



Baldy View Dog Park

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President's Message

We Need Your Help...Let's Make This Park Great Together!

As many of you know the Baldy View Dog Park is maintained by volunteers who serve on the board of directors and various committees. These same people and our loyal park members give their time and generous donations to keep the park moving in a positive direction. Nearly a year ago there was a call for "new blood" to help the cause, many stepped up, however, nine months later, only 6 remain.

We have accomplished a lot over the past nine months, but it is not easy. As time goes by peoples lives pull them in different directions and with so few people contributing to the park currently, we are in great need of your help.

We are involved with monthly board meetings, event planning, a bi-monthly newsletter and accounting of all donations . We

have monthly park clean up days, maintain the park website (baldyviewdogpark.com) and also coordinate other related events like our Pet CPR class that we offered in June and again in July.

We all have jobs and family that need us like you do, we only hope that a few more of you can find a little time in your busy day to lend us a hand. We can not do it alone and together we can make the park an even better place for us all to enjoy now and into the future.

If your interested, please email us or pull us aside when you see us at the park or at an event. We would love to talk to you about how you can become more involved with this great park.

Best Regards,

Sean Smith—BVDP President

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Summer Splash

Support the Baldy View Dog Park by visiting us on **July 15, 2007** at Summer Splash. The event will begin at 11:00am and will conclude with our raffle at 3:00pm. Stay cool under the shade of the dog park trees and visit our vendors that are traveling from all over So Cal to visit our park. Participate in the Surfer Dude and Surfer Betty contest; dress your doggie up in summer gear and you could win a prize at the BVDP contest. Take doggie pictures at our photo booth, with the backdrop of a surfers paradise. Enjoy a summer day at the always cool and shady Baldy View Dog Park.

Assembly Bill 1634 - The California Healthy Pets Act Controversy By: Jennifer Schmidgall

There is much controversy surrounding the proposed law imposing mandatory spay and neutering in the state of California. Assembly Bill 1634 (AB 1634), better known as the "California Healthy Pets Act" would be the first law of this nature in the nation and is pending to become operative on April 1, 2008. The intent of this article is to neither endorse nor oppose AB 1634 but rather to present arguments of both opponents and proponents.

AB 1634 was initially drafted based on the growing concerns of pet overpopulation and to particularly address the financial impact on taxpayers and animal shelters. According to The California Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA), nearly one million animals enter California shelters every year at an average annual cost of \$275 million. In addition, more than 51% of these animals are destroyed. Pet overpopulation continues to perplex the veterinary and shelter communities and many feel that while AB 1634 has not been perfected, it is a step in the right direction to resolving the problem.

What is AB 1634? This bill would prohibit any person in the state of California from owning or possessing any cat or dog over 4 months of age that has not been spayed or neutered, unless they possess a permit. Specific parameters for obtaining a permit are identified within the bill but include working dogs, show dogs, purebred animals approved for breeding, and animals that have been deemed unfit as surgical candidates by a licensed California veterinarian. Any person found in violation of the code will be subject to a \$500 civil penalty for each animal.

What do the supporters say?

- As previously mentioned, one of the main incentives for the proposed bill is to address the number of homeless and stray animals that enter shelters who may be euthanized. One of the key components of the bill suggests that, not only would there be fewer animals euthanized each year, but that there would ultimately be savings to taxpayers.
- Many local jurisdictions are developing their own ordi-

nances at increasing rates. The CVMA has opted to support the bill because they believe it would be better to have the veterinary community involved in the development of a statewide law.

- Some supporters believe that mandatory spay and neutering will reduce the number of stray animals resulting in safer communities, reduction in the transmission of rabies, and reduction in the number of humans that suffer from dog bite wounds each year.
- Medical research shows that there are some medical advantages to spay and neutering your pets at an early age.

What concerns the opposition?

- Many opponents do not believe that the bill will reduce the number of pets entering animal shelters. They fear that many animals may be relinquished to avoid spay/neuter costs. In addition, many in opposition do not think that the bill addresses the feral cat population.
- Some critics fear that the bill will result in doom for mutts, which many believe are among the best pets. Approximately 85% of pets are not purebred.
- The American Kennel Club as well as several breeders have indicated that they feel as though they will be penalized for being responsible pet owners and will be forced to pay for permits and surgeries while irresponsible pet owners evade the law or dump their pets in shelters rather than comply.

There continues to be an outpour of support as well as opposition to the proposed bill. I encourage each of you to read the bill and base your opinion on fact. AB 1634 can be found on the CVMA website at www.cvma.net.

Pet First Aid and CPR

Baldy View Dog Park is providing dog park members, dog park users and the community of the Inland Empire the opportunity to learn pet first aid and CPR. The class will be held on July 21, 2007 starting at 10:00 am at Magnolia Park in Upland. The class is taught by a non-profit organization, ResQpet.

Please do not bring your dog to the class, you will be able to practice your first aid and CPR techniques on doggie mannequins. Space is limited, so please reserve your spot in advance. For more information visit our website www.baldyviewdogpark.com.

Financial Report as of 6-15-07



Balance as of April 25 recap		\$ 2,720.13
Credit from Memberships	+ \$	120.00
Credit from Donations	+ \$	50.00
Credit from Event	+ \$	27.00
Debit for Newsletter, flyers, postage	- \$	194.62
Debit for Returned Check	- \$	50.00
Debit for Maintenance Supplies	- \$	213.15
Debit for Storage unit	- \$	90.00
Debit for Bank Fees	- \$	<u>23.00</u>
BALANCE	\$	2,346.36

We thank you for your support

Also, please remember that checks returned to us by the bank cost us and you in returned check fees.

Membership Spotlight

A special welcome to our new members

Here's a little bit of membership trivia.

The park opened in summer 2001.

We wanted the park to be a success and also needed to help spread the word about the park. We did research to find out what made other dog parks successful and discovered that the most successful parks offered memberships or sponsorships. This created a way for people to commit to keeping their parks clean and safe, while at the same time generating a sense of community among a park's users. In August 2002, we held our first membership drive. Our very first member was Jill Acree and her dog Penny. Over the next few months, 100 people became our first members. Of those 100, 14 have continued with their membership year after year.

Fast forward to 2007.

Currently there are 92 members, 41 being brand new since August 2006. A lot of new faces for sure. Where once on any given day the park would be filled with big dogs and very few small or tiny dogs, now we are seeing more and more small dogs, often to the point where the small park is "standing room only".

Times have changed and so have the faces. Some people and dogs are no longer with us or are unable to come to the park for other reasons. Let us take a moment to remember those folks and their faithful companions who are no longer with us.

Welcome our newest members of the Baldy View Dog Park family!

Denise Tous and Bounder

If we missed anyone, our apologies



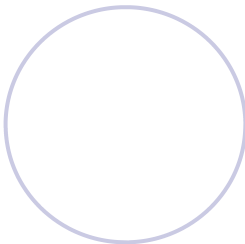
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Upcoming Events



July 15, 2007 Summer Splash
11:00 am-3:00 pm @ Baldy View
Dog Park

**July 21, 2007 Pet First Aid and CPR
Class**
10:00 am-1:00 pm @ Magnolia Park

August 7, 2007 Bark in the Park
5:30 pm-10:00 pm @ Rancho Cucamonga Epicenter

August 11, 2007 Clean Up Day
9:00 am- 12:00 pm @ Baldy View
Dog Park

September 8, 2007 Clean Up Day
9:00 am- 12:00 pm @ Baldy View
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