



BARC Park at Hannah More

February 2009



Committee News

The Barc Park committee held a membership meeting on Saturday 3/7/09.

Old Business The Rec Council has given us new bags for the park. Mark will adjust the boxes to accommodate the bags.

It was decided that we do not need new signs for the small and large areas. However a sign will be put up at the large area that states that any small dog owner that brings a small dog into the large area does so at their own risk. In the same vein, as has been stated numerous times, children under 12 are not allowed in the park. This is stated on signs and was on the application that any member signs. Any member who insists on bringing their children into the park does so at their own risk.

Simonds Nursery is coming next week to evaluate the area and give us an estimate on planting bushes and trees and give us recommendations on ground cover to stop erosion. We will be getting a shed to store bags, rakes, etc.

New Business There was a report that Pet Smart and The Humane Society were giving out the gate code to non-members. Mark will investigate. In light of this, the code will probably change May 1. Current members will be notified of any such change.

The \$20.00 monthly budget was approved for printing the newsletter.

There was discussion about getting a permanent maze.

The topic of an in-ground pool was presented again and was voted down.

The water will be turned on the 2nd week of April and the plastic pools will be replaced.

There was a brief discussion about the handicapped spots and accessibility.

The bulletin board needs repair and will probably be replaced. The trash cans that were removed will be replaced.

leash with you, and, if your dog is acting improperly, you may have to take him to the other park or bring him another day. The Park is not a place to bring your dog and then not watch him.

We had an excellent showing of members at this meeting. Member meeting will be held the first Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. at the Rec Activity Room at the Glyndon Elementary School. To get the School, turn onto Glyndon Drive from Reisterstown Road. Continue all the way around. You will see the school on your right.

Please come and get involved. See you on April 4 at 11 a.m.



Suggested reading for Dog Lovers

Doggin' Maryland by Doug Gelbert.

The 100 best places to hike with your dog in the free state. Available at Amazon.



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Brian's Corner

Inner Peace

If you can start the day without caffeine,

If you can get going without pep pills,

If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,

If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,

If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,

If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,

If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,

If you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend,

If you can conquer tension without medical help,

If you can relax without liquor,

If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

...Then You Are Probably The Family Dog!

Breed Profile



Boston Terrier

Boston Terriers are typically small, compactly built, well proportioned [dogs](#) with erect ears, short [tails](#), and a short [muzzle](#) that should be free of [wrinkles](#). They usually have a square sort of face. According to international breed standard, the dog should weigh no less than 10 pounds and no more than 25 pounds. Few Boston Terriers weigh between 30 and 40 pounds, and most are considered healthy and not overweight due to their larger-than-average frame. Boston Terriers usually stand 15-17 inches at the [withers](#). Boston Terriers

have friendly, very strong, lovable, laid-back, unforgettable personalities. They will lick the face of humans endlessly if given the chance. Bostons can range in temperaments from those that are eager to please their master to those that are more stubborn. Both can be easily trained given a patient and assertive owner.

While originally bred for fighting, they were later down bred for companionship. The modern Boston Terrier can be gentle, alert, expressive, and well-mannered. It must be noted however, that they are not considered terriers by the [American Kennel Club](#), but are part of the non-sporting group. Boston Terrier is something of a misnomer. They were originally a cross-breed between the [Old English Bulldog](#) and the [English White Terrier](#).^[5]

Some Bostons enjoy having another one for companionship. Both females and males generally bark only when necessary. Having been bred as a companion dog, they enjoy being around people, and, if properly socialized, get along well with children, the elderly, other canines, and non-canine pets. Some Boston Terriers are very cuddly, while others are more independent.

Source: Wikipedia

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

One of our members has created a web site for people to share pictures, articles, etc. Please check it out.

<http://www.pointsolution.in/MyDog>

user: c8633_guest

password: dogpark

This was submitted by one of our members

God Lives in the Post Office

This is one of the kindest things I've ever experienced. I have no way to know who sent it, but there is a beautiful soul working in the "dead letter office file" of the US Postal Service..

Our 14-year-old dog, Abbey, died last month. The day after she died, my 4-year-old daughter Meredith was crying and talking about how much she missed Abbey. She asked if we could write a letter to God so that when Abbey got to heaven, God would recognize her. I told her that I thought we could so she dictated these words:

Dear God,
Will you please take care of my dog?
She died yesterday and is with you
in heaven. I miss her very much. I am
happy that you let me have her
as my dog even though she got sick.
I hope you will play with her.
She likes to play with balls and to
swim. I am sending a picture of her
so when you see her. You will
know that she is my dog. I really miss
her.

Love, Meredith

We put the letter in an envelope with a
picture of Abbey and Meredith
and addressed it to God/Heaven. We put
our return address on it. Then
Meredith pasted several stamps on the
front of the envelope because she
said it would take lots of stamps to get
the letter all the way to
heaven. That afternoon she dropped it
into the letter box at the post
office. A few days later, she asked if
God had gotten the letter yet.
I told her that I thought He had.

Yesterday, there was a package wrapped
in gold paper on our front porch
addressed, 'To Meredith,' in an
unfamiliar hand. Meredith opened it.

Inside was a book by Mr. Rogers
called, 'When a Pet Dies.' Taped to
the inside front cover was the letter we
had written to God in its
opened envelope. On the opposite page
was the picture of Abbey &
Meredith and this note:

Dear Meredith,
Abbey arrived safely in heaven.
Having the picture was a big help. I
recognized Abbey right away.
Abbey isn't sick anymore. Her spirit is
here with me just like it stays
in your heart. Abbey loved being your
dog. Since we don't need our
bodies in heaven, I don't have any
pockets to keep your picture in, so
I am sending
it back to you in this little book for you
to keep and
have something to remember Abbey by.
Thank you for the beautiful letter and

thank your mother for helping
you write it and sending it to me. What a
wonderful mother you have. I
picked her especially for you.

I send my blessings every day and
remember that I love you very much.

By the way, I'm easy to find, I am
wherever there is love.

Love,

God