

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

**UPCOMING
MEETINGS**

April 19, 10 AM
Bark in the Park
Alta Vista Park
(See back
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May 17, 9 AM
General
meeting

**October 11
10 AM**
Board meeting
Lakeview team
room

**October 18
9 AM**
General meet-
ing, register
for classes

**November 15
9 AM**
General meet-
ing, elections

December 13
Holiday
luncheon party

*"His friends he loved.
His direst earthly
foes—Cats—I
believe he did but
feign to hate. My
hand will miss the
insinuated nose,
Mine eyes the tail
that wagg'd contempt
at Fate."* Sir William
Watson (1858-1935),
British poet



PAW PRINTS

Best Friends Dog Club of Sun City

April 2005

President's Corner *By Jean Buck*

**A few words about
words. . . .**

Did you realize that the dictionary has 75 or more different meanings for the word "run?" It's confusing enough for us. But our dogs do not process words in this way. Specific words have to have specific meanings. The way we use common direction words in obedience and in agility do not have to cause problems for our dogs—

For instance, the word "come" should mean come directly to me and sit in

front of me. This is what is taught in obedience. In agility class, it's better to say "Here" meaning to change direction on course and go to the way my hand points. It's not necessary for the dog to finish this command by sitting in front of you. And this will not confuse the excellent obedience training that you and your dog have been getting. Another pair of words that are similar to us, but not to our dogs are "stay" and "wait." In obedience, stay means remain in exactly that position until the next command. "Wait"

in agility means do not move forward to start the course. A little jiggling isn't penalized. The word "Heel" is not used in agility. You don't want the dog to stay precisely next to you. You want him to move ahead over the jumps or other obstacles. These are very small points of technique for us. But they will allow you and your dog to flourish in all of the activities that the club offers, with comfort. See you at the picnic if not before then in classes.

Jean, Gus and Kendra

In My Opinion *By Dr. Dan Rice*

Q. What do you think about the raw food diet called Bowzer Chow made up of chicken necks and backs and turkey necks, fish, sardines and salmon as used by Eye-Dog Foundation?

A. The first question isn't really answerable by a person who hasn't seen the

"Bowzer Chow" product and all its ingredients, listed in proper sequence, with percent of each and laboratory reports of the digestibility of each. Is it produced by a company or is it stirred up by the Eye-Dog foundation? Has it been tested by AAFCO laboratories? Any "raw" food diet is suspect in my

mind, however without more information I can offer no opinion. Sometime remind me to tell you about a raw chicken nutrition fiasco that I ran into with a wolf breeder in Colorado. In fact I have several stories that relate to that individual. Veery interesting!

Paw Prints On Line

Recreation Center no longer printing newsletter

Visit our website
<http://www.bestfriendsdogclub.org>



TRAINING SCHEDULE

May 14, 9-11 AM
 Fun match

September 7-9 PM
 Picnic at Doris Schoeben's home w/dogs

October 14, 9-11 AM
 Fun match, agility & obedience

October 17, 9 AM
 Beginning Agility
10 AM Continuing agility

October 20
10 & 11 AM
 Beginning obedience class
1:30 PM Intermediate obedience class

Nov. 12, 1-3 PM
 Fun match, obedience & agility

Dec. 10, 1-3 PM
 Fun match, obedience & agility

Flyball Wednesdays 4 to 5 PM
 also playtime in my yard
Mon & Thurs 6:15-7 PM
Judy Singleton 815-7896

As many of you have heard, the Sun City Recreation Board will no longer authorize the printing of our monthly newsletter. This change in policy applies to all of the local clubs.

An interactive club with lots of activities and information to share, we are committed to getting

the news out. At our March 15 meeting the membership voted on a way to do this, but all must do their part:

- ◆ Paw Prints will now be e-mailed to members with e-mail addresses, so please update us if yours has changed recently.
- ◆ Those without com-

puters will still receive their newsletters by mail. Please bring to the next meeting nine self-addressed stamped envelopes to cover the next nine months of Paw Prints.

- ◆ Monthly editions will be posted on the Dog Board as well.

Play It Safe

The dog yard would seem a perfect place to socialize our best friends off-leash and some have wanted to give this a try. But due to insurance regulations the training yard is to be used for only that—training.

Insurance regulations require that all dogs remain on leash except as part of a training exercise in all dog activities.

*Best Friends Dog Club
 Board of Directors*

And only service dogs are allowed in the Arizona Room. This is an imperfect world we live in but let's abide in order to keep the wonderful gains we've made—and socialize elsewhere.

**Bring your dog
 Bring a chair
 Bring a lunch and water**

BARK IN THE PARK

Annual Picnic Meeting:

April 19th, 2005

FROM: 10 AM 'TILL 1 PM



at: Alta Vista Park
 107th and Williams Rd. (see MAP)



**BRING A CHAIR
 BRING A LUNCH
 BRING YOUR DOG**

Scheduled Activities TIC TAC TOE PET COSTUME CONTEST INDIVIDUAL DOG TRICKS DUNKING FOR WIENERS MUSICAL SQUARES	Williams Rd
	Beardsley Rd
	Union Hills
	99th

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