 mile walk, canine games, agility demos and run-thrus, as well as vendors and an education tent. For more info go to our website www.dogfest2008.org.

Here is a letter from a dog park user and my response:

Hi Rachel!

You have met our cock-a-poo, Ozzie, who is now 2 ½ years old. We have brought Ozzie to the dog park two or three times now - once you were there - and he spends

his entire time there hovering between our legs or whining or jumping on us in anxiety. He really seems to just want to get out of there! Nothing has happened there that has made him fearful - he was that way from the first time! We thought it was just getting used to being around groups of dogs, but it hasn't gotten better in the times we've brought him. Additionally, we have taken him to our son's little league games on cool nights this past spring to get him out a little and he does the same thing - whines, jumps on us, clearly seems to have some anxiety and we are right there! He is always leash-walked in our neighborhood, and does fine when he meets up with other dogs when we walk. It just seems to happen when we are away from his "safe zone" (?) We were so excited about the opening of the dog park for him, but we want him to enjoy the trip! Any suggestions?

JD (& Ozzie)

Dear JD,

I would suggest you take him to the small dog area only. He may learn to settle down into the scene from watching in the small protected area and eventually be able to be in the large area when there are only a few dogs. Unfortunately there are lots of dogs who do not enjoy dog parks, just like there are lots of people who do not enjoy parties. The bottom line, though, is read your dog. If he is telling you he's unhappy and anxious, then he is, and I wouldn't keep bringing him to the Barc Park.

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DOGS' PRAYER

*I ask for the privilege of not being
born...
not to be born until you can assure
me of a home
and a master to protect me,
and a right to live as long as I am
physically able to enjoy life....
not to be born until my body is
precious
and men have ceased to exploit it
because it is cheap and plentiful.*

(author unknown)

submitted by Joan Huff, Barc park member

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.