



Dogs For Life

*Training Service Dogs
For Veterans*

Scrapbook

2010

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Howl-O-Ween

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PEOPLE & PARTIES

Dogs For Life Howloween Pawrade

OCTOBER 23: Halloween was the theme for the *Dogs For Life Howl-O-Ween Canine Costume Pawrade* at the off-leash dog park. Alma Lee Loy was the guest speaker to kick off the dog costume parade, and there was also an Indian River County Sheriff Department's K-9 Unit demonstration, raffle drawings, pet vendors and treats for all of the 108 pups in costumes.



Volunteers Sheila Lowenstein and Lee Munaich



Dogs For Life Executive Director Shelly Ferger



Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Color Guard open the parade



Guest speaker Alma Lee Loy with Marie Gerkin



Rowdy "The Sheriff" dressed as a pumpkin



Hotdog Huck with Margaret Wall



Rascal and Scruffy sported matching costumes



An assistance dog joins in the festivities

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SAY LUMINARIES
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Indian River County

Luminaries seen at . . .
9th Annual Howl-o-Ween
October 23, 2010

What a show! With a record-breaking number of 108 dogs in costume and more than 400 people in attendance, the Howl-o-Ween Pawrade to benefit Dogs for Life was the best ever!



Deputy Sgt. Patrick White with Megan Lavendar



Alma Lee Loy, Shelly Ferger and members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Color Guard



4-H Dog Masters Kylie and Kelsey Murphy



Eleanor Bergvick and Sarah Kelly



Ilka Daniel and Bruce Dangerfield at the Humane Society booth

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Saturday, October 23, 2010

Rain Date: October 30, 2010

1 PM - Pawrade at 4 PM

Off-Leash Dog Park 12th Street & 16th Avenue – Vero Beach

Vendors Booths: Exhibitors Products and Services Your Dog Will Love!
Color Guard - Agility Dog Demo - Law Enforcement K-9 Demo - Tricks For Treats



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Please do not costume your dog in any way that could cause harm

Howl-O-Ween a howling success for dog park

BY SHELLEY FERGUSON
Your News contributor

Wow! Wow! Wow! What a day!

The Dogs For Life Inc. ninth annual Howl-O-Ween Off-Leash Dog Park Canine Costume Pawrade will go down in history as being a howling success!

What a show, with a record-breaking number of 108 dogs (and many owners and children) in costume.

Estimates are that more than 400 people attended the event.

This makes the Howl-O-Ween Pawrade the "Best Ever" dog park signature fundraising event.

Twenty-nine vendors, including eight nonprofit organizations, and 51 sponsors, who donated 19 raffle items, and 75 volunteers

helped to support the day's activities.

We are so grateful to everyone who helped to make this event a success and fun for all.

The Indian River County Sheriff's Department's K-9 Unit demonstration kicked off the day's activities for the ninth year.

Alma Lee Loy served as our guest speaker and helped to launch the "DFL Assistance Dog Training for Veteran's Program."

The Veterans of Foreign Wars led the Pawrade with its color guard, followed by DFL Assistance Dog Teams, followed by 108 dogs and owners announced by Martin Lavander.

What a sight it was and what fun was had by all!



Blanca Keressey and Marge Bailey pose with Rowdy and Burri enjoy the Howl-O-Ween event at the 12th Street Off-Leash Dog Park.

MARGE BAILEY • TCPalm.com/YourNews

Dogs on Parade for Howl-O-Ween

Dogs for Life will hold its ninth annual *Howl-O-Ween Canine Costume Parade & Pet Expo* October 23 at the Dog Park on 12th St. and 16th Ave. in Vero Beach. Gates will open at 1 p.m. for vendor booths, and the parade will be held at 4 p.m. Booths will include veterinarians, pet stores, pet sitters, dog rescue organizations, groomers, jewelry and auto dealers. Vendor and sponsor costs range from \$50 to \$5,000.

Pre-registration is required for parade participants, but there is no charge.

For information, registration, vendor or sponsorship opportunities, call Shelly Ferger at 567-8969.

**HOWL-O-WEEN CANINE
COSTUME PARADE & PET EXPO**
TO BENEFIT DOGS FOR LIFE
OCTOBER 23, 1:00 PM
DOG PARK / 12TH ST. & 16TH AVE.
COSTUME ATTIRE
SHELLY FERGER, 567-8969



"Cowdog" Mitti at last year's event

OCT 23 Howl-O-Ween Canine Costume Parade & Pet Expo: Dogs for Life will hold its annual pet parade at 4 p.m., vendor booths open at 1 p.m. at the Dog Park, 12th St. and 16th Ave. No cost; registration required. 567-8969. (See Previews)

YourNews

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Dogs For Life to host Howl-O-Ween Dog Costume Pawrade

BY SHELLEY FERGEE

Dogs For Life, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing services to the community by training dogs and owning and managing an off-leash dog park, is hosting the ninth annual Howl-O-Ween Canine Costume Pawrade and Pet Expo.

The event is set for 1-5 p.m. Oct. 23 at the dog park on 12th Street and 16th Avenue in Vero Beach.

The public is invited to bring their dogs "on-leash" or "in-costume" for a free and fun parade.

Vendor opportunities are available starting at \$50. Nonprofit organizations are invited to operate a vendor booth for free.

Activities will include a military color guard by the Veterans of Foreign War and a law enforcement K-9 demonstration.

Alma Lee Loy, who is the grand marshal, will open the parade introducing the DFL Assistance Dog Training for Veterans Program. Martin Lavander of Blue Ribbon Grooming will be announcing the parade.

Prizes will be awarded

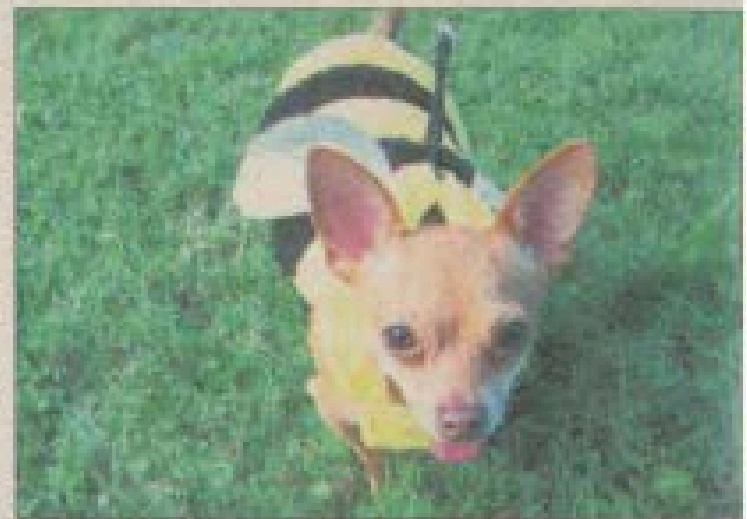
to all parade participants, and there will be "Treats for Dog Tricks."

DFL will give a presentation on its Assistance Dog Program and the Pet Assisted Therapy Dog Certification Programs.

Information will be available on membership to the off-leash dog park.

Bring your lawn chairs and be prepared to have fun.

For additional information, contact Shelley Fergie, dog park founder and executive director, at (772) 567-8999.



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Bumble bees, witches and pirates — Be prepared to have fun at the Howl-O-Ween Dog Costume Pawrade!



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HALLOWEEN AND FALL EVENTS ON THE TREASURE COAST

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NEW LISTINGS

SATURDAY

Howl-O-Ween: Canine costume parade, pet expo. Dog Park, 12th Street and 16th Avenue, Vero Beach, 1-5 p.m., Oct. 23. (772) 567-8989.

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HALLOWEEN SCHEDULE

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Friday, October 22, 2010

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• **Howl-O-Ween Canine Costume Parade and Pet Expo,** Off-leash dog park, 12th Street and 16th Avenue, Vero Beach, 10 a.m. Presented by Dogs For Life, Inc. Website: www.dogsforlifevb.com.

CALENDAR

October 23

Dogs for Life 9th Annual Howl-O-Ween Canine Costume Parade & Expo at the Dog Park, free for spectators and parade participants. 567-8969

VERO BEACH

Vendors wanted for Pawrade

Dogs For Life Inc. is hosting the ninth annual Howl-O-Ween Canine Costume Pawrade and Pet Expo from 1 to 5 p.m. Oct. 23 at the dog park at 12th Street and 16th Avenue in Vero Beach.

Last year more than 300 residents brought their dogs with 100 dogs in costume for the free parade. Vendor opportunities are available starting at \$50. Nonprofit organizations are invited to have a vendor booth for free.

Activities include a military Color Guard by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a multi law-enforcement K-9 demonstration. Alma Lee Loy, who is the grand marshal, will open the parade introducing the Dogs for Life Assistance Dog Training for Veterans Program.

