



BARCPark at Hannah More

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Heatstroke and Dogs

Source: <http://peteducation.com>

During the dog days of summer, we must remember to be extra cautious when it comes to our canine companions. 100-102.5 F, but a temperature between 104-106 F indicates heatstroke. The symptoms of heatstroke are the following:

- * Rapid panting
- * Bright red tongue
- * Thick, sticky saliva
- * Depression
- * Weakness
- * Dizziness
- * Vomiting – sometimes with blood
- * Diarrhea
- * Shock
- * Coma

A combination of these symptoms means that the dog needs to be seen by a veterinarian.

Before taking your pet to the vet, try to lower the temperature by wetting him with cool water and placing him near a fan. Once the temperature is 103 F, dry the dog off and transport to your veterinarian. While it is important for

the dog to drink water at this time, don't force-feed the water since the dog may inhale it or choke.

The best way to treat heatstroke is to prevent it. Older, obese, or dogs with heart or breathing problems should not be outside when it is hot. **NEVER** leave your dog in a parked car since temperatures can climb quickly to 140 F. Make sure that your dog has access to plenty of clean water. If your dog must be outside, shade is a must. Finally, dog owners must pay attention to the thermometer before scheduling activities for their dogs. It's OK for the dogs to "chill" during the dog days of summer.

Submitted by Kim Reynolds, dog park committee

Dog Licenses!!!

Baltimore County dog licenses expired at the end of June. All owners should have gotten notification in the mail. Please e-mail your new number to barcparkathannahmore@yahoo.com. Licenses can also be obtained at the Baltimore County libraries.



Brian's Corner

Dogs Live Here

If you don't want to be greeted with
paws and wiggly rears,
Don't come inside, because DOGS
LIVE HERE.
If you don't like the feel of a cold nose
or wet tongue,
Don't come inside, because DOGS
LIVE HERE.
If you don't want to step over scattered
toys,
Don't come inside, because DOGS
LIVE HERE.
If you think a home ought to smell like
perfume,
Don't come inside, because DOGS
LIVE HERE.
But, if you don't mind all this,
You'll be instantly loved when you do
come inside,

Because DOGS LIVE HERE!

Author Unknown



The Meaning of Rescue

Now that I'm home, bathed, settled and fed,
All nicely tucked in my warm new bed.
I'd like to open my baggage lest I forget,
There is so much to carry – so much to regret.

Hmm... Yes there it is, right on top.
Let's unpack Loneliness, Heartache and Loss;
And there by my leash hides Fear and Shame.
As I look on these things I tried so hard to leave,
I still have to unpack my baggage called Pain.
I loved them, the others, the ones who left me,
But I wasn't good enough – for they didn't want
me.

Will you add to my baggage?
Will you help me unpack?
Or will you just look at my things,
And take me right back?
Do you have the time to help me unpack?
To put away my baggage, to never repack?
I pray that you do – I'm so tired, you see,
But I do come with baggage –
Will you still want me?

Author Unknown



Committee News

Interlocking play equipment will be
bought for both areas.
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. .
Now that the paving is done, the **First
Anniversary Celebration** is scheduled
for Saturday, Nov.1, the day after

Halloween. More about this in the future. Mark the date on your calendar! The last Saturday of each month is clean-up day for the Park. Please meet at the park at 10:00 a.m. Remember to bring your cell phone when at the Park, in case there is an accident and you are the only one there.



Breed Profile **German Shepherd**

The **German Shepherd Dog (GSD)** (*German: Deutscher Schäferhund*), is a large breed of **dog** originally bred for **herding sheep**. The German shepherds average weight is 80 to 95 lbs because when in herding they need to be able to move quickly and not be too heavy. The German shepherd is one of the most widely used police and military dogs, due to the amount of strength they have. According to military and police stations across the world, the German shepherd is one of the best guard dogs. The German Shepherd, these days, is used more as a guard dog. The GSD is also one of the most popular breeds in USA, and the UK.

