



Best Friends Dog Club of Sun City

April 2009

Paw Prints

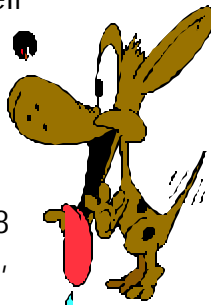
Newsletter



FROM THE PREZ!

The Spring Training sessions are under way and will be completed by the first of May. Thanks to all who participated. We hope you and your "best friend" have benefited from the knowledge and experience of our wonderful instructors, Betty Marotti and Rick Manley. We have 94 club members as of the end of March and approximately 60% are enrolled in the training programs.

Spring also means we are planning our annual "Bark in the Park" Picnic free for all members and their dogs. Guests are \$3.00 each. The BFDC is celebrating 16 years as an RCSC Charter Club. We will be meeting at the Rio Vista Park on April 21st Ramada # 8 from 10AM-1PM. Sandwiches, chips, water, ice are on the menu and desert is a cookie exchange. Please bring enough cookies to share for 4 people. If you require anything else feel free to bring it. Don't forget your best friend's water and bowl! This is your day for fun in the sun with your dog. Who knows, your dog may even win a prize during one of the games. We need your **reservations by APRIL 10th** so food can be purchased ...**please call Jan @623-933-7907 or email her at lsniderman@cox.net**. Photos will be taken and posted on our website after the picnic. The picnic will be our last activity before summer break which is May-Sept.



Our next General Meeting will be October 20, 2009 and our guest speaker will be from Sheriff Joe's MASH unit. Sgt. Beckley has agreed to bring the public information unit to display and educate everyone on the entire program.

The speaker for November 17, 2009 will be Public Information Officer Mike Tellef from the Peoria Police Department demonstrating the Ocu-Alert System. It is being used to alert officers if the inside temperatures reach 90 degrees in the K-9 unit to eliminate heat related injuries or death.

Can you HELP?? We are in need of temporary foster homes for emergency situations that arise in the community. Please sign up if you can be of assistance. Details on this new program will be available soon. You may sign up on the website or call me at 623-977-1443. Check www.bestfriendsdogclub.org for a new President's Message that contains information about caring for your dog during a tough economy.



We are looking forward to the completion of the Fairway Construction project, our new Training Arena and the 2010 Sun City Anniversary Celebration Parade. Please volunteer to be a part of planning activities. Have a safe and healthy summer.

Skelli Dedmon, President



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Training Classes

Thank you for the GREAT response to pre-registration for Spring Classes!! It took very little time during the March meeting to register the remainder of students and our student numbers increased by 20 plus over Winter Classes! Pre-registration forms for Fall Classes will be available for current members beginning Sept. 1st both on line at www.bestfriendsdogclub.org and on the



north side of the Dog House at Fairway Rec Center. Please be certain to complete ALL the information on the form... Rec Card Member Number, current rabies and license data, emergency contact, etc. We are not able to keep old forms on file. Each class requires a separate form however you can pay for all classes on one check made out to BFDC. Even if you pre-register, please attend the October Meeting for last minute schedule changes. If you plan on registering for classes at the October Meeting, don't forget your Rec Club Card and necessary paperwork.

The addition of our Drill Team Class is a GREAT OPPORTUNITY for you to perform for our community with your best friend! Requirement is the completion of Obedience 1 & 2 and the commitment to be available for performances. We practice once a week and class registration is free to those who enroll in one of Betty's agility or rally/obedience classes.

Otherwise the fee is the same as for other classes ... \$30.00... be sure to fill out a registration form!! We are scheduled to perform for the 2010 Sun City 50th Anniversary Celebration Parade in March 2010. Come join the fun and show off your best friend!! Questions? Call me at 623-583-0891.

Pat Fstok, VP, Training Director



Membership

Best Friends Dog Club is 94 Members STRONG and a great support group for our best friends "parents". Betty and Rick are more than willing to help you with "situations" you find frustrating or ... sometimes it just helps to talk to a "fellow parent" at one of our meetings. We also have wonderful speakers at our meetings who are more than willing to share their experiences to make living with you pet a happier experience.

If you have a friend who would like to participate in training classes in the fall, Membership Forms are available on the North side of the Dog House. If they join in September, membership fee is \$2.50 for the last four months of the year. They must be a member to participate in training classes.
HAPPY SUMMER!!
See you in October!!!



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