



## Dog Owners Group for Park Access in Washington

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### **Membership**

**DOGPAW people are just the best!**

At Dakota Day we accepted  
over \$300 in donations

We added 25 new members in April

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## Message from the President

Patience. We're well into spring and the juices are flowing! The birds and the bees and the flowers on the trees and the dogs in the park...you know what I mean. Love is in the air and the dogs, and people too, are feeling frisky. High energy pups and quarantined people all feel the need for freedom. So when dogs play a little rough and people get a little frustrated...let's be patient with one another. We do it for the dogs.

Speaking of dogs and patience, our friend Jay of **Doggie Duty Shovel Service** has just had his 20th anniversary of being in business, and DOGPAW has used his service for almost all of that time. Despite his hard work, he always wears a smile. Congratulations, Jay (aka Jon Knowles)!

Oh, and sign up soon for the Humane Society's Walk/Run for the Animals...see more below.

Until next time,



Sally Jenkins, President, DOGPAW

## How Exciting Is This?

City of Battle Ground, near the Lucky Memorial Dog Park—and where we will be celebrating our May 8, Park Beautification Day—has just brought back their K9 Program. Introduce yourself to [Charlie, new K9 Officer in Battle Ground](#) at this link.

## Remember...

**Lucky Memorial Dog Park**, for those of us who don't know, or perhaps remember, each park is a K-9 Memorial Dog Park named for fallen K-9 officers.



K9 Lucky began service in 1987. He was credited in 1988 with 46 felony and 97 misdemeanor arrests. In 1989 he had 112 felony and 99 misdemeanor arrests. Prior to his death in 1990 he was credited for 20 felony and 41 misdemeanor arrests. Lucky died in the line of duty in 1990.

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## Who Doesn't Love Pizza?

On May 6, Rally Pizza will donate 25% of sales to DOGPAW if 20 or more people **RSVP** in advance by May 3.

Then order and pick up your pizza on May 6 between 3 pm and 8 pm.

RSVP details at [Eat to support DOGPAW](#)



**Eat to support  
DOGPAW**

Thursday, May 6th | 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Rally Pizza  
8070 E Mill Plain Blvd  
RSVP: [www.groupraise.com/events/188562](http://www.groupraise.com/events/188562)

**This meal contribution can happen only if 20  
commitments to eat are made by May 3, 2021.**

## Meet the Lucky Park Managers



Lucky Park Managers Rick and Jess—Say 'Hi' if you see them.

Rick Shulenbarger and his husky Togo have been coming to Lucky for over three years. He calls himself 'the Surprise Manager.' Rick had a home fire and needed a place to come with his pup, Lucky was it. He says, "I found out a year after it happened (during a park beautification day), Larry just told me I was Park Manager." If you see holes filled, the lot swept, trash picked up, doggie bag stations filled, repairs made, and so much more, then you are enjoying the hard work of Rick's "labor of love". Rick is the *morning guy* who sometimes gets overwhelmed a bit since he'd like some backup, and also admits, "we need help, come out and volunteer."

Jess Rubenstein and Libby Da Diva have been coming to Lucky off and on for over 5 years. He made Park Manager *official* this past few years and calls himself the *afternoon guy*. A freelance writer, working from home for the most part, he loves Lucky. "Our views are stunning compared to the other parks." Because the park is so open, and pretty flat, Jess welcomes all sorts of park goers, handicapped folks, blind dogs, regulars, a great mix and match of dogs and people. Jess also calls himself a beggar, "We always need help." Although on county land, "people don't know this is NOT a Clark County Park, DOGPAW maintains it. If you give \$25 a year, come on, that's only 15 cents a day."

When you come to Lucky say hello to the Park Managers if you see them--they work hard for us!

**Save The Date – Saturday, May 8, 10:00am – 2:00pm**

## **Lucky Dog Park Beautification**



*“You've Got To Ask Yourself One Question: 'Do ya Feel Lucky? Well do ya pups [sic]?”*

**So, when you join us:**

- Sign in at the **Volunteer Table**—get your vest
  - Love those new Volunteers!
- Sign Up at the **Membership Table**—set up for new or to renew
  - You can **Donate** there too

**New members, donations, and volunteers** are always needed and gratefully appreciated. Go to [DOGPAW/Volunteer](#)

**Yes, bring your pup(s)**—please caretake them while you're working

**We're excited to see you there!**

## **2021 Park Clean-Up Schedule**

**Next Park Beautification Day**— Kane, Saturday, June 5th, 10am--2pm  
10910 N.E. 172nd Ave, Vancouver

Go to [DOGPAW Events](#) to see upcoming events.

See photos from our great park beautification days in the [Photo Gallery](#). Once you open the gallery, double click on an image to start a slide show.



