



## *BARC Park at Hannah More*

### October 2008



**HALLOWEEN/ANNIVERSARY PARTY!!  
NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> 11AM-2PM  
RAIN DATE: NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US FOR OUR  
FIRST SPECIAL EVENT.

DOG COSTUME PARADE 11:15-11:45 TO BE  
HELD FOR LARGE AND SMALL DOGS IN  
THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS.  
PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED IN THE  
FOLLOWING CATEGORIES: CUTEST,  
SCARIEST, SUPER HERO, UNIQUE, AND  
LOOKS MOST LIKE THEIR OWNER.

THERE WILL BE AREAS FOR BOBBING  
FOR HOTDOGS, MAIZES, AGILITY, PET  
TRICKS AND FRISBEE.

WE WILL HAVE CAKE—HUMAN AND  
DOG!!!  
WHAT A TREAT.

NOW FOR THE FINE PRINT:

**YOU MUST HAVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP  
CARD WITH YOU OR AT LEAST KNOW  
THE GATE CODE.**

**ALL DOGS MUST BE ON A NON-  
RETRACTABLE LEASH.**

THE PARK WILL BE CLOSED BEGINNING  
AT 9AM AND NOT RE-OPEN FOR  
REGULAR PLAY UNTIL AFTER 2PM.  
SET-UP WILL BEGIN 10/31 IN THE LATE  
AFTERNOON.

**THE PARKING LOT WILL BE CLOSED  
UNTIL THE PARTY IS OVER. PLEASE  
PARK NEAR PLAYGROUND**

WE NEED ALL KINDS OF HELP WITH THE  
PARTY. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO  
VOLUNTEER PLEASE CONTACT DEBBY  
BY RESPONDING TO THIS E-MAIL.

WITH MUCH THANKS—THE DOG PARK  
COMMITTEE

*Registration Forms For 2009 will  
be available at the event*



**Recommended books for dog people**

#### **44 Days Out of Kandahar**

As the story unfolds, you'll relive the amazing  
true story of a nearly impossible international  
search and rescue of Cinnamon, from her lonely  
start when her mother disappeared, to her  
endearing puppy antics entertaining the troops,  
to the extraordinary events that strung together  
and changed her life and the lives of all those  
who cared for her forever.

Go to [www.44-days.com](http://www.44-days.com) to read more about the  
book, **which will soon be a movie**. You can  
order the book through this website. A portion  
of the sales goes to support animal welfare  
organizations.

**Izzy & Lenore: Two Dogs, an Unexpected Journey, and Me**

Author Jon Katz is best known for his stories about the dogs in his life and his decision to move to a farm in upstate New York. In a new book, he shares why he let another troubled dog into his life and how they both helped those in hospice care. And he once again marvels at the powerful and complex relationship between dogs and humans.

Can be ordered through Amazon.

**Letter recently sent from dog park committee to all members:**  
**ATTENTION: IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Some members have brought it to our attention that small children are being brought into the Park.

It is specifically and clearly stated in the brochure that “no children under the age of 12 are allowed in the off-leash area.” It is also posted on the fences. This rule comes from the Baltimore County Dept. of Recreation and Parks.

Some dogs do not like being around children, and it is simply too dangerous to risk their safety. Nor is it fair to owners to be fearful that their dogs may harm a child.

It is irresponsible for parents to bring small children into a potentially dangerous or deadly situation.

Membership will be revoked if owners continue to bring small children into the Park.

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PARKS  
THE DOG PARK COMMITTEE



**Brian's Corner**

I lie belly-up  
In the sunshine, happier than  
You ever will be.

Today I sniffed  
Many dog butts — I celebrate  
By kissing your face.

I sound the alarm!  
Paperboy — come to kill us all —  
Look! Look! Look! Look! Look!

I sound the alarm!  
Garbage man — come to kill us all —  
Look! Look! Look! Look! Look!

I lift my leg and  
Whiz on each bush. Hello, Spot —  
Sniff this and weep.

I Hate my choke chain —  
Look, world, they strangle me! Ack  
Ack Ack Ack Ack!

Sleeping here, my chin  
On your foot — no greater bliss — well,  
Maybe catching cats.

Look in my eyes and  
Deny it. No human could  
Love you as much I do.

Anonymous



## **Committee News**

Dog Park registration forms are being sent with this newsletter and will also be available on November 1<sup>st</sup> at the Halloween/Anniversary party. These must be returned by mail by the end of January 2009 in order to be given the new code, which will be sent to returning members on February 1, 2009. If you are a returning member, please write your membership ID number on the new application. If you cannot download the attached application, go to [www.reisterstownrec.com/dog.htm](http://www.reisterstownrec.com/dog.htm) and print the application from there.

## **Breed Profile**



### **Great Dane**

The **Great Dane**, **Danish Hound**, or **German Mastiff**, is a breed of domestic dog (*Canis lupus familiaris*) known for its giant size and gentle personality. The breed is commonly referred to as the "Gentle giant" and the "Apollo of all

breeds." Great Danes are considered one of the tallest dog breeds along with the Irish Wolfhound. More recently, Great Danes have been in the Guinness World Records for tallest dog. The Great Dane was named the state dog of Pennsylvania in 1965.

The Great Dane's large and imposing appearance belies its friendly nature; the breed is often referred to as a gentle giant. Great Danes are generally well-disposed toward other dogs, other non-canine pets, wild animals, and humans (including strangers and children). Some Great Danes — as with dogs of any breed — may have dominance issues, may be aggressive with other dogs of the same sex, or chase small animals; however, this is quite rare.

Just like any dog a Great Dane needs exercise, and often they demand quite a lot of it.

A common misconception is that they are all slow and docile and don't need walking, this is incorrect and in most cases Great Danes are full of energy and need regular walking.

*Source: wikipedia*



### **OLD DOG**

*~by Lynne and Jeff Grip*

Old dog, lying in the sun,  
what are you dreaming of?  
Golden days with lots of play  
and blue skies up above?

Remember when we met you,  
a pup so sweet and bright?  
We picked you from the others;  
it was love at first sight.

You brought into our family  
a heart loyal and strong;  
There was never any doubt  
about where *you* belonged.

We took you to the dog park

where you chased balls and sticks;  
You showed us your gratitude  
with your tail and your licks.

You watched over all the kids  
and kept them safe from harm;  
If a stranger dared approach,  
you'd bark a loud alarm.

You listened to their troubles  
and licked away their tears;  
Sometimes to you alone  
they'd confide their childish fears.

You blessed all of us in turn,  
by sleeping in our beds;  
Your warm and trusting body  
would soothe our fevered heads.

You welcomed new family pets  
and never made a fuss  
As long as they understood  
that you were first with us

You waited for the school bus  
and stayed up late at night;  
To make sure all were safely home

*Donated by the authors*

If anyone has any articles, poems or dog  
park photos they would like to see  
published in the newsletter, please send  
them to Marilyn at [Chesdel@aol.com](mailto:Chesdel@aol.com)



### **Photos From the Park**



Basenjee dancing with Casper

*One of the greatest secrets of life is  
having  
patience &  
wisdom*



