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## Woofs and Wags from NOLA City Bark 🐾

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### **Bark Bits** **February 26, 2011**

#### EVENTS:

**Saturday, March 12, 8:30am-9:15am:** Barking Boot Camp on the front lawn of the LA-SPCA.. This is Fitness for you and Fido. Learn more at [www.la-sPCA.org](http://www.la-sPCA.org) .

**Saturday, March 12, 9:30am:** After you and Fido get in shape at boot camp, jog on over to Gretna City Hall (corner of Second Street and Huey P. Long Ave.) for **Gretna Pawdi Gras**. The parade and costume contest benefit P..A.W.S., a no kill facility. To learn more call (504) 361-1822 or visit [www.gretnafarmersmarket@gedaweb.com](mailto:www.gretnafarmersmarket@gedaweb.com).

**Sunday, March 27:** NOLA City Bark **First Anniversary Celebration and Dog Day Afternoon** - both in City Park - so plan to spend the day. See Save the Date in body of newsletter for details.

**Sunday, March 27:** LA-SPCA Dog Day Afternoon on Roosevelt Mall in City Park just across the railroad tracks from the dog park. Stop by the dog park for free coffee and pastries and then walk over to Roosevelt Mall and join the walk at 11:00 AM in support of the shelter.

**SPRING DOG PARK HOURS:** Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 13, at 2AM. It is time to "spring forward." Beginning Sunday, March 13, the dog park will spring into the new hours. We will be open from 6am - 9pm, Wednesday through Monday, and 1pm-9pm on Tuesday

**AUTO BURGLARIES:** Unfortunately, in spite of all the dogs and people coming and going from the dog park, we continue to have isolated incidents of auto break-ins, even in the middle of the afternoon. Please, **do not leave valuables visible in your car, and lock your car when you visit the dog park.** If you see any suspicious activity, call 911 immediately and then call the City Park police at 421-9307. Don't be shy about calling. We need to be assertive and stop these isolated incidents! Also, email us at [info@nolacitybark](mailto:info@nolacitybark) with specific information...date, time, identity of car, bike or person seen in area.

**POOCH POST:** If you visit the City Park Administration building accompanied by your dog, please use the Pooch Post located in the shade of the oak tree to tether your pet. Do not leash dogs to the deck rail or bring them into the building. Although polls show that 63% of Americans sleep with their dogs, 33% have talked with them on the phone, and 3% have showered with them, CP Administration nevertheless requests that dogs not come into the office building. Remember, also, to clean up after your pet.



**It's all about the dogs on Sunday, March 27.**

**P.A.W.S. ADOPTION HAPPY ENDING**



Minnie Me, Pat Williamson & Misty

**COMPLAINT DEPARTMENT:** If you choose to bring your small dog in the big dog park, please do not allow them to chase and yip at the big dogs without the owners permission. Several large dog owners are concerned that a small dog will get nipped with this behavior.



**A Constant Reminder!**

Please pick up after your pooch - do a good deed and pay it forward with an extra pick-up!

**LIGHT UP THE BARK:** We are still exploring the options for lighting the park. Several people have sent donations in advance and we are grateful. Hopefully, detailed information about cost and date will be available shortly.

**FIELD TRIP FUN:** Earlier this month, first grade students from St. Benedict the Moor School visited the SPCA and NOLA City Bark to learn about the proper treatment of pets as part of their Service-Learning Unit entitled "Care for God's Creatures." Board members Jackie Shreves and Kathy Schrenk met with the students outside the dog park and spoke with them about the dog park, its rules, and care of dogs. The students enjoyed watching the dogs play in the park and were lucky, with the permission of its owner, to pet a very patient and gentle Labradoodle who was entering the dog park. The students' service project will be to make dog biscuits, adoption bandanas, and cat toys and to collect newspapers and towels for the SPCA. The **Brown Foundation** is the sponsor for the project.. NOLA City Bark Board strongly believes that education is the best prevention against animal abuse. If you have a school group that would like to visit the dog park, contact us at [info@nolacitybark.org](mailto:info@nolacitybark.org).



St. Benedict the Moore 1st grade class

**PERMIT RENEWALS:** Please visit the websit, [www.nolacitybark.org](http://www.nolacitybark.org) for permit renewal information.

**SAVE THE DATE:** NOLA City Bark will mark its first anniversary with a celebration at the dog park on **Sunday, March 27 from 9am-2pm!!** This party is free for all dog park members, both 2-legged and 4-legged. There will be food, drinks, agility and obedience demonstrations, and music. Veterinarians and behaviorists will be on hand to answer your questions. We will be selling NOLA City Bark t-shirts and dog park permits and renewals. This is also the date for the LA-SPCA's Dog Day Afternoon to be held on Roosevelt Mall in City Park. Go to [www.la-sPCA.org](http://www.la-sPCA.org) and click on events to access the event calendar and learn more about Dog Day all the LASPCA events.

**Tessa Schultzie Roland wants to go to the anniversary celebration on March 27!**



Lolly, the service dog, enjoying an afternoon off!



*Take the Bark to the Park*

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**\*Post it in Bark Bits:** If you are involved with a dog related non-profit fundraiser or event, we would like to hear from you so we can post it in Bark Bits. Please send us all pertinent information about the event at least 4 weeks prior to the event so we can include it in Bark Bits. Also, if you have a funny or positive anecdote related to NOLA City Bark, we would like to hear about it. To be considered for posting in Bark Bits, all information should be sent to [barkbits@gmail.com](mailto:barkbits@gmail.com) instead of our "info@" address. You must include your full name, email address, and daytime telephone number so we can confirm the information you have sent. (Questions, concerns, rule violations, etc., should still be sent to the "info@" address that is posted on our website.)



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