



Woofs and Wags from NOLA City Bark🐾

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BARK BITS #51

December 1, 2011

PARK CLOSURE & LIGHTING UPDATE: On Tuesday, December 6, the normal maintenance hours will be extended until 5 PM to begin the preliminary lighting work. Underground electrical wiring will be installed that day. The lighting fixtures and poles have been ordered and a delivery date is anticipated in early January at which time the park will be closed again for pole and lighting installation. Lighting will also be installed in the parking lots.

All efforts will be made to minimize the closure times but your patience is requested as this much needed improvement is made- thanks to our generous donors.

In the meantime, get ready for our lights by enjoying the beautiful holiday lighting display in the Botanical Gardens.

OOPS! Our tails are between our legs with apologies to Lisa Robinson and Satchmo of Urban Dog Magazine and Virginia and Ray Casey (in memory of Simba) for neglecting to give their dogs a bone on the fence for their generous donations to 101 Donations.

101 DONATIONS FENCE DOGS: Our adorable dogs and bones will soon be removed from the fence. Thanks to our sponsors for helping bring lights to NOLA City Bark.



PERMIT RENEWAL: All 2011 permits will expire on December 31, 2011. Permits for 2012 will cost \$40 plus tax, for a total cost of \$43 (\$38 for Friends of City Park members). To renew, just download the new 3 page permit form from the website, www.nolacitybark.org, read the new information, and fill out the form completely, and mail to #1 Palm Dr., NOLA 70124, and your current swipe card will be activated for 2012. We accept credit cards or checks made payable to New

EVENTS IN OUR AREA:

*Tuesday, December 6- dog park closed 6 am-5pm for electrical wiring installation.

* Thursday, November 25- January 1, evenings except Dec. 24 and 31, Celebration in the Oaks in the City Park Botanical Garden. This family event is one of the highlights of the holiday season in New Orleans. Make it a holiday tradition for the 2 legged members of your family. Sorry, no pets allowed. For information on exact dates and times, weather closures and to purchase tickets, visit www.celebrationintheoaks.com.

* Saturday, December 3, 11am-2pm, Jefferson SPCA adoption day at NOLA City Bark

* Saturday, December 10, 11am-2pm, P.A.W.S. SPCA adoption day at NOLA City Bark

* Wednesday, December 14, 8:45am, NOLA City Bark Annual Meeting at City Park Administration Building, 1 Palm Dr. All permit holders are invited

Orleans City Park/dog park.

DOG PARK MONITORS: At the request of permit holders we are reinstating the monitoring system that we used when the park initially opened to help remind dog park patrons to follow the rules. During the recent Safety Week we made efforts to ensure that all permit holders are aware of and understand the importance of obeying the rules in order for the dog park to be both fun and safe. We will attempt to have volunteers during peak hours to act as monitors to address any issues that arise. Look for their **yellow and black paw-print scarves** at the dog park. If you would like to help monitor on the hours that you visit the dog park, please contact Jackie Shreves at info@nolacitybark.org. You will receive a short training session.

BARK BUDDIES/PARK PALS:

Anticipating what lies right around the corner, Cleopatra gets extremely excited when her mom, Maite, drives by Popp Fountain on the way to the dog park! It is difficult to believe that this loyal, loving black lab also has willful, stubborn moments. Her humans began to use NOLA City Bark when they moved from a home with a yard to a warehouse district condo. Cleo thinks it's a fair trade because now she gets to play Frisbee at the park, meet new friends, and take long, leisurely baths. Maite appreciates Cleo's unconditional love and constant companionship. Occasionally Maite and her husband also appreciate some time alone at their favorite restaurant, Boucherie. When she's not at the dog park, Maite is usually indulging her creative talents either by knitting, working at the pottery studio, or volunteering at WWOZ.



Cleo & Maitre

GUESTS: Please remember that your NOLA City Bark permit is for your registered dogs only. If you have guests in town or friends who want to try out the dog park, they can purchase a 3 day temporary permit for \$10 at the dog park office M-F, 8am-5pm. Please do not allow neighbors & friends to use your permit .

For safety reasons, it is important that everyone who uses the dog park has read and signed the permit form and waiver. Bringing or admitting unregistered dogs into the dog park could result in the deactivation of your swipe card.



Bark Bit writer, Dingo with chief editor, Katie

RAIN OR SHINE AT THE DOG PARK? Don't forget to check out NOLA City Bark's very own weather station thanks to permit holder, Chris Berthaut. Click on <http://www.wunderground.com/weatherstation/WXDailyHistory.asp?ID=KLANEWOR29>

Want to see your pooch in Bark Bits? Send your pictures to info@nolacitybark.org. Please include you and your dog's name(s)



*** Another happy adoption at NOLA City Bark!**

HOLIDAY SHOPPING FOR YOUR POOCH

NOLA City Bark stocking stuffers:

Give a membership to NOLA City Bark. Gift vouchers can be purchased at the administration building at 1 Palm Dr. Include the permit form with the voucher and maybe even a NOLA City Bark t-shirt for \$25. All the recipient needs to do is fill out the form and turn it in with the voucher to the dog park office at #1 Palm Dr. to get a year's permit to the area's best dog park

Don't forget to include safety items: whistle (\$3) and a can of Spray Shield (\$8) which is a safe citronella spray. Both items are helpful in breaking up shirmishes at the dog park or elsewhere

* The LA-SPCA has perfect gifts for the animal lovers in your life. Go to www.la-spca.org/shop to purchase the LA-SPCA calendar, "Happy Tails;" Mardi Gras bead dog ornaments; LA-SPCA note cards; and gift certificates for shelter services and pet adoptions. Donations to the LA-SPCA can also be an excellent holiday gift or memorial and can be made at www.la-spca.org/honor.

If you have information on holiday shopping opportunities that benefit rescue groups and other animal non-profits, send the information to barkbits@gmail.com

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