Prizes awarded to all parade participants, and there will be "Treats for Dog Tricks." Bring your lawn chairs and be prepared to have fun.

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Howl-O-Ween parade is Oct. 23

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For more information, call Shelly Fergert at (772) 567-8969.

Staff report

Take your dog to the Pawrade



Kay Ruma with her soft-coated Wheaten Terrier Maxx at last year's Costume Pawrade to benefit Dogs for Life.

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Take your dog in-costume for a free and

fun parade. Vendor opportunities are available starting at \$50.

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For more, call Shelly Fergert at (772) 567-8969.



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WHAT A WEEKEND!

From Halloween-themed events to pet expos, Tyler Treadway has your weekend covered.

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Scare up fun at Halloween events this weekend, too

With so many people professing it's their favorite holiday, Halloween can't be contained to a single night. Take advantage of the Halloween-y activities scheduled this weekend — such as the Howl-o-Ween Canine Costume Pawrade and haunted houses in Vero Beach and Sebastian — to get yourself primed for the main event Oct. 31. (Now: Guys in 4-inch pumps in the SafeSpace benefit, although scary don't technically constitute a Halloween event.)



**TYLER
TREADWAY**
WHAT A
WEEKEND

PUTTIN' ON THE DOG

Before the kids go out trick-or-treating next weekend, dress up Fido in his Capt. Jack Sparrow costume and take him to the Howl-o-Ween Canine Costume Pawrade and Pet Expo from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the dog park at 12th Street and 16th Avenue in Vero Beach. Dogs for Life Inc. is sponsoring the free parade for leashed dogs, complete with prizes and "treats-for-tricks,"

and will give presentations on its assistance dog and the pet-assisted therapy dog certification programs. For information, call (772) 567-8969.



Howl-O-Ween Canine Costume Pawrade

Free to the Public
Every Dog in Costume Wins a Prize!!

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Nile Monitor Lizard

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Officials: Don't be scared of dog park

Animal Control Officer says Nile monitor lizard 'afraid of people'

BY LAMAUR STANCIL
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Dog park visitors need not be alarmed by Tuesday's Nile monitor find at Dogs for Life Off-Leash Dog Park, officials said.

Vero Beach Police Animal Control Officer Bruce Dangerfield said he shot the lizard with a dart gun after it ran into an

oak tree outside the fenced-in property at the park, in the 1600 block of 12th Street. Though Nile monitors are deadly in an attack and would strike if cornered, they usually avoid a crowd, he said.

"They might go after a kitten under a trailer, but they're afraid of people," Dangerfield said. "They're known for climbing trees, but I doubt they would scale a chain-

link fence."

Shelley Ferger, executive director of the dog park, said she sent e-mails Wednesday to the owners of its 240 four-legged members and told them the lizards pose no threat to visitors inside park.

"Safety is a huge issue at the park," Ferger said.

The only intruders she could recall at the park — which has been at the property 12 years — were a gopher tortoise and a non-member dog that burrowed a hole under a fence to get in, she said.

State officials said the lizard's impact has been greater in other parts of Florida. In Lee County, more than 150 Nile monitors were sighted between April 2001 and July 2003, according to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Other counties have had sightings, but Lee is the only one officials said has had breeding activity by the nonnative reptile.

Dangerfield said Tuesday's Nile monitor was the third one he has captured in the past 1 1/2 years within the vicinity of the block.



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'Dangerous' Nile monitor lizard caught at Vero Beach dog park

BY LAMAUR STANCIL
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VERO BEACH — Chihuahuas and Great Danes weren't the only four-legged creatures running loose at the Dogs for Life Off-Leash Dog Park Tuesday.

Vero Beach Police Animal Control Officer Bruce Dangerfield said he captured a 3-foot-long Nile monitor spotted at the park in the 1600 block of 12th Street.

"The caller who reported it described it as an alligator," Dangerfield said. "But these are actually more dangerous than alligators. They can poke your eye out

with their tails. I went to the park and recognized it wasn't a gator."

The lizard fled up a tree, but Dangerfield said he was able to shoot it with a dart gun. Dangerfield said Tuesday's Nile monitor was the third one he has captured and euthanized in the vicinity of the park in the past 1 1/2 years.

"They were all the same size," he said. "I'd imagine this one hatched out of an egg one of the other ones had left. There's no telling if there's any others out there."

Officials for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will examine the remains

Wednesday to determine how the Nile monitor — which can grow as long as six feet — had been surviving in Vero Beach.

"They can eat just about anything except for a tin can," Dangerfield said. "The trouble is they'll go after small dogs as well."

Nile monitors are a type of lizard that isn't native to Florida. There are state prohibitions against personal ownership of the exotic creatures. Wildlife officials said the lizards invade nesting burrows and pose threats to the eggs of turtles, owls, gopher tortoises and American crocodiles.



Vero Beach Animal Control Officer Bruce Dangerfield holds a Nile monitor, which he shot and killed with a dart gun at a dog park in Vero Beach on Tuesday.

Photo provided



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Through The Eyes of a Soldier

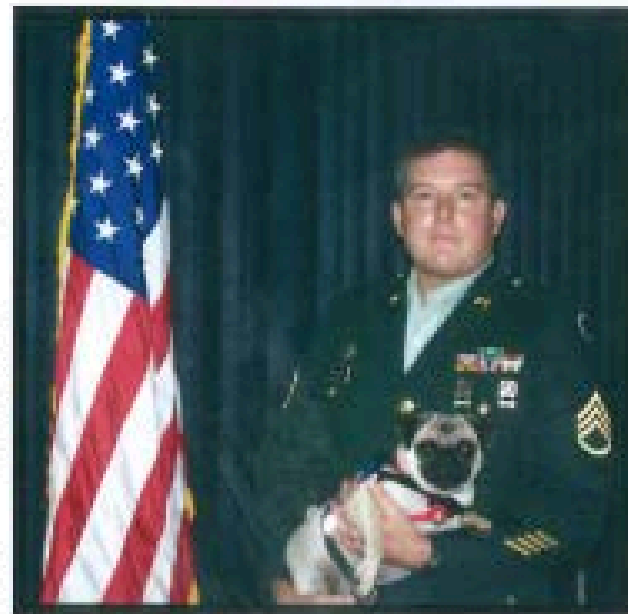
By Dawn Taylor

Per Federal Law the definition of a service dog is when a dog has been trained to perform a specific task for a person diagnosed with a disability, such as a Hearing dog alerting their hearing impaired owner to sounds and a Guide dog guiding their sight impaired owner.

A mental condition is not as specific as deafness or blindness. It affects each person in many different ways. To train a Service Dog for a person diagnosed with a mental condition, the task trained must be specific to the diagnosed disability. Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), for instance, is a condition in which the person has been involved in something that is very stressful as well as traumatic for the individual such as a soldier going to war.

Going to war, a soldier is expected to shoot and kill if they feel their life or a life of an innocent person is in harm's way. A soldier sees things that are not normally seen such as deceased people, explosions of vehicles or bodies and so on. During that time the soldier is involved in war, it becomes a part of them, in order to survive it needs to be. Once the soldier is home and life is supposed to return to "normal" the memories or haunting memories of those instances come back so real that they are transported back to that same arena. This is not normal so they will begin counseling, not to get rid of the memories, but to learn to live with them. This is not so easy for the PTSD diagnosed person, just walking into a crowded store or having someone walking too close behind them heighten their senses to a fight or flight situation but which would they choose, fight or flight? A fight situation could end badly whereas a flight situation would just have the PTSD person leave with no repercussions.

This is where the task trained service dog comes in. PTSD dogs can be trained "on command" to create a situation where the owner has an excuse to leave a particular situation. This type of training is an example and is considered a 'task' where the dog is legally a service dog. Dogs must be trained for a specific task that mitigates a specific disability. Although companion dog qualities are very important to the individuals they do not qualify as task trained.



Veteran of Iraq Jim Taylor
and service dog Princess Pia Pia



Accredited Member
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Dogs For Life, Inc. Awarded ADI Accreditation

Dogs for Life, Inc. (DFL), a non-profit organization dedicated to providing services to the community, by training assistance dogs, has recently earned accreditation with Assistance Dogs International (ADI). ADI sets standards for the worldwide assistance dog movement, promotes standards of excellence in all areas of Assistance Dog Programs, facilitates communication and learning among organizations, and educates the public to the benefits of these programs.

DFL has been evaluated as a non-profit organization in the areas of corporate and legal regulations, board and staff management, criteria for screening and matching dogs and clients, and that training these special dogs is professional and of the highest standard. Assistance dog users trust their lives and safety to their dogs, so everything related to the training of both the dogs and the people must meet extraordinary criteria.

