



Dog Owners Group for Park Access in Washington

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Message from The President

A very special thank you to Judy Marie Anderson who remembered DOGPAW generously in her will. Judy was a popular friend at the Ike (Ross) dog park, and has donated to the Ike Fence fund! Thank you to Judy and family...we are so grateful.

We did it! We picked up all the brush piles at Dakota and hauled them off to be recycled. Thank you again to Ken Stryker and Blaze Restoration for the donation of the 40-yard drop box...we filled it to the top. Thanks also to my friend, Alex Berzon, who brought his muscles and a willingness to work for a MADDog.

Keeping our parks safe and clean is a priority for DOGPAW, and we need YOUR help to tell us if something needs work. Even our volunteer Park Managers can't be there every day, although we all do try. So if you see something that needs attention, please send an email to parkoperations@dogpawoffleashparks.org, or call 360-553-5344 to report it.

Speaking of volunteers--we could use a few regular volunteers to help out at the Dakota dog park at 162nd Avenue and 18th Street. If you are a regular visitor to Dakota and could volunteer, please contact volunteer@dogpawoffleashparks.org or parkoperations@dogpawoffleashparks.org for more information.

Volunteer Park Managers keep our parks running!

And speaking of parks, the city of Vancouver is doing an 'Essential Spaces' survey, where you can advocate for more dog parks here:

https://www.beheardvancouver.org/essential-spaces/survey_tools/parks-recreation1

Have a happy Fourth of July, and may your doggies stay safe and sound!

Until next time,



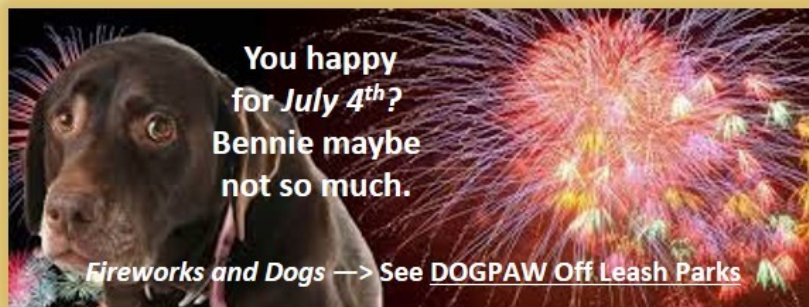
Sally Jenkins, President, DOGPAW

Membership

Give yourself a *paw* on the back *again!* We have 14 new members so far this June. Devoted *dogpawers* contributed some \$900 for our parks. It will be put to good use as we work to expand our [Mission](#).

As our President said above, we are thankful to have such a wonderful contribution from the private estate of Judy Anderson, whose home park was Ike.

News



4th of July — Fireworks and Dogs and FAQs

July 4 is hard on a lot of pups. Click on the links in [Fireworks and Dogs](#) to read about some things you can do to lessen the anxiety and distress that fireworks booms, whistles, and pops may cause in your pup.

- Some Desensitizing Techniques courtesy of CJ's Dog Training **Woof!**
- A piece by Veterinarian and Behaviorist Christopher Pachel
- And more tips from an all-time-favorite, Cesar Milan

This information along with City and County Fireworks FAQs (also with helpful links) are posted on the DOGPAW website [Fireworks and Dogs](#)



Paws on Patrol through the Vancouver Police Department invites local pet owners to sign up for its Paws on Patrol volunteer community safety program! Learn awareness, get tips on how to witness effectively, if necessary, how to be more present on neighborhood walks. DOGPAW has invited their representative to come to Ike and introduce this great program... stay tuned for more information.



DOGPAW Volunteer Projects: We are excited to have a *new* Volunteer Coordinator and hope you will think about volunteering with us (*read all about Jeremy below*). Obviously, you love the dog parks. *Have you seen something that needs doing? Thought—if we only had one of these here...*

Here's a great Girl Scout / Boy Scout / Retired Senior Citizen group / youth group or individual opportunity to improve our parks. Ideas welcome. Contact the **DOGPAW Volunteer Coordinator** and pitch your ideas. We'd love to hear from you.

