



# Paw Park Barker

Newsletter for the Kenton Paw Park Dogs and the Humans that love them  
March, 2006

## What's New

Welcome to our first quarterly newsletter. Us Paw Park dogs got together and decided to publish this doggy newspaper to keep the pups and peeps (the humans) informed about the goings on at the Paw Park. Hopefully it will be entertaining to pooch and human.

Let us pups know what you think. We value your barking and you can visit our website to send comments about the newsletter and the park.

[www.kentonpawpark.com](http://www.kentonpawpark.com)

**AROOOO**

## Our Friends Need our Help!

By: Nelson

Hey Pups, I know there are dogs like me out there . I was a poor pup out on my own and I found a good home. All you lucky dogs like me should give back to the community. The Kenton County Animal Shelter, just across the road from the park needs our help so that they can help more dogs and cats find good homes. Pups, we are all very fortunate dogs to have good homes. Let's help our friends at the shelter.

Things we can do to help:

- Adopt a sibling or provide a foster home for one.
- Send your people to the shelter to buy a t-shirt or sweatshirt.
- Encourage your people to volunteer at the shelter
- Save your newspapers and drop them off at the shelter bin
- Donate supplies: :paper towels, cleaning supplies, treats, etc.

For more information visit the shelter's website  
[www.kentoncounty.org/animalshelter.html](http://www.kentoncounty.org/animalshelter.html)

## Meet your Paw Park Friends



By: Max, Rover Reporter

You may already know me; I am a regular at the Paw Park. You will find me at the gate greeting newcomers or leaning against someone.

I now have another job, Max, Rover Reporter. While I am out meeting and greeting, I may ask you to be the feature of my next article . I have been given the job of writing an article to feature the patrons of the park, both two and four legged. If you are interested in being the focus of my article, you can e-mail me at [Max@kentonpawpark.com](mailto:Max@kentonpawpark.com).

## What makes Savannah Smile? Pooch Pictures with Santa

By: Princess Savannah, Society Dog

My adoring public, I have been given the duty of reporting on our Dog Society. I'll give you the scoop and gossip about all the Paw Park events.

Well, we had a great turn out at our Pooch Pictures with Santa. I really enjoyed the treat bags Gator and Donna made for us and the great treats Pets Plus had for us while we waited to see Santa.

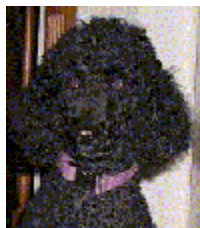
Did you see the pygmy goats? What was up with that? I think they are dog wanna be's? What about that cute kitten, I hear he lives with a dog. I think we wore out Santa and his elves. but I heard they had great fun and raised \$700 for our park. Thanks to all that came out to support the park, we truly appreciate all of you.

We've got some exciting events planned for 2006, so get your rest pups and get ready for fun. Check out page 4 for the events calendar. See ya at the park!





## Mother Tasha, Advice to the Love-Lorn Pup



Hi Pups in Love,

I am here to take your letters and offer my advice on the affairs of the dog heart. If you need help, just e-mail me at [Tasha@kentonpawpark.com](mailto:Tasha@kentonpawpark.com)

Dear Mother Tasha,

I think I am falling for a spayed German Shepherd. I am a neutered Basset Hound. I am worried if this relationship will last. We are so different. She is tall and I am shorter. She has pointed ears and I have long droopy ears. She came from a very good family, I was found wondering a country road. She retrieves tennis balls, I run off with them hoping someone will chase me.

We do have a few things in common. We both love chicken strips. We both love to play "Basset Ball". And most importantly, we both love the park.

Can this relationship work  
Hound Dog in Love

Dear Hound Dog in Love,

My advice is live and let live. You are two grown fixed dogs; enjoy each other and the Paw Park.

Mother Tasha



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## Get in Shape for Summer




By: Rusty

Psst Hey, it's me, Rusty the Boxer. Are you tired of playing and running with friends and making up to the humans? Well, me and my friend Toby, the Shih Tzu, want to let you know about something new coming to the Paw Park, an we're getting a Agility Play Yard.

Me and Toby have been looking over some agility equipment which has been donated to the Paw Park and we're really excited. Toby can already walk across the balance bar and thru the tunnel, but he is smaller than I am. I bet I can jump higher than him.

Seriously, Toby and I need your help. The equipment is in good shape, it just needs some minor repairs, cleaning, and painting. Our human friends said they would help us get things in shape and we thought maybe you might want to help too. Collect your I am's UPC labels, for each 400 pounds we get free equipment. Watch the bulletin board and the website for more information.



# Doggy House Call

## RABIES!

By: Kristin Hodges, DVM

For a disease that, for all I know, has been around for an eternity, rabies is one of the most feared, and yet, one of the least understood of all by the general public. Here are a few facts that might advance your knowledge about this deadly disease in areas where the disease has been prevalent.

