



Woofs and Wags from NOLA City Bark

1 Palm Drive, NOLA 70124

www.nolacitybark.org

504-483-9377

BARK BITS #19 October 8, 2010

WELCOME AUTUMN:

Now that fall weather is finally here, we are all excited to take our pets to the dog park!

With over 2700 permit holders and incredibly beautiful weather, attendance at the dog park is at an all-time high. The greater density of dogs and people in the park makes it even more important that pet owners **follow the rules** and **be considerate** of other park users.

Your dog will probably be more active and want to run and tumble with the other dogs even more than he did during hot weather. Taking your dog for a walk on-leash *before* coming to the park can help with activity level.

Once you have entered the park, keep your pet **away from the gate area** to discourage over-active "greeting" of dogs arriving at the gate. When you are inside the park, know where your dog is at all times; walk around with your pet and encourage him to explore all areas of the dog park. Frequently a large number of dogs and owners hang out in "the pit." This high concentration of energetic dogs in one place can quickly turn into a less than friendly free for all. We strongly recommend, especially **during hours of heavy use, that small dogs play in the designated small dog area**.

If you sense that the park is too crowded or the activity level too high for you and your pet, then it is best to leave and come back at a time when the experience will be more positive for you and your dog. Early morning hours and week-days before 4pm tend to be less crowded; if that fits your schedule, then try to visit the park at those times.

If you or your dog does have an incident with another park visitor, please remember to be civil and polite. There is nothing to be gained by shouting or speaking rudely to others. If you wish to report an incident, it is helpful to have more than just "it was a white dog and tall man." Please **REMOVE** your dog immediately if he/she becomes aggressive or agitated or if there is an incident.

COLD DRINK MACHINE: City Park administration has installed a cold drink machine at the dog park shelter. Please dispose of your empty plastic bottles in one of the 3 trash cans located at the dog park or take them home to recycle. Only dog waste should be placed in the waste stations located throughout the dog park. If there is a problem with the drink machine, call City Park administration, 482-4888.

WASTE STATIONS: A second dog waste station is being installed in the **small dog area** this week. Maintenance empties all the waste cans once a day and leaves an extra liner bag attached to each can. If a can becomes full during the day, please remove and tie the full bag and replace it with the liner bag that is tied to the station. You may leave the tied, full bag next to the station and it will be picked-up by maintenance when they come to clean the following morning.



used under licensing agreement

Woof Woof!



Budha demonstrating how to jump!



Brady and his friends-are we having fun yet?!

PERMITS:

NOLA City Bark permits are purchased for a calendar year. We will begin permit renewal during November for the 2011 calendar year.

All permits will expire on December 31, with a grace period until January 31, 2011. Watch for renewal information in future Bark Bits, on the website, and posted in the kiosk at the dog park.

Upcoming animal events:

Saturday, October 9

New Orleans on Tap
benefiting the LA-SPCA, beer tasting at the Big Lake in City Park, 2- 6PM.

Saturday, October 16

Delgado Pet Fest - Delgado free animal health expo on the City Park Campus, noon- 4 PM

Divots for Dogs - Golf

Tournament-Ormond Country Club-Destrehan, LA, benefiting Metairie Humane

Saturday, November 6

Hawling Success Gala - benefiting the LA-SPCA, 7 PM - Midnight

ADOPT ME: While you are at the dog park with your pet, you might notice handlers with dogs wearing "Adopt Me" vests. These are foster dogs with their foster parents from a non-profit group. Each of them fills the requirements set by NOLA City Bark for entry and their foster parents have swipe cards for admission. If you or someone you know is interested in adopting another dog, please talk with the dog's handler.

Pictures: send us pictures of your pooch at the park.

Take the Bark to the Park
nolacitybark.org



Brady & his buddies
It's nice to share!