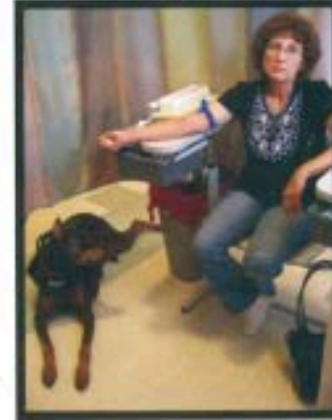
DFL Joins 69 (ADI) accredited organizations of 161 worldwide members from North America, Europe, Australia / New Zealand, Asia and Latin America.

K-9 Emergency 911 Phone A Life Saver

By: Valerie Washburn

Ruth delighted in telling the story of (how it happened no one knows, feline or canine), but the 911 phone was tapped by accident. When the deputy arrived, he told Ruthie that Duke looked like a nice dog; so he would not take him to jail for a "false alarm."

Athena motivates me to take care of myself and stay alive no matter how sick I feel. No one could ever care and love her more than me. The devotion and care she gives me in return every day is more than words can describe. I am so grateful for the tireless devotion DFL has given us. I probably would be dead if not for DFL because Athena saved my life when she tapped the K-9 911 phone in a real life emergency this year.



With eight months of training under their belt and collar Norine & Abby have reached full public access certification.

Not only does Abby have a very high work ethic, and has been able to accomplish all we have asked of her. Norine has been committed to helping Abby through her fear of storms, loud noises and crowds with patience, love and the occasional body wrap.

Norine & Abby
(hearing dog),
Assistance Dog
Trainers
Patty Ruble,
Patricia Scott and
Beth Stryker



Val & Athena meet Norine & Abby at the Vero Beach Fresh Market



Rascal Greene Jones
September 8, 1966 - June 15, 2010

JOBS FOR LIFE INC.
Jobs For Life Inc. is a nonprofit, not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) organization with a mission to provide employment to the community, as well as to provide training and support to the community. The company is currently seeking individuals to join its team. The company is currently seeking individuals to join its team. The company is currently seeking individuals to join its team.



[Figure 1]



Thanks!

Rascal enriched our lives so much and we are grateful for the opportunity you provided to give a little back to him.

Dogs For Life, Inc. Memorial Donations ~ Since January 2010 ~

In Memory of:

Efis & Rocky

Ms. Kerry Bartlett

Thomas Dietz

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Mr. & Mrs. Victor Bengyak

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Partnerships DFL, ARC and SRA

Dogs For Life is grateful for the partnerships we have with many of the facilities that our volunteers perform Pet Assisted Therapy with their loving dogs.

Two in particular the Abilities Resource Center (ARC) and the Senior Resource Association (SRA) gave back to DFL this year.

ARC volunteers participated in a work day at the dog park. During the expansion project help was needed to reestablish our dog water stations and ARC Volunteers jumped at the challenge.

SRA allowed DFL Assistance Dogs to practice loading and dismounting on the "Go Line" bus. This training session was valuable in allowing some of our assistance dogs the opportunity (if needed) to utilize public transportation.

DFL Dog Park Members also participated in the SRA RSVP Pet Food Drive this year, helping to collect over 700 pounds of pet food for low income and homebound seniors of Indian River County.



Before And After

Dog Park Memorial Garden Is Still Growing

Thanks to the Garden Club of Indian River the dog park memorial garden is continuing to grow.

Over the past year DFL has conferred with the Garden Club of Indian River many times for advice and guidance in the planning of our park. Once the expansion project was complete our memorial garden pavilion was in desperate need of shade.

Club members came to our rescue and generously donated eight adult bald cypress trees to the garden. We are extremely grateful to the Club for providing this shade for people and dogs while they enjoy the garden.



Dog Park Memorial Garden Opportunities

If you are interested in remembering your lost loved one in the Memorial Garden please contact the DFL Office at 567-8969.

Donor Bone Memorials engraved with the name of a pet or person continue to be available ranging from \$100 - \$5,000.

Round, Bone Shape and Paw Shape Engraved Memorial Stones are now available for \$300.

Memorial Garden Tree Sponsorship is \$2,000.

Engraved Granite Benches are available for \$7,500.

Accumulative donations will be accepted toward a memorial garden fountain or a single donation of \$25,000 dedicated to you or whomever you choose.



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9th Annual Howl-O-Ween Canine Costume Parade & Expo

Saturday, October 23, 2010,
at the Dog Park located at 12th Street & 16th Ave.

The 2nd Pet Expo will include vendors of all kinds...

Last year 30 local vets, pet stores and other businesses participated helping to support the DFL Off-Leash Dog Park and Assistance Dog Training

All dogs are welcome on leashes
Costumes are optional

This signature event is open to the public
FREE to spectators and parade participants

Contact DFL at 567-8969,
dogsforlifevb@bellsouth.net

For booth or sponsorship information and let us know if you will volunteer to help



April 1st Fund-Raiser A Great Success

Dogs For Life held a highly successful fund-raiser on April 1, 2010 at Maison Martinique in Vero Beach. Over 50 guests enjoyed a gourmet dinner and participated in a silent auction of distinctive items as well as a 50/50 raffle. The event raised almost \$10,000, all to benefit Dogs for Life's Assistance Dog Training Program. Featured here are Beth Stryker with "Tigger", Frances Graves and Patricia Scott with "Holly".





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"Dog Talk Radio" Saturday Mornings 10:30

Do You Want A Better Relationship With Your Dog?

*Would you like to know more about Dogs For Life,
Assistance Dogs, Pet Therapy Dogs, on the
Off-Leash Dog Park located at 12th Street & 16th Avenue?*

*Tune in to "Dog Talk Radio"
&
Call in with your questions.*



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DFL Elects 2010-2011 Board of Directors and sets Goals

At its May 2010 Annual Meeting DFL Directors elected the following members: Serving on the Executive Committee are: Re-elected Al Turner as President and Sharon Marshall as Vice President. Director Kelli Beal was elected as Treasurer. Re-elected to serve as Directors are: Eleanor Bengyak, Tom Lowther, Karen Mann, and newly elected Darrell Horn, DVM.

Approved Programs included Staff Development. Kelli Beal was hired as part time fund development assistant and joins Debbie Burton as part time office assistant. Additional part time assistance dog trainers will be hired to join Patti Schell in training assistance dogs. All join Shelly Ferger as DFL founder and full time executive director.

The 2010-2011 Fund Development Plan was approved that includes an outline for donor and dog park member solicitation to raise \$174,000 toward operating expenses which include the following programs: Assistance Dogs \$31,000; Community outreach \$18,734; Fundraising \$20,000; Administration \$43,922; Dog Park \$43,400; and Pet Assisted Therapy \$16,944.

Donor solicitation will occur with Annual Appeals on a quarterly basis with a year end appeal in December. Two fundraisers will be held annually; April 1, Be A Fool For DFL toward assistance dog training and October 23, The 9th Annual Howl-O-Ween Canine Costume Parade and Pet Expo toward dog park operations.

A Capital Campaign was approved toward a Training & Education Center at the dog park. This \$250,000 training center will include office space for staff and restrooms for dog park members. Dog Park Member and Honorary Board Member Mary Jane Hanley recently donated seed money toward this campaign.



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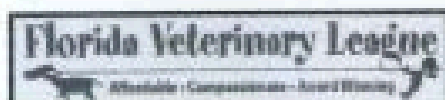
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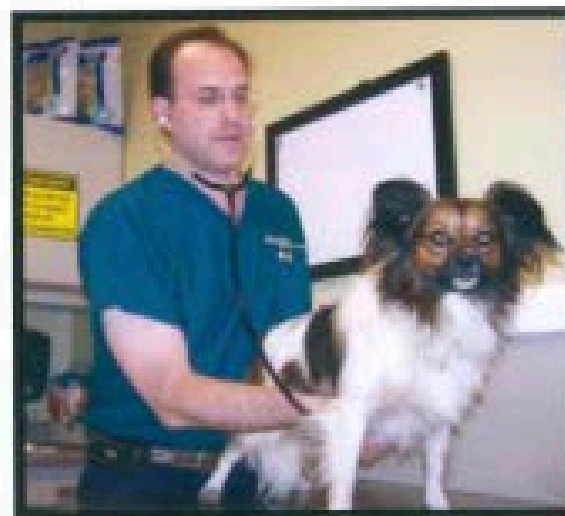


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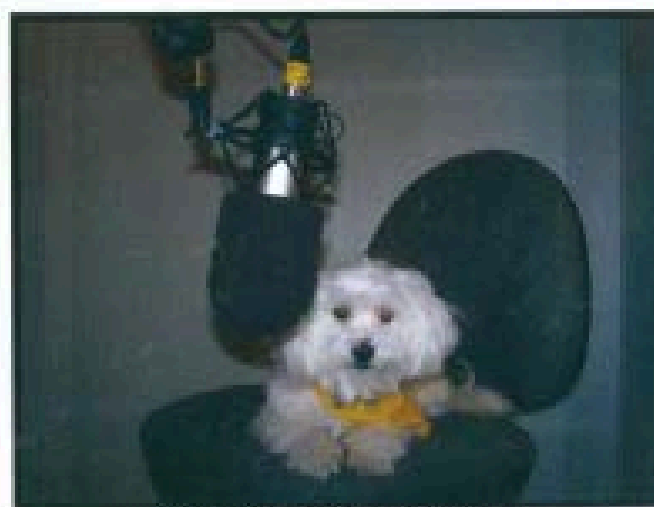
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Darrell Horn, DVM of Florida Veterinary League joins the DFL Board of Directors