- Rabies is caused by a virus.
- Rabies can infect any mammal, although some are more likely than others to have it.
- Birds are not mammals and, thus, cannot be infected.
- The most common animals in North America to be infected with rabies are the skunk, the raccoon, the fox, and the bat. The incidence in any species varies with the region. For instance, in Kentucky, the most common by far has been the skunk. However, nearly every year there are cases in raccoons, bats, dogs, cats, horses, and cows. In New York and Pennsylvania, the animal most commonly infected is the raccoon.
- As far as I know, there has never been a case of human rabies traced back to a rodent. Therefore, though they can certainly carry other diseases (leptospirosis, Hantavirus, and bubonic plague [with the help of fleas]), they are not a real threat for this disease. Yes, bubonic plague, the "black death" of Old England, still exists today.
- It does not require a bite to transmit this virus. Any contact of infected saliva with broken skin may be enough to do the job.
- Since the virus does its primary damage in the brain, any unusual behavior displayed by animal, especially the species mentioned above, may be a reason to be extra cautious. For instance, since raccoons are nocturnal animals (most active at night), daytime sightings may be cause for alarm.
- There are two general types of rabies. With furious rabies, the animal may be violent, "crazy acting", or even self destructive. This is the type most often associated with the disease by most people. However, there is also dumb rabies, in which case the infected animal simply acts lethargic, confused, and in general, just sick. This may, in fact, be the more dangerous type because well-meaning animal lovers are more likely to try to help the animal or nurse it back to health. Children, especially, should be cautioned about this, particularly in areas where the disease has been prevalent
- If one is exposed, it is of paramount importance that post-exposure prophylaxis (shots) be initiated as soon as possible. These are quite effective and not nearly as drawn-out or painful as they once were. However, if you wait until you begin to show signs or symptoms of the disease, have your affairs in order. There is no cure for rabies and it is almost 100% fatal! For those in high-risk professions (forest rangers, animal control officers, veterinarians and their staffs, etc.), pre-exposure vaccines are available and very effective. I have had them myself and I can attest that they, also, are not nearly the ordeal that they once were. The process involves a series of three tiny injections that are then boosted every few years.

I hope these facts are informative for you and possibly help to keep you safe from this nasty virus. Any questions you might have should be directed to your physician or your local veterinarian.

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## Puppy Tale Report

By: Angel

Hi, my name is Angel and I would like to tell you a little bit about "Puppy Tales" Aside from being the most fun a dog and owner can have outside to the Paw Park, it is a great reading experience for children. .

First some information for the humans. The concept of "Puppy Tales" comes from research that shows that reading to a dog helps increase a child's reading ability. A dog helps, because we do not judge for correct the reader. Several parents of the participants have commented that since coming to the program their children have improved their reading ability. For more information mom and dad can check out [www.readingwithrover.com/rover/](http://www.readingwithrover.com/rover/).

Now for the fun stuff, we get lots of attention and treats just for laying around!!! Water and potty breaks are also provided. We meet indoors, so we can lay on cooled floors in the hot summer and heated floors in the cold winter.

We meet one weekend day of the month at the Covington Library and Erlanger Branch.

Upcoming dates:

Covington Branch                      March 4th, April 8th, and May 13th  
Time is 1-3 p.m.

Contact                                      Patricia Richard at 962-4079

Erlanger Branch                        March 26th and April 23rd  
Time is 2-4 p.m.

Contact                                      Julie Mills at 962-4000, ext 4110

Pups, if that sounds like fun and you would like to join us, contact my human, Mary Jo at [mjclig@fuse.net](mailto:mjclig@fuse.net).



## Become a Paw Park Partner

While the park is located in Pioneer Park, a county park, the park was built and is maintained through private donations. We need your donation to maintain the park.

I support off-leash recreation areas in Kenton County.

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## Up Coming Events at the Park



May 20, 2006                      Spring Fling to Celebrate the 1st Anniversary of Phase 2 Opening

July 8, 2006                      Pool Party and Doggy Fun Days  
August 12, 2006  
Sept 9, 2006

June 10, 2006                      Kids Day, Activities planned with the kids, reading, fun, and arts and crafts





## Sleeping with your Human Prayer

Now I lay me down to sleep  
 The king-size bed is soft and deep  
 I sleep right in the center groove  
 My human being can hardly move!  
 I've trapped her legs, she's tucked in tight  
 And here is where I pass the night  
 No one disturbs me or dares intrude  
 Till morning comes and "I want food!"  
 I sneak up slowly to begin  
 My nibbles on my human's chin  
 She wakes up quickly,  
 I have sharp teeth-  
 I'm a puppy, don't you see?  
 For the morning's here  
 And it's time to play  
 I always seem to get my way  
 So thank you Lord for giving me  
 This human person that I see.  
 This one who hugs and holds me tight  
 And shares her bed with me at night!



**2nd Annual Putts for Paws  
 Golf Scramble**  
 Devou Park Golf Course  
 Saturday, July 29, 2006  
 8:00 a.m. Shotgun start

Registration fee \$60  
 Includes cart, green fees, beer,  
 steak dinner, and awards

Information and registration contact  
 Clinton "Gator" Spain at (859) 261-7784  
 or go to [www.kentonpawpark.com](http://www.kentonpawpark.com)  
 Proceeds benefit the Kenton Paw Park



## Want to be a Rover Reporter?

Hey pups, would you like to be  
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