## Sponsor Spotlights

Who Sponsors DOGPAW? *Only the best doggone, local businesses around!*



### Humane Society of SW Washington

*Mission: rescue, restore, rehome and reconnect one animal at a time*

...dedicated to completing families through animal adoptions, matchmaking, and lost and found services. More than the largest Adoption Center-Shelter in Southwest Washington, HSSW also owns and operates [ReTails Thrift Store](#). DOGPAW is very proud to have them as a 2021 Business Sponsor. Their critical organization deserves your attention and support.



*Drat, it's here already, but if you can make it, here is another excellent HSSW-sponsored event.*

### [Walk/Run for the Animals | Humane Society for Southwest Washington](#)

**rescue . return . restore . rehome . reconnect**  
**one animal at a time**  
**Humane Society of SW Washington**





## **ULTIMUTT K9 *Ultimutt Services*** *Pawsative Results -- Integrity Driven*

...will work with you on training levels anywhere from basic training to advanced training for service dogs. We offer multiple trainers across the nation. Ultimutt has joined with DOGPAW as a valuable 2021 sponsor, and has already stepped up and participated in two Park Beautification Days. **Tony Marx** and his crew deserve your attention when you need training for your pups. Go to [Ultimutt K9 Services](#)

*You too can join this stellar group of sponsors!*

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### **Annual Sponsor Levels:**

Please consider one of the following sponsor levels — **Woof!**

**Copper** Sponsor \$250 **Link** on [DOGPAW](#) website.\*

**Bronze** Sponsor \$500 plus **1 sign**--pick your park

**Silver** Sponsor \$1000 plus **2 signs**, mix or match your parks

**Gold** Sponsor \$1500 plus **3 signs**, mix or match your park

**Platinum** Sponsor \$2000 plus **4 signs**, mix or match your parks

\* All sponsor levels include a link on [dogpawoffleashparks.org](#)

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## ***Come and Get 'Em While They're Hot!***



**...Open Board Positions.** Apply and hopefully nab one of these before they're gone. DOGPAW is looking for new expertise and fresh ideas. This could be your chance to make a difference in support of the  
**DOGPAW Mission = DOGS!**

*Piqued your Interest (or just like tamales)?* Each job description is explained on the DOGPAW website. Click on [Volunteer](#).

It's a GREAT group!

1. Secretary
2. Membership Administration
3. Fundraising Coordinator
4. Volunteer Coordinator
5. Part Time Bookkeeper

*Recently joining the Board—and glad to have them...*

***Marty Rutkovitz—Director of Park Operations***



Coming to beautiful Clark County from St. Louis, Missouri two years ago, Marty, wife Paula, and pups Priscilla and Lillibean (Maltese and Dachshund/Norfolk Terrier respectively) were pleased to discover our great dog parks. Now that he's been here for a bit, he's ready to jump in, get involved, and DOGPAW is thrilled to have him join the Board as Director of Park Operations.

Marty brings a strong background in Facilities and Engineering Services as well as Project and Volunteer Management. He is really looking forward to building relationships with the community and of course, making new friends as he makes his rounds of the dog parks. When you see Marty at *your* park, please say hi and welcome!

***Nicholas Torres--Director, Business Sponsorship Coordination***

Nicholas brings some youth and fresh energy to the Board and looks forward to encouraging and bringing on new sponsorships. He loves working with people and can talk to most anyone. Just the kind of enthusiasm that is needed. Welcome Nicholas!

**Questions?** Email [ask@dogpawwoffleashparks.org](mailto:ask@dogpawwoffleashparks.org).

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## Ike Update

We've run into a bit of a snag; our goal will take longer to achieve due to the year-long shutdown across the country. As we all know, everything has been affected, and that includes supply chain (production, manufacturing, installation). As you can see, our goal is \$43K.

*But the plan is to replace sections of fencing as we raise the funds.*



If you can help with this project, please contact DOGPAW at any of the email or phone numbers in the Contacts section below.

- When you donate, please indicate 'Ike Project' on your check. This will ensure that your funds get assigned to the project.
- If you contribute online, click on the [Membership Donations](#) menu item on the DOGPAW website, scroll down and click on Donate for Ike Park Fencing.

Thanks again for hanging in there with DOGPAW, we will continue providing updates as information changes (good or bad), **AND, we will get to done!**

## Thank You!

A huge hand goes out to all.

...The Dakota A-Team and their many contributions to the Park Beautification Day Event, April 10.





(See more pictures in the [Photo Gallery](#) on the DOGPAW website.)

...Spearheaded by the Park Managers Rick SantAngelo, Greg Schmeer, Laurie Hirsch, and accompanied by Volunteer and Dog Park Ambassador Extraordinaire, Peg Schmeer, the windy cold day activities returned so much to the park and to all of its park goers.