Sunny prepares to be interviewed at NEWSRADIO 1490 WTTB "Dog Talk Radio"

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Learning state-wide

A group from the Association of Fundraising Professionals - Indian River County took a road trip to the Boca Raton Resort & Club in June to attend the Florida Caucus of Fundraising Professionals Annual Planet Philanthropy Conference. Participants included Pamela Smith Arnone, Dennis Bartholomew, Kerry Bartlett, Clair Brunetti, Maureen Capp, Connie Cotherman, Cecelia DeFilippis, Linda Downey, Shelly Ferger, Barbara Schlitt Ford, Richard Johnson, Carol Kanarek, Michelle King, Robert Lamont, Phil Long, Ann Marie McCrystal, Lenora Ritchie, Tracey Segal, Beverly Smith and Freddie Woolfork. Our very own Kerry and Lenora played key roles in organizing portions of the event. Visit www.afpindianriver.afpnet.org.

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Fundraising pros attend conference

BY CYNTHIA FALARDEAU
YourNews contributor

The Association of Fundraising Professionals in Indian River County was well represented at the Florida Caucus of Fundraising Professionals' annual conference in Boca Raton.

These professional fundraisers attended:

Pamela Smith Arnone, Youth Guidance Mentoring; Dennis Bartholomew, Sun-Up Center; Kerry Bartlett, Indian River Community Foundation; Clair Brunetti, United Way of IRC; Maureen Capp, Palm Beach State College; Connie Cotherman, Humane Society of VB & IRC; Cecelia DeFilippis, Treasure Coast Food Bank; Linda Downey, Riverside Children's Theatre;

Shelly Ferger, Dogs for Life; Barbara Schlitt Ford, Youth Guidance; Richard Johnson, VNA and Hospice Foundation; Carol Kanarek, VNA and Hospice Foundation; Michelle King, Planned Parenthood of SF and TC; Robert Lamont, Gifford Youth Activity Center; Phil Long, VNA and Hospice Foundation; Ann Marie McCrystal, VNA and Hospice Foundation; Lenora Ritchie, The McCabe Foundation; Tracey Segal, Samaritan Center; Beverly Smith, VNA and Hospice Foundation; and Freddie Woolfork, Gifford Youth Activity Center.

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Locals attend Fundraising Professionals caucus

The Association of Fundraising Professionals of Indian River County was well represented at the Florida Caucus of Fundraising Professionals Annual Planet Philanthropy Conference. The statewide event was June 20-22 at the Boca Raton Resort and Club.

The following professional fundraisers attended the workshops:

- Pamela Smith Arnone, Youth Guidance Mentoring
- Dennis Bartholomew, Sun-Up Center
- Kerry Bartlett, Indian River Community Foundation
- Clair Brunetti, United Way of IRC
- Maureen Capp, Palm Beach State College
- Connie Cotherman, Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County
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- Beverly Smith, VNA and Hospice Foundation

- Freddie Woolfork, Gifford Youth Activity Center

In addition, Bartlett and Ritchie were co-track deans for Private, Family and Community Foundation Giving. This was the first year this track was offered at Planet Philanthropy. Bartlett and Ritchie coordinated local, regional and national speakers for eight sessions over the two-day conference.

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) represents more than 30,000 members in 206 chapters throughout the world, working to advance philanthropy through advocacy, research, education and certification programs. The association fosters development and growth of fundraising professionals and promotes high ethical standards in the fundraising profession.

4-H Agility Course

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Jumps, balance and teeter-tottlers par for the agility course

By Debbie Cannon • Max • 6, 2010, 4:18pm

VERO BEACH — Pups young and old took to the Dogs For Life agility course Saturday as a fund-raiser for the Indian River County 4-H.

Caylin Rose proved an "old" dog can learn new tricks, while Max Miller and Kasey Murphy also showed their youngsters could weave the poles and walk the dog walk with the best of them.

"I was happy with the run," 13-year-old Caylin said of 8-year-old Lou's initial run through the course. "I was a little nervous" with the tunnel, she added.

Caylin said that the agility event Saturday served more as practice and training than as competition for her and her fellow 4-H members. They plan on competing at the Indian River County Fair, so they need to prepare.

Shelly Farger, executive director of Dogs For Life, ran the show, commenting on the dogs as they jumped, weaved, balanced, climbed, and teeter-tottered.

"This could be a little scary," Farger told the audience as Kasey's 4-year-old Welsh Corgi, Toby Mac, approached the teeter-totter.

Toby Mac sniffed the board and stepped on with 13-year-old Kasey's encouragement and trials. At the tipping point, he stopped and hung suspended in the air for a moment before the board returned to the ground.

Toby Mac ran the remainder of the course and just as he finished, broke free from Kasey and ran for the water bowl.

Max's 4-year-old Max, a beamer mix, took to the course with ease, getting hung up for a few moments on the tunnel when his leash got snagged on the support structure.

"This one, he did great," 13-year-old Max said of the run, despite the tunnel mishap.

Max said he had expected his dog to balk at the teeter-totter but the pup's confidence pulled him through.

Kasey, too, thought Toby Mac would have a problem with one of the obstacles — the elevated dog walk, explaining that he had recently taken off it, hurting his confidence.

"I just give him praise," Kasey said, "lots of praise."

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4-H plans Dog Masters Club meeting for youths on Sept. 15

Youths ages 8 through 18 are invited to attend an Indian River County 4-H Dog Masters Club meeting at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 15 at the Indian River County Extension Office, 1028 20th Place, Suite D, Vero Beach.

Dogs are not invited to the meeting, but will be allowed to attend a future meeting. It is not necessary to own a dog to join the club.

Qualifying family dogs are used to teach basic obedience and proper care, including grooming and nutritional needs.

For additional information or to register, contact Shelly Farger at (772) 567-8969 or Violet Krochmalny at (772) 770-5090, ext. 4.

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JUNE

In Memoriam

LAKE FOREST, ILL.

Donald Davidson

Donald Bruce Davidson, 75, died June 22, 2010, in Lake Forest.

He was born in Chicago and lived in Vero Beach and Lake Forest.

Before retirement, he was an executive vice president from 1994 to 2005 at Aon Corp. He worked at Marsh McLennan Insurance Co. from 1957 to 1994, where he became one of the company's first managing directors.

He was a 1953 graduate of New Trier High School in Winnetka, Ill., where he was captain of the basketball team and a 1957 graduate of Princeton University, where he also was captain of the basketball team. He received a master's of business administration from the University of Chicago.

He served on the boards of the Chicago Youth Centers, Lake Forest High School Board of Education and Chicago Anti-Cruelty Society and was director of the Western Golf Association from 1986 to 1998. He was a life trustee of Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital.

He was a member of the U.S. Seniors' Golf Association. He served as Midwest membership chairman beginning in 1997 and became national membership chairman in 2004. He also served on the board of governors from 2002 to 2010.

He was president of the

Shoreacres Club in Lake Bluff, Ill., from 1996 to 1999 the Old Elm Club in Highland Park, Ill., from 2007 to 2009, and was the current president of the Old Elm Scholarship Foundation. He was also the current president of the Riomar Country Club in Vero Beach.