Updates

Dakota Clean-Up—the Sequel



Wow! These folks went the extra mile to rid Dakota of all the branches, limbs, and brambles from the May PBD. Into the dumpster they went... **DONE!**

Thank you to Ken Stryker, Marty, Sally, Alex, and Paul. **Woof!**

Why ARE dog parks so important say our readers?

Jillian responded, “Dog parks mean Lola has a safe place to exercise, socialize, and sniff to her doggone heart’s content. During Covid, this has been especially important, as they provide a low-risk, outdoor environment. Her favorite DOGPAW dog parks are Lucky and Ike.”

Jess says, “My dog gets out of the house for some serious exercise. She gets to do different things, walking, running, playing with toys, playing with other dogs, or even some very silly humans. The parks are open, welcoming places where people from all walks of life can come, and hey, the price is right!”

Doug quipped, “Let the dogs run, you get too hot—head for the woods.” (*ah yes, a Lucky responder*)

Ike Revisited



Park Beautification Day at Ike (Ross) 5167 N.E. 15th Ave, Vancouver Saturday, July 10, 2021, Beginning at 10AM

Volunteers please join us at the Ike Dog Park.

Bring the usual: gloves, face mask, water, shovels and rakes if you have them for the usual filling of holes and picking up poop and litter. Additional rigorous work will be directed by the Park Operations Manager.

Volunteers—Sign in at the Volunteer Table. Get your vest.

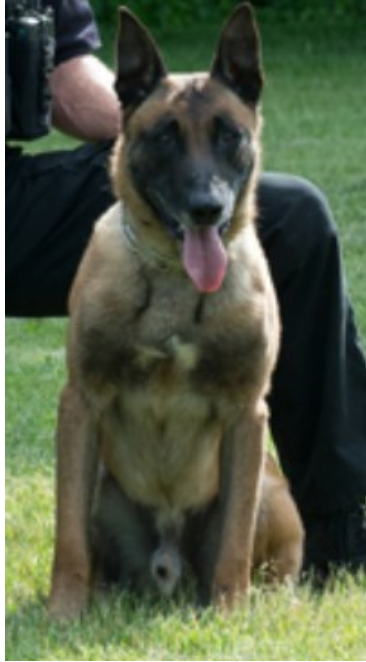
Membership—Sign up at the Membership Table.

- New or Renew
- Donate there too!

Volunteers, new members, and donations are always needed and gratefully appreciated...go to **DOGPAW/Volunteer** and click on the **Volunteer** button.

See you there!

Ike Memorial Dog Park Remembrance



K9 Ike served with the Vancouver Police Department for three years. He died in the line of duty in 2015.

So proud to have a dog park named to remember this gallant guy.



Next Park Beautification Day – Save The Date

Saturday, August 7, Beginning at 10AM Park Beautification Day at Dakota, 1515 N.E. 164th Ave, Vancouver

Ike Fencing Update – NEWS!

We are ready with the Parks Foundation grant and matching DOGPAW dollars, a signed contract, the segment of Ike Fencing identified for replacement, BPA-approval (including a safety review). We are ready to begin!

Ike Fencing Construction



Upper Level and Handicap Gate CLOSED

Mon. July 12–Tues. July 13

Not Done Yet: Yes, we're thrilled to be able to upgrade a 500 ft. segment of Ike fencing. Does that mean we're done? No, and we appreciate your continued support of this long-term project. We need funds to pay as we go—time and

materials.

Go to the [DOGPAW Website/Membership Donations](#), Click **Donate for Ike Park Fencing**...or just donate. **Woof!**

Need to send a check? Please indicate '*Ike Project*' to ensure that your funds get assigned to the project. (*Mailing address in Contact information below.*)

Sponsor Spotlight

Know a business you love and that is supportive of dogs and DOGPAW Off Leash Parks? Send their names to sponsor@dogpawoffleashparks.org, and our Sponsorship Director can add them to our list of potential sponsors.

Woof!

Annual Sponsor Levels—Read all about what's available on the [DOGPAW Website](#).

DOGPAW Works Hard for DOGS



DOGPAW recognizes a passion for pups, welcomes fresh ideas, and appreciates expertise. This is your chance to join a GREAT group!

So take a look at [DOGPAW/Volunteer](#). We still have a couple of slots to fill. Choose to make a difference in support of the DOGPAW Mission = DOGS!