## Dakota – What A Day!



...No slouch is Ultimutt sponsor Tony Marx--who had family and friends that came out and helped, in addition to providing tasty treats and great K9 training information just outside the fence

...Eric Lambert of [Canines For Clean Water](#) came out to support the event--knowledgeable and experienced, he knows the importance of clean water and can educate the public about its benefits for everyone

...**AND** Marty Rutkovitz, Jake, Victor Kolbe (volunteer and new DOGPAW member), MaryAnn May, Patti Moran, Dan McGuire, Ashley Ingram, Richard Cook, Ben and Stephen Matthiesen, Sharon and Jeff Hidaka, Cherany Skelton, Olivia and Dad David--recently lost their pup--but love the park and came to help



...A BIG sweet thank you to **DOT Donuts**, who donated dozens of doughnuts to the Dakota volunteers

...OMG, we had strangers and skatepark kids helping spread gravel!

...To those \$\$\$ cash donors

...To our tireless DOGPAW Evangelist, President Sally, going to and fro, from one end of the park to the other

### **Ike Thank You's Continue Coming In**

...City of Vancouver, and Bill Bjerke for all the recent work at Ike—a nice new gravel ramp laid against the asphalt street edge on the path to the park gate, making that spot so much safer.

...Great too, a team of hard-working grass trimmers, cutting down the heavy growth along the fences and, amazingly, across the entire hillside that climbs up to the Ross Complex yard to the left of the main gate.

...DOGPAW park goer (*and past board member*), John Vanvig lauds the workers. "I know how important the city's help is to DOGPAW. As a park visitor, I know how much nicer the place is thanks to your crews' work."

### **And As Always**

...To our volunteer Park Managers and everyone who picks up extra poop and stray litter at all the dog parks. You make our dog parks possible!

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

**Thank you all!**

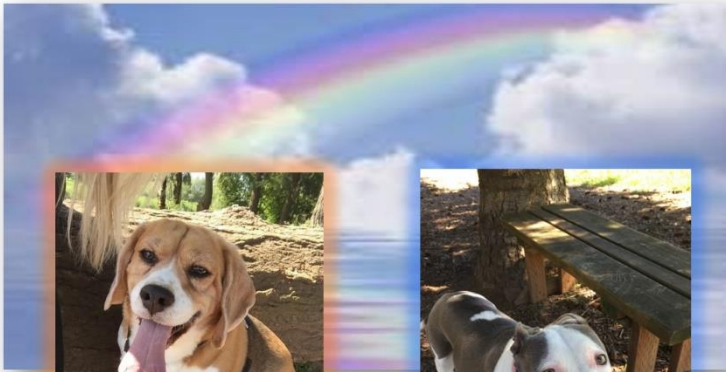
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## **Muttshots**

We love our dogs. Forward your pictures of dogs at play in our parks. Name your dog(s); name the park: [communications@dogpawoffleashparks.org](mailto:communications@dogpawoffleashparks.org).

See new muttshots in the DOGPAW [Photo Gallery](#).





Mr. Peanut So Dug Dakota

Pearl loved, loved, loved trips to Ike



English Cream and Long-haired Red



Hi Hi Hi you're kinda BIG!

## Reminders



Not to be an alarmist, but if you have one in your car, perhaps it's a good idea to activate it as you lock up to go walk the pups.

Even though the lower parking lot at Ike has posted reminders against loitering, camping, etc. There is nothing posted about car break-ins, and there have been some.

We were also told about a car break-in at the parking lot at Lucky. **So...**

- Don't leave valuables in your car
- Don't leave packages, bags, gear visible—nothing to tempt
- 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](#).
- **Please caretake...clean up after...and license...your pet.** Be aware of your dog, carry a lead, consider the small dog park if appropriate.
  - **Pet Licensing, Clark County, WA**
- **Neuter** male dogs older than 1 year
- **Please pick up paper and pet litter.**

## Contacts

Suggestions and Reminders welcome: [Newsletter Suggestions](#)

Sally Jenkins, President: [president@dogpawoffleashparks.org](mailto:president@dogpawoffleashparks.org)

Call/text: (360)553-5344

Volunteering: We can ALWAYS use your help! [Volunteer Form](#)

Questions? [ask@dogpawoffleashparks.org](mailto:ask@dogpawoffleashparks.org)

Just want to learn more about DOGPAW -- check out our website: [www.dogpawoffleashparks.org](http://www.dogpawoffleashparks.org)

### **DOGPAW OFF-LEASH DOG PARK LOCATIONS:**

**Dakota:** 1515 N.E. 164th Ave. Vancouver

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

**Kane:** 10910 N.E. 172nd Ave. Vancouver

**Lucky:** 10100 N.E. 149th St. Brush Prairie