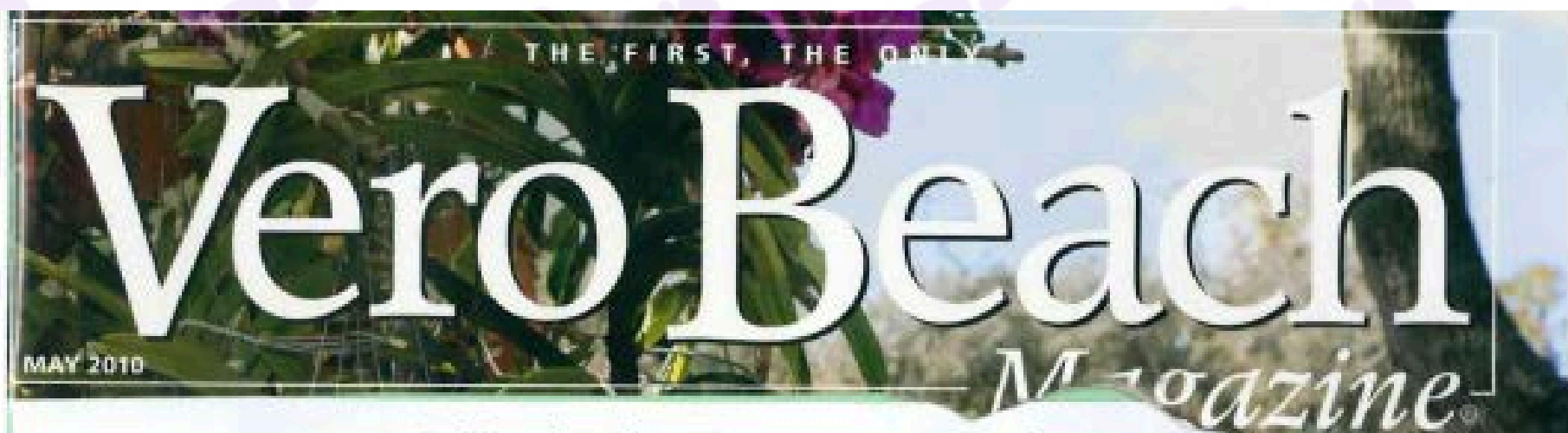
Survivors include his wife Sherrie; daughters, Anne Rippel and Lynda Crowell; stepdaughter, Heather Geismann; stepson Bill Davidson; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Joyce Gibbons.

Memorial contributions may be made to Dogs For Life (Dog Park Memorial Garden), P.O. Box 650023, Vero Beach, FL, 32965.

SERVICES: A memorial service was June 26 at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Lake Forest. Arrangements were by Wenban Funeral Home in Lake Forest.

Golf & Bridge Tournaments



Golf and Bridge Tournaments Benefit Dogs for Life



*Rud Reinhardt, Jean Kay, Bridge Chairman
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Dogs for Life held its *Golf & Bridge Tournaments*

February 16 at the Vero Beach Country Club. Golf tournament sponsors included Robert Bowman, Judy Bracken, Lewis Campbell, Lawrence Donley, John Feeney, Gold Coast Landscape Lighting, Sebastian Animal Hospital and Doug and Mary Jo Skeet.



*Gray Leven, Tom Kiernan, George Challis
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Dogs for Life earns accreditation

Dogs for Life, a nonprofit organization that trains assistance dogs for the disabled and provides pet-assisted therapy for people in need of comfort, recently earned accreditation with Assistance Dogs International. Assistance Dogs International sets standards for the worldwide assistance dog movement, facilitates communication and learning among organizations, and educates the public to the benefits of these programs.

Dogs for Life owns and manages a 4½-acre off-leash dog park at 12th Street and 16th Avenue. Park membership fees help off-set the cost of training hearing and service dogs and outreach programs such as dog training classes.

Park membership requires dogs to be inoculated, neutered and social. Annual membership fee is \$250, with the second dog from the same household, \$50. No local government funds are received.

Contact the Dogs for Life office at (772) 567-8868 or visit www.dogsforlifefvb.com for more information.

Service Dog Tips

Advice

Tips for interacting with service dogs

DEAR ABBY: I am 18, disabled, and work with a service dog. I would like to share tips on interacting with service dog owners.



**JEANNE
PHILLIPS**
DEAR ABBY

1. Not all service dogs are big dogs. I know several Chihuahuas who save their owners' lives with their medical alert tasks.

2. Not all disabilities are visible. Please don't ask, "What's wrong with you?" or, "What's your problem?"

3. There are many kinds of service dogs, not just guide dogs. Medical alert dogs help people with everything from epilepsy to diabetes to panic attacks. There also are autism service dogs, mobility dogs and hearing dogs.

4. Please do not pet my dog without asking me first. My dog wears a patch that says, "Do Not Pet." It's there for a reason. Please do not take it personally if we say no.

5. If a dog's handler seems ill, it's OK — even preferable — to ask if we are all right. I once had an episode and no fewer than two dozen people walked right past me while I sat on the floor.

Hoping to Help in Pennsylvania

DEAR HOPING TO HELP:

Thank you for an important letter. Many people fail to understand that when an assistance dog is out in public, the animal is working and should not be distracted from its task — which is ensuring the well-being of its owner.

Your last tip was the most important of all. If someone appears to be in trouble, it takes only a moment to do the right thing and make sure the person gets the help he or she needs. And that includes calling 911 if it's merited.

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Assistance Dogs International, Inc.

A non-profit coalition of organizations training Assistance Dogs

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Ms. Shelly Ferger
Executive Director
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P.O. Box 650023
Vero Beach, Florida 32965

Dear Ms. Ferger,

On behalf of Assistance Dogs International, I'm pleased to inform you that Dogs for Life, Inc. successfully met all the professional standards and requirements necessary to achieve full accreditation from Assistance Dogs International. You may use this letter as your official accreditation notification and duplicate it to share with others in the course of your agency's business.

ADI Assessor Clark Pappas conducted your organization's accreditation on February 9-10, 2010 at your location in Vero Beach, Florida. In accordance with ADI standards, your accreditation will be in effect for five full years. Your next accreditation review will take place in February, 2015.

ADI full accreditation represents a significant achievement for the staff and management of Dogs for Life, Inc. It is indicative of your organization's strong commitment to upholding the highest professional standards of excellence within the Assistance Dog Industry. Congratulations once again on this important achievement.

Sincerely,

Peter Gorring
President
Assistance Dogs International

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J.J. Schumann (1898-1989)

J.J. Schumann Jr., publisher emeritus

YOUR VIEW

CANINES

There's good reason for no dog-beach parks

We love dogs, so I take issue with your reader, Richard Lee ("No dog beach! Is city run by dog haters, or what?" April 17).

First, there is a dog park in Vero Beach, close to the marina and the river. Indian River County takes pride in its beaches, and our beaches are clean. His accusation about dog haters is patently untrue.

I am assuming that Mr. Lee picks up the droppings of his dogs; unfortunately not every dog owner does. Our beaches are public — free and for everyone. We do not have exclusive-use beaches; instead we have dog parks.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency deems pet waste a "non-point source of pollution," which puts dog waste in the same category as oil and toxic chemicals! As much as 167,530 pounds, or 84 tons, of dog feces are left on the ground every day in the five-county area of the Indian River Lagoon. When left uncollected or improperly disposed of, pet waste contaminates our groundwater and the lagoon with bacteria, viruses and excessive nutrients.

I am curious where Mr. Lee walks his dogs in Batavia, Ohio, where he lives. I am familiar with the area and I submit our beaches in Indian River County exceed the river beaches there — and we want to keep it that way.

Also, Sebastian has a new dog park, purposely 3-4 miles from the lagoon. That notwithstanding, we welcome Mr. Lee to Indian River County, and also his dogs.

Frank Mina
Sebastian

Dogs for Life Inc. has perfect canine park

I read with chagrin Richard Lee's letter, in which he refers to "the city's anti-dog ordinances for city parks and all beaches." He adds that "the city appears to be run by dog-haters." Perhaps Mr. Lee is not aware of the cost involved in monitoring dog-friendly areas; surely he does not expect the taxpayers to support his desire to exercise his dogs "while enjoying the beautiful environment."

Mr. Lee also states, "Apparently, there is a dog park inland that costs about \$250 a year. Our research has found this is not a very popular dog park, and I can see why."

If Mr. Lee paid for this research, he ought to demand a refund! A cursory search would have revealed the Dogs for Life Inc. Dog Park at 12th Street and 16th Avenue. This is a 4.5-acre, beautifully landscaped and maintained park with plenty of play areas for the dogs and walking paths for humans. There are water fountains, tables, chairs, many pickup stations and lovely old trees. The park has been upgraded and is divided into areas for small dogs, large dogs, a memorial park and an academy area.

With a membership of 247 dogs, the popularity of the park is obvious, and at less than 70 cents per day it is a bargain! The physical plant is not the only reason for this park's popularity. It is managed with discipline and love. Dogs are temperament-tested before acceptance, the members are encouraged to supervise their dogs, and there are few infractions of the rules. Those that do occur are addressed.

What more do you want in a dog park, Mr. Lee?

Patricia Scott
Vero Beach

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I read with chagrin Mr. Richard Lee's whining letter in which he refers to "the city's anti-dog ordinances for city parks and all beaches". He further adds that "the city appears to be run by dog-haters". Perhaps Mr. Lee is not aware of the cost involved in monitoring dog friendly areas; surely he does not expect the taxpayers to support his desire to exercise his dogs "while enjoying the beautiful environment".

Mr. Lee further states "Apparently, there is a dog park inland that costs about \$250 a year.

Our research has found this is not a very popular dog park, and I can see why".