- Secretary
- Fundraising Coordinator
- Part Time Bookkeeper

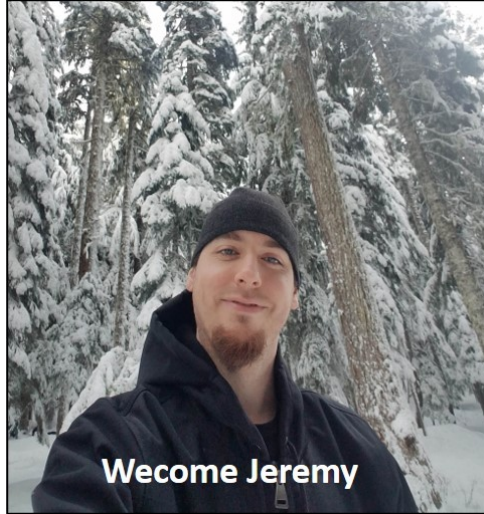
Email ask@dogpawoffleashparks.org. if you have questions or need more information.

Meet Jeremy Huff, Volunteer Coordinator

New to Vancouver but not the northwest, Jeremy was born and raised here. He and wife Heidi recently moved up from Salem to be closer to Heidi's work in Portland. So now a pup's a must—here comes Gretel. A sweet little German Shepard puppy, now six months old, Gretel is now a solid 55 lbs. So, it's off to Ike. What a fantastic experience for both of them. Gretel has improved in behavior and manners; Jeremy is happy Ike is so close to home.

Jeremy is no stranger to volunteering, and wanting to give back to the dog park (*read DOGPAW*) makes sense. Jeremy is a skilled handyman, is currently finishing his B.S. in biology with an emphasis on Pre-Dentistry, and

he hopes to attend OHSU School of Dentistry in a couple of years. In his family he's usually the one who organizes events and wrangles everyone together...great skills to use as Volunteer Coordinator. He wants to make sure DOGPAW parks remain open and welcoming so everyone can enjoy them as much as he and Gretel have been able to. Welcome Jeremy!



More people – more dogs – more parks!

Kane Dog Park Thanks You

Thank you to the crew who turned out at the Kane PBD June 6. Pets and people all had a great time on a drizzly day trimming back branches and filling the trailer. And the Battle Ground K9 Unit dropped by to say Hello.

- Ron and Eileen Johnson with Oliver and Bixby
- Randy and Barbara Thomas and Chief
- Jane Yamrick
- Fox Peterson with Ahsoka
- *And the usual suspects:* President Sally, Park Ops Manager Marty, Treasurer Donna, Membership Coordinator, Bruce



Membership Table



Barb and Randy Thomas / Chief



**Ron and Eileen Johnson
a well deserved rest**



Lots of debris for the trailer

What a Treat -- Battle Ground K9 Unit!



Great Visit from Battle Ground K9 Unit Officers Charlie, Clint Fraser at Kane

Sorry if you missed this K9 treat. So here's a little more about what we learned.

Charlie is 1½ years old, and is really getting into his new job. Clint takes him to visit the Hockinson Meadows Community Park frequently, where the two of them are always the center of attention, especially with children—they love him.

Charlie lives with Officer Fraser, but he's a working dog, a K-9 Officer, so he can't be treated as a family pet, at least until he retires. Once he retires at around 6 years old, he will enjoy *the Life of Charlie* with Clint, and he'll get all the scratches and belly rubs (*on the couch!*) that a good dog deserves. Charlie is an official *Good Boy*.

More Thank You's

... J.S. Collard Designs for his continued contributions designing our banners, business cards, and more as in-kind donations.

... and thank you to everyone who picks up extra poop and stray litter at all the dog parks. You make our dog parks possible and help keep them clean!

We love our pets, our volunteers, surely our members, and are grateful for our Business Sponsors. **Thank you all!**

Did You Know?

A good treat in this heat? You could give your pup(s) a frozen, chicken broth *popsicle* treat to help them keep cool.

DOGPAW flyers on our bulletin boards have QR codes to make it easier for you to donate. Thank you again, DOGPAW IT Director.

Foxtails and Cheat Grass can mean a trip to the vet. Been out roaming fields or untended shoulders or borders? Make sure you check your pup. If you notice swelling or limping, if he's constantly licking his feet or scratching at his ears or shaking his head... These grassy seed heads can work their way in between toes and into ear canals. Be on the look out!

