



Wags Ramblings

Dog Park Newsletter - Fall 2009

www.marshalltowndogpark.com

You are invited ~

WINE TASTING EVENT

And Silent Auction Fundraiser

Thurs. SEPT 17th 6 - 9 PM

Midnight Ballroom at Meadowlane Mall

Great Food, Delicious Wines

Sponsored by HyVee

Drugstore

Proceeds go to build our Dog Park

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\$15 Advance \$20 At Door

Tickets Available at Lowes Flowers, Hy Vee Drugstore, Happy Tails, and Park & Rec Office
.....or call Bill @ 750-1890 for ticket delivery

What is a Dog Park ?

A dog park is a playground for dogs where they and their owners can exercise and socialize in a safe fenced in environment. Exercised dogs are better behaved at home and in the community This project has become a joint venture between the Marshalltown Park and Recreation Dept. and the Marshalltown Dog Park Committee. Plans are in place to build the dog park next spring. The Marshalltown Dog Park Committee is fundraising for the park and have received over \$10,000 of their \$30,000 goal to date.



FAQ About Dog Parks

(See Website for more Frequently Asked ???)

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What about all the Poop?

The park will have bag dispensers and trash cans for each owner to pickup and dispose of the dogs waste. Pooper scoops will also be available if bending over is difficult.

Dog parks promote responsible dog ownership at the park and in the community.

If a Dog Was Our Teacher...

We would learn...when someone is having a bad day, sit close by them, be silent, and nuzzle them gently.

Bricks Event - Fun For All

On August 15, the Dog Park Committee sponsored a fundraiser at the Bricks Pub. The attendees were entertained by the Major Day Band and food and refreshments were served. Activities included: voting for mascots, move the flag in the park and the sale of t-shirts.

Dog Daze a Big Success

The 1st Annual Dog Daze of Summer was held Saturday August 29 at Riverview Park. There were over 100 dogs and 200 people in attendance. The event was held at the future site of the dog park on the east end of the park. The day was filled with fun activities for dogs and their owners and numerous food and pet vendors. We gave away free hot dogs donated by Hy Vee. Several dog demos were presented highlighting hunting, agility and Marshalltown's Police K-9 dogs.

The new name for the Dog Park mascot was voted on at the Dog Daze and the winning name was "WAGS". This event also gave participants a chance to greet and meet other dog owners.

Denny Grabenbauer emceed the "Marshalltown Dogs Got Talent" Contest. The contest winners were: Best Dressed – Rocky, owned by Rachel Norton, Owner/Dog Look-a-like – Spencer, owned by Ross Heddens, Longest Tongue/Tail – Franklin, owned by Russ Randall, Best Trick – Kobe, owned by Dave Benz, and Most Vocal – Dexter, owned by Mark Williams.

How Can You Help ?

\$10 Donation - will buy 1 foot of the 1400 feet of fence we need.

\$15 Donation - will get you a Dog Park T-Shirt

\$100 Donation will place an engraved brick placed at the entry way.

Upcoming Events

**Sept. 17 6:00-9:00 pm
Wine Tasting and Silent Auction
Midnight Ballroom - Meadowlane Mall**

**Sept. 26 - 10:00 am Oktoberfest Parade
The Dog Park Committee will be
" Walking for the Park"**

**October 24 - 9:00 am until 2:00 pm
Dog Wash at Happy Tails
Pumpkin Painting for Kids
at Messy Missys
Meadowlane Mall**

Features of Our Dog Park ... In Riverview Park

Numerous trees for shade and comfort

Separate areas for small and large dogs

Double gate entry for safety

Waste receptacles provided

Several benches located in park

Easily accessible for elderly and disabled

Informational kiosk to promote community and park events

Park available to campers and visitors to Riverview Park

TO HELP BUILD THE DOG PARK

PLEASE MAIL YOUR DONATION TO:

Marshalltown Park and Recreation Dept.
803 North 3rd Avenue
Marshalltown, Iowa 50158

For More Info: Call 750-1890
or check out our website
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