If Mr. Lee paid for this research, he ought to demand a refund! A cursory search would have immediately revealed the existence of the Dogs for Life, Inc. Dog Park on the corner of 12th Street and 16th Avenue. This is a 4 1/2 acre beautifully landscaped and maintained park with plenty of play areas for the dogs and walking paths for their humans. There are water fountains, tables and chairs, many pickup stations and lovely old trees. The park has recently been upgraded and is divided into areas for small dogs, large dogs, a memorial park and an academy area. The popularity of the park is obvious when you see the number of cars in the parking lot on a regular basis, and at less than 70 cents per day, it is a bargain!

The physical plant is not the only reason for this park's popularity. It is managed with discipline and love. Dogs are temperament- tested before acceptance into membership, the members are encouraged to supervise their dogs while at the park, and there are very few infractions of the rules. Those that do occur are immediately addressed. Mr. Lee or anyone interested in a beautiful dog park experience can get more information from the Dogs for Life, Inc. web site

www.dogsforlifevb.com/

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YOUR VIEW

RECREATION

Sebastian Dog Park: tragedy in the making

Weeks ago, my son and I took our dog, Tyson, to the Sebastian Dog Park just to see what it was all about.

It had been raining for a couple of days and it was obvious that the geniuses who planned this facility gave no thought to drainage, because the place was a giant muck pit.

There are two sections — one for smaller dogs and one for the large ones — but owners of small dogs must enter into the large dog area to get to the small dog area. I'd like to know who came up with that design. Have you ever been carrying a small dog when a large one came charging at you? It can get ugly.

When we arrived, two pit bulls were about to enter the fenced-in area and, as a former professional dog trainer, I could see that one, which weighed more than 100 pounds and wasn't neutered, was going to be a problem.

We decided not to enter the fenced-in area and walked Tyson around the lake instead. Two minutes later, the "Alpha" dog had the other pit bull pinned to the ground. The owner of the top dog found it quite amusing while the owner of the other dog frantically tried to get the dog to release its grip.

It is only a matter of time before some poor dog, and/or its owner, is injured or maimed because they automatically assumed that it was safe to enter this facility. I can just hear the response now: "I thought it was safe because everyone said it was!"

The Sebastian Dog Park is not only unsafe, it is a liability of monumental proportions. I only hope it gets closed down before someone and their pet is seriously injured or killed.

Dale F. Doelling
Sebastian

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YOUR VIEW

DOG PARKS

Committed to meeting challenges of community

This letter is in response to Dale F. Doelling's letter concerning dangerous dogs at the Sebastian Dog Park.

Most dog parks fail due to their success. Overuse causes wear and tear, as well as too many dogs in a too-small municipality-allotted space.

The Sebastian grassroots group had many challenges to establish a dog park in their community, as our group did 12 years ago.

Dogs have an inherited hierarchy when it comes to "alpha and omega" structure within the "pack." Naturally, some dogs are more dominant than others. Dog behavior, pack structure, and dog communication are all important for owners to recognize before conflicts begin.

Overbreeding, lack of appropriate social exposure or lack of neutering may result in the dog's inability to socialize properly. Some breeds are naturally more likely to exhibit dominant behavior, although breed behavior also can be noncharacteristic.

The motto at Dogs For Life (a non-profit with nominal membership fee required, 200 members and a 4 1/4-acre off-leash dog park) is to "keep the people happy." Dogs must be inoculated, neutered and social. "People rule" and dog behavior education is why parks are successful.

Dogs or owners with bully-type behavior cause people to be afraid to enter a dog park. Enforcement of dog park rules maintains a fun and social atmosphere for people and dogs.

Shelly Fergar
executive director
Dogs For Life
Vero Beach

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SEBASTIAN

City government has no business at dog park

The main (albeit edited) purpose of my Jan. 21 letter about the Sebastian Dog Park was to show that, unlike Vero Beach's membership dog park, where dog owners pay a fee to gain access to a privately owned park that is maintained by its members, the City Council in Sebastian decided that the better choice was to build a city-owned park that is maintained, at taxpayer expense, by the city.

We don't pay taxes in Sebastian to have the city squander our local tax dollars to appease every special-interest group known to man. We pay taxes in order for the city to provide basic and necessary public services.

If dog lovers, of which I consider myself one, want a dog park, then do like the intelligent folks of Vero did. Get off your duffs, raise the money and build one. If the Sebastian City Council is trying to emulate the federal government, it's doing a really fine job. From my point of view, the dog park is just another example of government run amok.

Dale F. Doelling
Sebastian

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"Fool for Dogs for Life" gala to benefit Dogs for Life, Inc. 6 p.m. Enjoy cocktails under the stars, silent auction and dinner. Maison Martinique & Caribbean Court Hotel, Vero Beach. \$150 per person. 772-567-8969

Fool for Dogs!

Shelly Ferger tells Luminaries Dogs For Life, Inc. is holding its gala fundraiser at Vero Beach's Maison Martinique & Caribbean Court Hotel at 6 p.m. on April 1. The theme is "Become a Fool for Dogs For Life." The event features cocktails under the stars, a gourmet four-course dinner, a silent auction of distinctive items and a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$150 per person and available by calling (772) 567-8969 or visit www.dogsforlifefvb.com.

THURSDAY

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NEW LISTINGS

Benefits/Fundraisers

Fundraisers: Maison Martinique and Caribbean Court Hotel, 1601 South Ocean Drive, Vero Beach, 6 p.m., \$150; benefits Dogs For Life. Reservations: (772) 567-8969; dogsforlifefvb.com.

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Fool around for dogs

For April Fool's Day, become a "Fool for Dogs for Life" at a fundraiser by the same name Thursday at Maison Martinique and Caribbean Court Hotel, 1601 S. Ocean Drive in Vero Beach. Cocktails, a raffle and silent auction begin at 6 p.m., with a four-course dinner at 7. Cost is \$150, with proceeds benefiting Dogs For Life, a nonprofit that provides training assistance and therapy dogs and operates an off-leash dog park. For information, call (772) 567-8969 or check out dogsforlifefvb.com.

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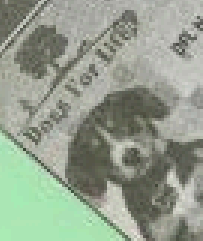
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR NEW LISTINGS

VERO BEACH Dogs For Life fundraiser set

Dogs For Life Inc. is conducting a fundraiser at Vero Beach's Maison Martinique and Caribbean Court Hotel at 1601 S. Ocean Drive, April 1.

Tickets are \$150 per person. The theme is Become a Fool for Dogs For Life while enjoying cocktails under the stars, a silent auction of distinctive items and a 50/50 raffle.

The event begins at 6 p.m. Guests will be served a gourmet four-course dinner.

For reservations or to learn more about Dogs For Life and to sponsor hearing and service dog training

call (772) 567-8969 or visit dogsforlifefvb.com

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FEBRUARY

Golf & Bridge Tournament

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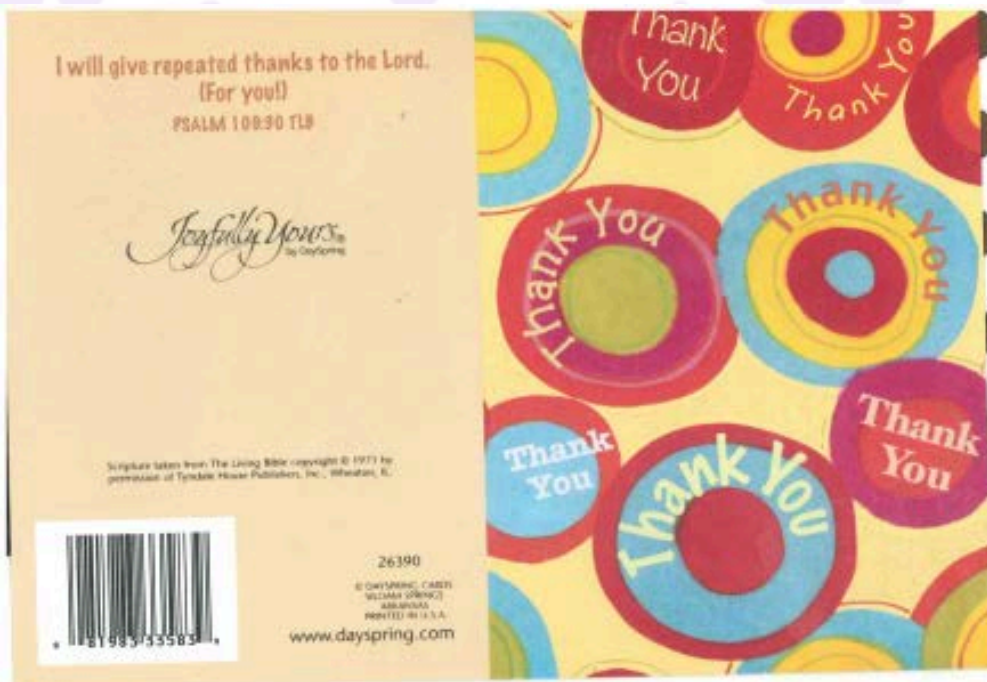
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Dogs For Life
Invites the public to its 2nd Annual Golf & Bridge Tournaments at the Vero Beach Country Club on Tuesday February 16 at 1:00 PM.
DFL is a non-profit organization devoted to improving the quality of life for people and dogs through training assistance dogs, pet assistance therapy dogs, and owning and operating an off-leash dog park.
Golf Tournament \$125, (\$40) tax deductible
Bridge Tournament \$75, (\$55) tax deductible
Sponsorships Still Available \$125 - \$5,000.
Many prizes available! Complimentary Hors D'oeuvres by Executive Chef Bruce Meier at 5:30.
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For additional information contact DFL office at 772-567-8969
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2nd Annual Combination Golf & Bridge Tournament to benefit Dogs for Life. Vero Beach Country Club. 772-567-8969



Hi Shelly,
Thank you very much
for the Military Dog Discount!
I know Andrea + Nelson
will appreciate it as
much or more than
their pups appreciate
our beautiful Dog Park!
Karen Twitchell

Shelly,

Just wanted to give you a little something to
show our appreciate to you for all you have done for
us. We truly appreciate it and look forward to being
able to assist more.

