



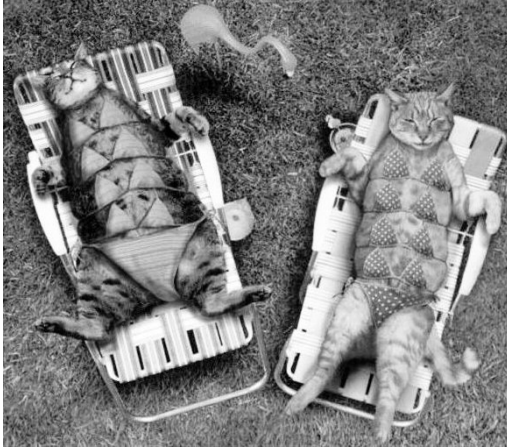
# Dog Park Newsletter

Janine Jordan **Park for Dogs** at Lagoon Valley

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## Don't Drink the Water!

Although you might be tempted to let your pooch sip from the Lake, PLEASE don't! It's unsafe. There's drinkable water inside the dog park.



What happens while you're away at the dog park...

## Lagoon Valley Redevelopment Plans Include Dog Park

You are probably aware that the City has plans to redevelop the lower Lagoon Valley. The draft plan proposes dividing the land into residential, commercial and recreational units. So what does this mean for the future of the dog park?

Well, we recently spoke with Vacaville Mayor, Len Augustine, who assured us that the dog park will not be affected by the redevelopment plans. So for now, it looks as if the dog park is here to stay!

## Any Landscapers Out There?

We are looking for experienced landscapers to help us plan the landscape of the dog park. We would like to put in grass and trees, but need to know how to overcome the poor growing conditions out there (soil and irrigation). If you can help, please call us at (866) 510-3681.

## Slug and Snail Bait:

### A Threat to Your Pets

The active ingredient in most slug and snail baits, metaldehyde, is toxic to the central nervous system. Clinical signs from metaldehyde can occur within one to four hours after exposure. If your pet has had a known exposure, you should contact your veterinarian immediately. There is no antidote for metaldehyde poisoning. Treatment includes preventing absorption of the toxin if exposure is recent.

## Look Out!

The star thistle has become the most common plant in the state, and it is out of control! Sightings of this weed have been made inside the dog park. Please help us by decapitating the weed, NOT pulling it out.



Apparently, pulling the weed out only "encourages" the seeds in the soil to propagate. By chopping the head off of the growing weed, it eventually kills it.

## New Mailing Address!

**People Aware of the Well-being of the Speechless (P.A.W.S.)**

P.O. Box 1257  
Vacaville, CA 95696-1257  
(866) 510-3681

[info@ourdogpark.org](mailto:info@ourdogpark.org)  
[www.ourdogpark.org](http://www.ourdogpark.org)

**P.A.W.S. is a 100% Volunteer  
Non-Profit Organization**

## Pet Insurance?

From unexpected illnesses and accidents to routine care for your pet, your pet will benefit from comprehensive coverage with pet insurance. Pet insurance protects dogs from accidental injuries, emergencies and



illnesses. It also covers office visits, prescriptions, diagnostic tests, x-rays, lab fees and more. Plans starting at \$99 per year.

For more information, please visit [www.petinsurance.com](http://www.petinsurance.com)

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## Petbuckles?

You wear your seatbelt. Your children are buckled up in their car seats. But what about your dogs? Did you know that in a 35MPH accident a 30-pound dog can be sent flying with the equivalent of over 1100 pounds of force behind it? Enough to kill it and anything in its path. At faster speeds, the force is even higher.

Rob and Randa Boyer, Pet Advisors with Petlane are excited to offer a Petbuckle made by the same company that makes your car seatbelts. These are the ONLY restraint system on the market that are actually crash tested the same way human seatbelts are tested. With each Petbuckle purchased by PAWS members (or referrals) we will donate \$5. Petlane will match each donation over \$50. Please think of your dog's health and safety (and yours) as you head out to enjoy your time at the park! To learn more about Petlane, visit [www.mypetlane.com/boyer.aspx](http://www.mypetlane.com/boyer.aspx) or call (866) 738-2384.



## Take Your Pooch to Friday Night's Creekwalk

Vacaville's annual Creekwalk Family Concert Series starts June 3rd and your pooch is welcome! Of course, dogs must be licensed and leashes are required at all times. Don't forget to bring the water bowl and plastic bags (just in case).

For more information, visit the Creekwalk website at: [www.creekwalk.com](http://www.creekwalk.com).

## Did You Know?

- There are 701 types of pure breed dogs.
- It is said that dogs come from a creature similar to a wolf called Tomarctus ("father of dogs") which roamed about 15,000,000 years ago.
- The oldest American breed is the American Foxhound. This dates back to 1650!
- The Afghan Hound is mentioned in writings as far back as 4,000 B.C.



## Scoop the Poop

The City of Vacaville politely reminds you to "scoop the poop." Failure to do so is a violation, per municipal code, and can result in fines.

Animal waste can contaminate the water. Help protect the park and the bottom of your shoes!