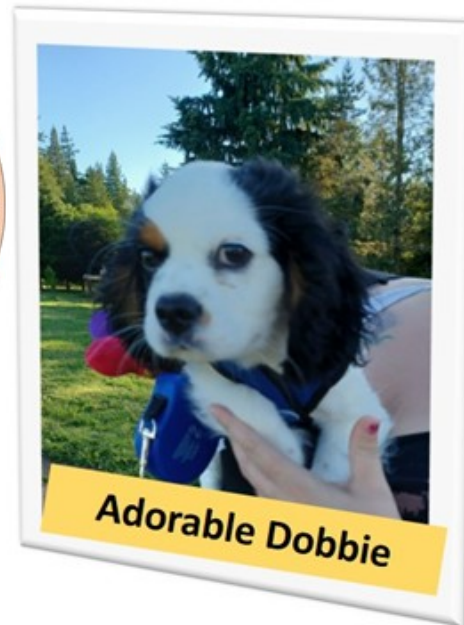
The [Whole Dog Journal](#) lets you download their entire issue. Check it out!

Keep reading the newsletter.

Mutt Shots



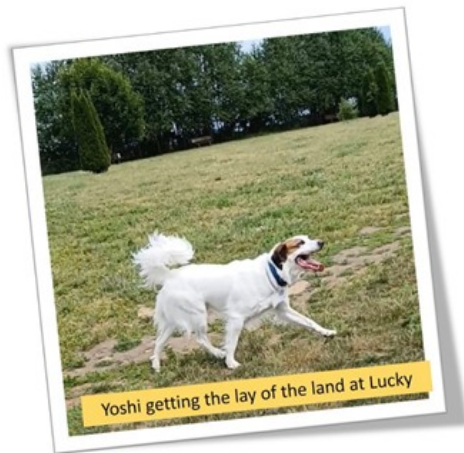
Cooper's Pooped—what a cutie!



Adorable Dobbie



A cute senior muttster named Clete, was still very fast on his feet. He would dig through the fence where at once he'd commence, to return, and then he'd repeat...



Reminders Woof!

- Remember to make your Amazon purchases using [Smile Amazon](#)— Assign DOGPAW as your charitable organization. Easy...and DOGPAW gets a portion.
- Lock up your vehicle when you are at the dog park to go walk your pup(s).
- Don't leave valuables or items visible in your car.
- Seeing a break in in progress or emergency – **dial 911**.
- Discover car broken into after the fact but not a true emergency, (termed *a cold break in*) **dial 311** for Clark County Non-Emergency.
- **Park Rules:** Thank you for refreshing your memory about our great parks by reading the park rules that are posted in every park.
- **Covid19:** If you have questions about Covid19 behaviors, please refer to Clark County Health Department guidelines [here](#).
- Frequent Dakota Dog Park goer Deb Nagano is asking that folks remain diligent about pet health and if your pup is sick—please stay home.
- This brings up another reminder to keep your pet current with all their shots, their licenses, and their identifiers.
- **Please caretake your pet.** Be aware of your dog, carry a lead, consider the small dog park if appropriate.
- **Please cleanup after your pet** and dispose of the waste in provided receptacles. No one wants to step in it.
- **Male dogs older than 12 months must be Neutered.**
- **Please pick up paper and pet litter.**

Contacts

Suggestions and Reminders welcome: Newsletter Suggestions

Sally Jenkins, President: president@dogpawoffleashparks.org
Call/text: (360)553-5344

Volunteering: We can ALWAYS use your help! Volunteer Form

Questions? ask@dogpawoffleashparks.org

Just want to learn more about DOGPAW --- check out our website:
www.dogpawoffleashparks.org

Mailing Address: 13504 NE 84th St Ste 103 PMB 303 Vancouver, WA
98682-3091

DOGPAW OFF-LEASH DOG PARK LOCATIONS:

Dakota: 1515 N.E. 164th Ave. Vancouver, WA

Ike (Ross): 5167 N.E. 15th Ave. Vancouver, WA

Kane: 10910 N.E. 172nd Ave. Vancouver, WA

Lucky: 10100 N.E. 149th St. Brush Prairie, WA



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