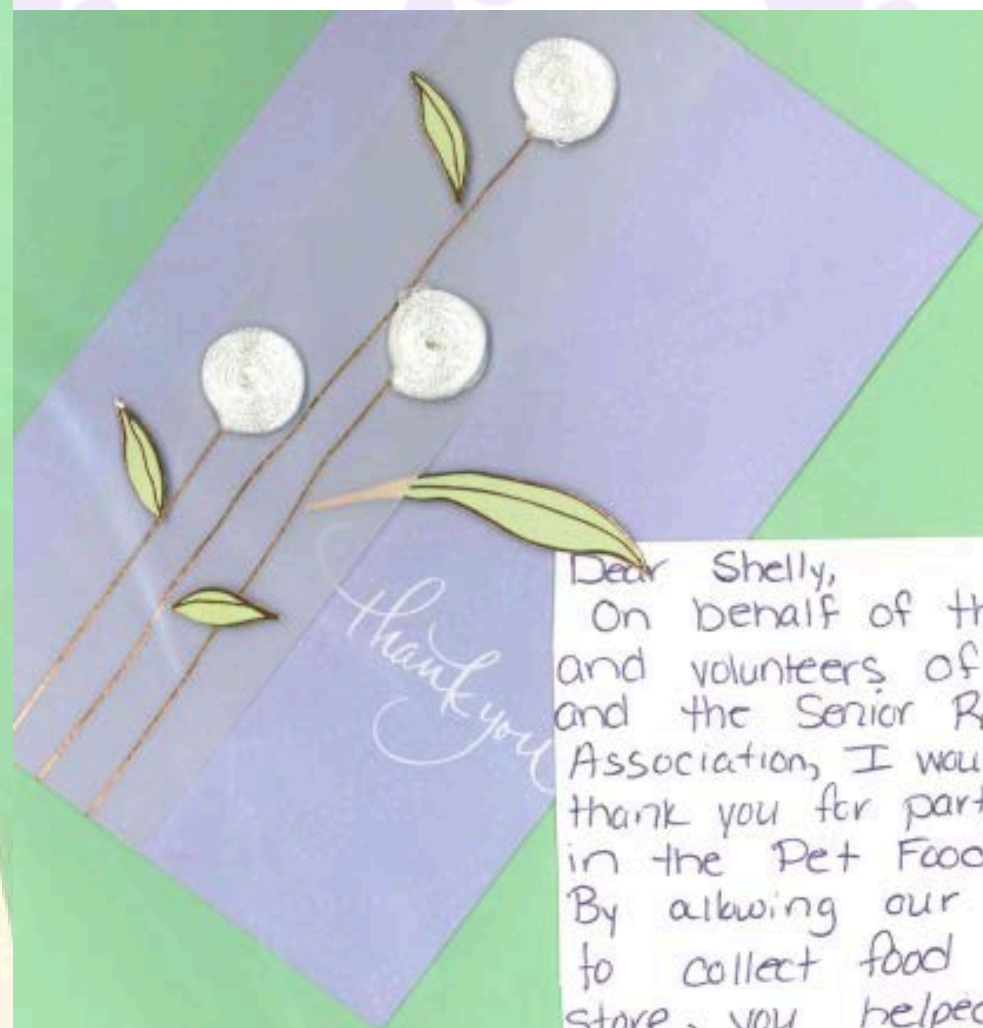
Thank you,
Jimmy, Dawn, Paula
& Brittany Taylor



February 5, 2010

Enclosed is my check for
\$300.00 to renew my membership
for Sidney + Maggie.
Thanks for a great park.

Sherry Warrell
gate code 8021



Dear Shelly,
On behalf of the staff
and volunteers of RSVP
and the Senior Resource
Association, I would like to
thank you for participating
in the Pet Food Drive.
By allowing our volunteers
to collect food at your
store, you helped us
collect more than 700
pounds of food. Volunteers
delivered food to 66
Seniors on MLK Day!
Thank you for you + for
generously supporting our
Cause.

Sincerely,
Sara Bumgarner
RSVP Director

2/28/10
 Dear "Dogs For Life,"
 My words cannot adequately
 express the deep feeling of
 appreciation I have for Shelly
 and "Dogs For Life, Inc" in the
 care they gave to my beloved
 Duke throughout the years!
 Shelly taught him so much!
 And he adored her

Dear Shelly
 Thank you so very much
 for making a donation to "Dogs
 For Life, inc" in memory of our
 beloved Duke. How kind of
 you.
 It is such a comfort for
 me to know that Duke's "spirit"

2.
 It has been, since he passed
 away, six weeks.
 How kind of "Dogs For Life"
 to send me flowers at the time
 of his passing. It was such a
 comfort. Thank you.
 And now Duke has a
 memorial bone in the D.F.L.
 Memorial Garden. I am so
 very grateful.

"is alive" together with "Poco,
 "Sabrina" and others helping
 Dogs in the "Dogs For Life"
 Programs!

It is a wonderful
 feeling to know that he will
 always be there helping in
 some way. Much Love
 Ruthie "ever"

3.
 Again - Thank you, thank
 you.
 "Dogs For Life, Inc" and The
 D.F.L. "Off-Leash" Dog Park will always
 have a special place in my
 heart.
 Love,
 Ruth E. Hopkins

I miss you.
 I was so touched by your
 thoughtfulness, Shelly!
 You have always been there
 for "Duke" and "me" even
 when you are "busy, busy!!"
 Robby and I so much
 appreciate it!!
 Love,
 Ruthie

PS - 3/9/10
 The time ran away
 from me. I am
 sorry to be so
 late with my note.

PS The time ran
 away from me.
 I am so sorry
 for being late
 with this note! Love - Ruthie



thank
 you

7.27.10
 DEAR Shelly,
 Thank-you so much
 For helping Boo & myself
 get the MEMBERSHIP TO THE
 PARK. WE ARE going To
 HAVE A GREAT YEAR -
 IF I CAN HELP - PLS
 CALL ME 299-7062.
 Lottie & Boo
 CUMBERLAND



Coast Equine
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 Indian River County
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JANUARY

Annual Meeting

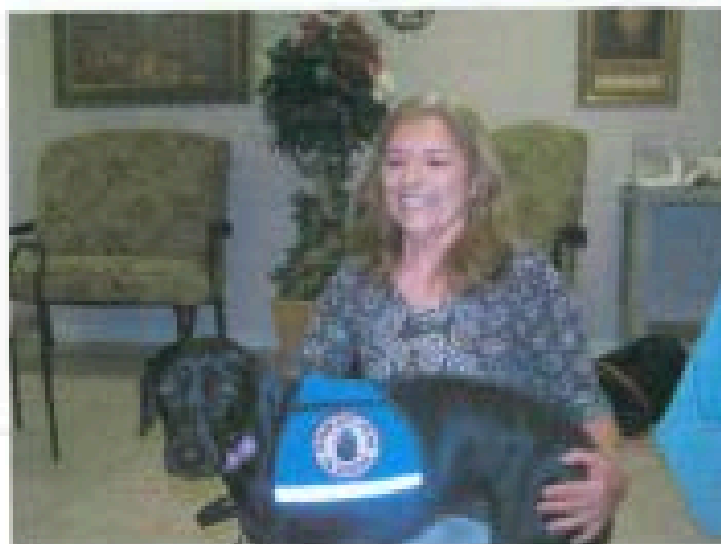


DFL/ARC Work Day

DFL/ARC - Work Day at the Off-Leash Dog Park



DFL
Assistance Dog Certification Party
Norine & Abby



Companions Needed

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Indian River County



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& RED CARPETS
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Indian River County

Dog companions needed
Dogs For Life, Inc. is looking for volunteers with friendly dogs to participate in its Pet Assisted Therapy Program, which provides comfort to adults and children experiencing post traumatic stress, depression or loneliness. For more, call (772) 567-8969 and visit www.dogsforlifevb.com.