The German Shepherd Dog is a large and strong dog, typically between 65

and 100 lbs, but have been known to reach 115+lbs. The height for males is typically 24 - 26in (60 - 65cm); for females it is 22 - 24in (55 - 60cm). The **fur** is a double-coat (under coat and outer coat). While some organizations accept long-haired German Shepherds, short-haired dogs are typically, and historically, preferred.

German Shepherds are highly intelligent and agile dogs, with a strong work drive. They are often deployed in various roles such as **police, guarding, search and rescue, therapy, service-dog**, and in the **military** applications.

The breed has a personality marked by direct, fearless willingness to protect what it considers its "den" (i.e. house, car, and property in a home situation) and "pack" (i.e. human family in a home situation). It is poised, but when the occasion demands, eager and alert; both fit and willing to serve in its capacity as a companion, watchdog, guide dog for people who are blind, herding dog, or guardian, whichever the circumstances may demand.

Proper socialization as a puppy is one of the two key factors which determines what a dog's temperament will be as an adult. Genetics is the other. They go hand-in-hand; a dog with certain genetics cannot be trained to be stable and friendly, and by the same token the genetics most fit for training are meaningless if the dog is not well-socialized as a puppy. The "ideal" German Shepherd should be alert and fearless in defense of its den and pack, but loving and non-

aggressive within the home environment.

As is common of many large breeds, German Shepherds are susceptible to [elbow](#) and [hip dysplasia](#). Proper breeding is needed to breed these traits out of their dogs, so that the dog may enjoy a pain-free life and stay suited for work situations.

Source: wikipedia



ANTI-BITE strategies for KIDS!

What a child needs to be taught and learn about bite prevention.

To reduce your child's risk of being bitten, experts recommend that you teach your children these safeguards:

- NEVER pet or play with an unfamiliar dog if an adult is not present. If the owner allows it, carefully offer the back of your fist for the dog to smell before petting it on its back.
- Alert a grown-up if a new dog appears in the neighborhood. The adult should then report the animal to local authorities.
- Never surprise or scare a dog by rushing up to it.
- Don't run near dogs when playing. Dogs are genetically "programmed" to chase.
- Never stare at a dog. A dog considers prolonged eye contact an aggressive move. Don't make ANY eye contact with an unfamiliar dog.
- Don't bother a dog when it's eating, and don't try to take a toy away from it.
- Don't disturb a mother dog and its puppies.
- Parents, never leave a young child unattended with any dog.



Notes From the Behaviorist

Rachel Lachow will be giving another Canine Behavior workshop on Saturday July 26 at 7 p.m. If anyone has any specific questions for her, she said she does not mind being e-mailed.

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Reisterstown Parade

The dog park has applied to walk in the Reisterstown parade Saturday, September 6. It is a one-mile walk from Franklin Middle School to Hannah More. For those of you who might like to walk, with or without dogs, there will be more information toward the end of August.

Photos From The Park



Karma Dogs

Karma Dogs are primarily rescue dogs who have been given a second chance and now, with the help of their owners, help others by saving dogs and serving people. How? By helping children become better readers, working with the disabled and teaching children (and their parents) how to be safe and responsible around dogs. They are currently at the Towson Library through 8/2 and will be at the North Point and Woodlawn Libraries in September. Volunteers are needed. You do not have to own a dog to help. Children find it easier to read to a dog than to a human. For more information, go to www.karmadogs.org.

Robert E. Lee Park Footbridge Closed

Baltimore officials closed a footbridge at Robert E. Lee Park on Tuesday, shutting a passageway to one of the city's most popular dog-walking areas. An independent contractor recently completed a structural assessment of the bridge and identified several areas of concern. Although is in Baltimore County, it is owned by the city. There is no estimate on how much it will cost to fix the bridge, and it is not clear which government will pay. For further information, refer to the Wednesday issue of the Baltimore Sun.