## They Urn'ed it!

### Local Funeral Home Provides Pet Services

We, as pet owners, have come to love our companions as part of our family, and while either a dog or a cat lover, we hurt and grieve when the time comes to say goodbye to a trusted and loyal companion, friend and family member.

Over the past several years, family members have called me, stopped me on the street, seen me in church or on funeral services and asked the possibility of locating an establishment that would serve families and provide for sale urns, memorial plaques, pet vaults, and rock cremation urns that would be fitting to place in the garden at the family residence.

Nadeau Family Funeral Home, located at 180 E. Monte Vista Avenue, Vacaville, CA, is proud to announce in an ongoing effort to better serve the community of Vacaville and surrounding communities, will devote a room that will enable families to select a cremation receptacle to memorialize their family pet member. According to Mr. Steven J. Nadeau, President and owner of the firm, the project should be completed no later than mid June and family members will be welcome to come in to the funeral home to make selections accordingly.

**For more information, you may call Mr. Steve Nadeau at 707-455-7700.**

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## Thank You!

On behalf of the Board of Directors of PAWS (People Aware of the Well-being of the Speechless) we would like to thank the following individuals and business for their outstanding support at our second annual "Santa Paws" pictures with Santa fundraiser that benefited the Off-Leash dog park at Lagoon Valley.

Western Ranch & Pet Supply ~ Jason Boykin, Lisa Colombani

Vanden High School – Jr. ROTC ~ Joe Muench, Tom Muench, Robert Waller, & Zeek Ortiz

Individual PAWS supporters ~ Barbara Madison, Andrew Davis, Vivian Cook, Marie Proctor, Meir Horvitz, Marilynn Horvitz, Chelsey Teekaat, Janine Jordon, and Zack G.

For their time, supplies & equipment used at this event as well as other events we have had, we would like to recognize the following businesses for their continued support:

Bookkeeping & More ~ Teri Johnson  
 Remstar Dog Obedience ~ Greg & Peggy Bosley  
 The Greatful Dog ~ Annette Madison  
 Reds Pet Grooming ~ Mike Carpentier  
 Francesca's Dog Training  
 The Nugget Market  
 Bowman's Stationer's, Inc.  
 W.J. Civitello & Associates

**The support the above businesses have given is overwhelming and there is no way we can thank them enough for all the time and money they have contributed to our cause.**

## Mowers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to help keep the grass mowed at the dog park. If you can donate a few hours twice a year, we want to hear from you! Please send us an email at [info@ourdogpark.org](mailto:info@ourdogpark.org).



## Emergency Contacts

### People Aware of the Well-being of the Speechless (P.A.W.S.)

(866) 510-3681

Any incident or activity that should be brought to the attention of P.A.W.S. This includes vandalism, theft, damage, injuries, etc.

### Humane Animal Services

(707) 449-1700

Any incident involving a stray animal entering the dog park and/or causing damage to the dog park.

### Vacaville Police Department

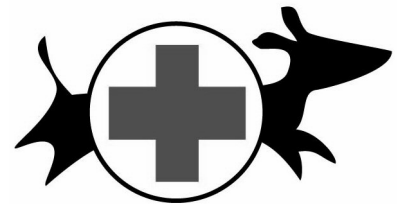
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Any emergency or life-threatening incident.

### Park Superintendent

(707) 469-6500

Any unsafe park conditions.



## SOLANO-NAPA PET EMERGENCY CLINIC

4437 Central Place, Suite B3  
 Fairfield, CA 94534  
**(707) 864-1444**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**  
 6 pm to 8 am

**WEEKENDS & HOLIDAYS**  
 24 Hours

In the event you require emergency veterinarian services on weekends or holidays when your primary veterinarian is not available, the Solano-Napa Pet Emergency Clinic in Fairfield is open.

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## What's in a Name?

Trying to come up with a good name for your new pooch? Search over 6,000 popular dog names at [www.dog-names.us](http://www.dog-names.us).

## Petfinder.org

Searching for a pet? Search 165,622 adoptable pets at [www.petfinder.org](http://www.petfinder.org). Search by breed, gender, size, age, more. Find your new pet today!

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**707-448-6568**

## Please Be Responsible!

You are entering an off-leash dog park and you enter at your own risk. Dog owners or guardians are legally responsible for any damage, injury, or illness your dog(s) may cause to itself, other dogs, other people or yourself. Neither P.A.W.S., the City of Vacaville, their officers, employees, agents or volunteers will be responsible in any way for people or their pets while in the dog park.

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## Dog Bite Law

Have questions about dog park liabilities? Please visit [www.dogbitelaw.com](http://www.dogbitelaw.com) for useful information and answers to your questions.

## Volunteer

We can always use volunteers! Please give us a call at (866) 510-3681.



## Greatful Dog Pet Grooming

**(707) 449-9442**  
Call for Appointment

1110 Marshall Rd  
Vacaville

## Remstar Dog Obedience Training

Greg & Peggy  
Bosley

**707-449-0216**  
Call for Classes

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