Jan. 9 pet food drive for local seniors needs donations

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Sometimes a pet is a senior's only companion.

If they are unable to get to the store to buy pet food, or cannot afford it, they may share their own meals with their pets.

The Senior Resource Association and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program is hosting a Pet Food Drive for seniors on Jan. 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers will deliver the food donations to seniors to mark the Martin Luther King Day of Service on Jan. 18.

Your donation of pet food can help assure that no senior or their pet will go hungry.

Locations accepting donations:

Cindi's Pet Center, U.S. 1 and 8th Street in Vero Beach;

Village Pet Shop, 964 12th St., Vero Beach;

Dogs for Life Off-Leash Dog Park, 12th Street and 16th Avenue in Vero Beach;

Scooter's Barkery, 8802 U.S. 1 in Wabasso Plaza;

Bark Avenue, 435 Sebastian Blvd., Sebastian.

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AMA Rx



The AMA Rx

January 2010

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AMA Rescue at Work



Shelly and Sunny, aka Buddy

Buddy, estimated to be age 2, was thrown out on the streets of Atlanta along with a 6-year-old female. They were malnourished, full of fleas, burrs, dirty and matted down to the skin. A lady appropriately named Charity who does Pom Rescue in Atlanta ended up with them and contacted AMA.

They were then taken to the vet in Atlanta and cleaned up, given shots, took care of the fleas and worms, microchipped and we had the male neutered. The female was in heat so we had her spayed here after her heat was over.

We tried for two weeks to get them road transported here but just couldn't make it work. Even with Charity and myself driving many hours, we could not pick up transport in the middle.

Then an angel with wings who heard about them contacted Charity and after work on Friday night he flew to Atlanta and picked them up and flew back to his home in Jacksonville. Saturday morning he flew them here to West Palm Beach. These poor, abused, neglected and starving little ones were being flown around in a private plane!! And boy did they deserve it!!!

Mark is our foster home on Ft. Lauderdale and he met us and took the two little ones home to foster. He says it makes him feel complete to feel like he is doing something so worthwhile. Thank heavens for the selfless people who foster!!!

After some tender loving care with Mark, Buddy was finally ready for his Forever Home. He was fortunate to be young and a love muffin (giving many, many kisses) and we had a choice of five homes for him. Shelly was chosen because she is a dog trainer and knows more than the average about taking care of this sweet little one. She is already in love with him! She renamed him Sir Georgia Sunshine, aka "Sunny."

We still have what the vet thinks is his mother, but she is still very frightened of loud noises but she's doing better every week. We will be looking for a very special home for her soon, one without small children and loud noises.

Thank you to everyone who helps by being rescue reps, fostering and donating to the AMA Rescue. Because of you, Buddy has a very happy ending.

Sincerely,
Jeanneane Kutsukos
AMA Rescue, East Coast

More photos of Sunny on Page 9

Calendar

Saturday, February 6
AKC/Eukanuba National Championship airs on Animal Planet and simulcast on Discovery Channel 8-11 p.m.

Monday, February 13
AKC National Agility Championship will be televised on Animal Planet at 8 p.m.

Monday & Tuesday, February 15-16
Westminster Kennel Club 134th Annual Dog Show will be televised on USA Network.

May 6 through 9
AMA National Specialty, Hilton Atlanta Airport Hotel. See inserts in this newsletter for more information.

Deadline for next Rx:
February 15

Thank you for your gifts, flowers and cards. They were appreciated and made my day. My stroke affected my whole right side, making it impossible to get my usual Christmas greetings out. Wishing you all the best of health and a successful 2010.

— Mary Oliver

Condolences

Our thoughts are with Linda Campbell and her family on the death of her husband Robert.



Access Rights in Spain

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ADI Newsletter

Assistance Dogs International
Setting Standards for the Assistance Dog Industry since 1987

By Barbara Yoreash
Dogs for Life, Florida, U.S.A.

ACCESS RIGHTS EXPAND IN SPAIN

It's amazing what a pint-sized Hearing Dog and a determined owner can accomplish on the international scene. Vero Beach resident Beth Sexton and her year-old Assistance Dog Tigger recently became the catalysts for change to the Service Dog access laws in Spain. Thanks to Beth and Tigger, Spanish laws are changing regarding access to public places for people with Service Dogs.

Beth and Tigger, a toy Poodle, learned assistance skills through training from Dogs for Life, Inc. which, since 2002, has trained more than 40 Hearing and Service Dogs in Indian River County and has certified 20 dogs. Dogs for Life, Inc. also assists disabled people throughout America and now Spain with information about training Assistance Dogs in their homes.

Beth, who is almost totally deaf as a result of an illness in her late 30s, previously owned an Assistance Dog named Bandit. In 1998, she and Bandit made a trip to Spain where Beth previously lived and found that Assistance Dogs and their owners were denied access to many public places as well as the famed Prado Museum in Madrid.



During that visit, Beth and Bandit appeared on Spanish television and conducted an educational seminar for Spanish government officials to promote the need for Assistance Dogs. Although there were some Assistance Dogs for the visually impaired in Spain, dogs to help the hearing impaired were virtually unknown.

Since that visit, some Spanish provinces have improved accommodations for Assistance Dogs, but like much of Europe, there has been an unfortunate lack of regard for the needs of citizens and visitors with disabilities.

During her most recent trip in April, Beth and Tigger appeared on a popular prime-time television show in Madrid. During the

show, Beth related the difficulties she and Bandit had encountered during her trip in 1998. She also explained the role Hearing Dogs play and the need for Service Dog access rights.

In a somewhat bold yet necessary challenge, Beth noted to the program host that the outlying provinces had made better advances toward Service Dog access than had Madrid.

"I was quite vocal about Service Dog access rights and asked the announcer if it didn't make him feel somewhat ashamed that Madrid was behind the hinterlands in changing their laws," Beth said.

The show host concurred and ended the program by promising to follow up and see if Beth and Tigger could visit the Prado this time. Happily, they did. The next day, Beth was interviewed on radio and repeated her plea for improved Assistance Dog laws.

Through her contacts with the Spanish Assistance Dogs Association, Beth gained their support in petitioning the government for special access papers for Tigger and herself during their visit. The association trained the sole Hearing Dog in all of Spain and told Beth that due to lack of awareness for the need for Assistance Dogs, there has been no demand for laws to be changed.

Upon her return back home, Beth received an email from the association indicating that the Spanish government wants to change the laws and will work in collaboration with the association to do so. Through Beth and Tigger's dedicated efforts, Hearing Dogs and Service Dog access rights in Spain will become a reality, thereby enriching the lives of those who need them.

For more information, contact Shelly Ferger at (772) 567-8969 or visit online at www.dogsforlifefvb.com.



Beth & her Hearing Dog, Tigger, during their Spanish radio interview

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For Barbara Yoresh (Dogs for Life, Florida, U.S.A.) and Shelly Ferger

Dear Barbara Yoresh and Shelly Ferger,

My name is Cristina Muro, I am writting you on behalf of the Spanish and Bask Association of Assistance Dogs (AEPA and AEPA-Euskadi) concerning your article "Access rights expand in Spain" appeared in the ADI Newsletter VOL 22, Issue 1.

We are very happy to see that you are very interested in laws concerning rights for assistance dogs users in Spain and we wish to tell you that our associations have been fighting for ten years to get laws in Spain and that we have got several laws:

Galicia in 2003

Basque Country in 2007

Catalunia in 2009

Besides our work an other association, Arcadys, got the law in Valencia in 2003.

You can check the updated situation of the laws and the official texts in: <http://www.aepa-euskadi.org/leyes.htm>

Our associates have also been developping a big work asking for access rights in their own cities or communities. This work has helped a lot of people and has made that assistance dogs are well accepted generally even if some communities still don't have laws. This is the situation of Madrid, that has not developped any law even if we have worked very hard for this since 2000.

That's why the help of Beth Sexton and all the people that during these years have given us their support is so important as you mention in your article. We were very happy to welcome her and her dog to Madrid and AEPA-Madrid could offer her their friendship, as well as we use to do with all the ADI members that during all the last years have made contact with us to translate their ID Cards, to help them with travel or accomodation or to get information about laws in Spain.

Finally we are also happy to tell you that the Bask Association of Assistance Dogs (AEPA-Euskadi) is the only assistance dogs association in Spain (together with the ONCE Foundation for guide dogs) that can officially certify assistance dog.

<http://www.aepa-euskadi.org/reglamento-ley-bizkaia-en.htm>

Best regards,
Cristina Muro
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