



# Dog Park News

Janine Jordan Park for Dogs at Lagoon Valley

Fall 2008

## Up Coming Events



### Santa PAWS is coming!!

Our annual pictures with Santa will be **December 13 & 14 and 20 & 21**, 2008 from 10 to 4 each day at **Western Ranch Supply**. This event is the only fundraiser we do. 100% of the proceeds goes to maintain and improve the dog park.

**Volunteers are needed to help with this event. Please call us if you can donate some time. Our phone number is (866) 510-3681.**

This event is a lot of fun. Watching the different animals and families has become a wonderful tradition for most of our volunteers and customers.

Pictures are taken with a digital camera. Many poses are taken so that you have many pictures to choose from. Pictures come with a card frame of your choosing. Cost is \$10 for the first printed picture and \$5 each additional or our popular package deal you receive 2 printed pictures plus the CD with all the poses for \$30. You can then make additional cards or gifts using the pictures on the CD.

**Customers tell us that our pictures are the BEST in TOWN!**

No appointments are necessary.

Western Ranch is located at 104 Aegean Way, Vacaville.

## Kudos—Gracious

Jack Carlson—Park Maintenance  
Guacamole Press for Maintaining the Website  
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Tails of the City Dog Salon—Park Improvements

## Park Improvements

Park users have noticed the addition of 3 new commercial grade picnic tables and 3 great benches at the park.

In addition, over 90 yards of bark chips have been added to the park.

Many thanks to PAWS board members who delivered the tables and benches to the park and assembled them

Thank you to Fairfield based trucking company, Heavy Load for volunteering their driver and dump truck for the delivery of the chips.

Thanks to the many members that have helped spread the bark chips.

More bark chips will be added as the City generates the bark.

We are also trying to get the gates replaced by the company who installed the fence. However, we have had much difficulty getting them to commit to a date, but hope to get them replaced soon.

## Found A Lost Pet?

You can try to locate a pet's owner by Visiting [www.petdata.com](http://www.petdata.com) on the web. Just enter the pet's license tag in the search Field.

I Can't Wait  
For Santa PAWS!



THE DOG PARK BELONGS TO ALL OF US! PLEASE HELP US KEEP IT SAFE

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## Do You Know What is In Your Pet's Food?

Did you know that most commercial bought dog food can legally contain by-products. By-products are unused parts of animals, dead and diseased animals, even animals that were euthanized, fecal matter, cows, chickens, pigs that cannot be used for human consumption. These items are taken to rendering plants who process the matter add grain and preservatives and package it as dog or cat food. The medicine that is given animals to euthanize them does not magically go away during the rendering process. Therefore, you can be slowly killing your animal if this is in the food you feed them. I have read that even the animals collars get ground up during rendering and can be in the food. I think this is just horrible and most people do not even realize that their food can contain such things.

Late last night I realized that I was out of cat food so I ran to the grocery store near my house. I could not find one can of cat food that did not contain by-products. Needless to say, my cat got a can of "human" tuna that night!

I feed my animals primarily a holistic diet. I read the labels of all food fed to them. If the label contains any type of by-product or starts with the word grain I know not to buy that food. Or if you can not pronounce the ingredients on the label you should pass on that food as well. You should look for food that contains meat, vegetables, fruit, vitamins and very little grain. You should also give a variety of different foods instead of feeding one type of food for the life of the pet says **Hope Williams**, owner of **Best Friend Nutrition**. Hope is a former Vacaville resident that moved to Washington State to open a holistic pet food store. She is a wonderful source of information regarding pet nutrition and health. Her suggestions for holistic health are to provide plenty of pure water, a fresh nutritious diet, an indoor life free from stress, limited drugs and vaccines, behavioral training, routine exercise, grooming, dental care and consistent love and respect of your animal. She gives great nutrition consultations for around \$90. If you are having a health or behavioral problem with your pet she may be able to help. With lots of information from you, she does extensive research on the breed and will give you a food plan that will fit in with your families lifestyle.

You can contact Hope for a nutrition consultation for your pet at 360-683-4651 or [hope@bestfriendnutrition.com](mailto:hope@bestfriendnutrition.com)

**Western Ranch Supply** in Vacaville carries many types of holistic dry and wet dog food that is good for your animals. Add some liquid vitamins and flax seed oil and your pet will be happy and healthy and have a great coat. You may even add many years to their lives.

Examples of some great food brands are: Innova, Prairie, Canidae, Solid Gold, Holistic Select, or Eagle Pack.

For more information about what is in your dog food checkout the website [thedogfoodconspiracy.com](http://thedogfoodconspiracy.com) or [viewpoints.com](http://viewpoints.com) to compare different types of food and products. There are also many holistic dog books that you can review at your neighborhood store or online.

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## Want Something Fun to do with YOUR Dog?

### Try Agility

Agility is a great team sport to do with your dog. If you have a shy dog, it will build up your dogs confidence so they will not be so shy. If you have a energetic dog it can release that energy so they won't get in trouble at home. Agility is fun and great exercise!

**Jump Start Agility** is owned by Candy Gaiser in Vacaville. She has a great agility course and many classes from beginning through competition.

If you would like to try agility give Candy a call at 707-447-1178 or check out her website at [www.jumpstartdogagility.com](http://www.jumpstartdogagility.com).



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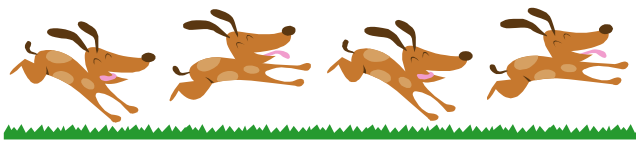
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# Trivia

At the end of the Beatles' song "A Day in the Life", an ultrasonic whistle, audible only to dogs, was recorded by Paul McCartney for his Shetland sheepdog.

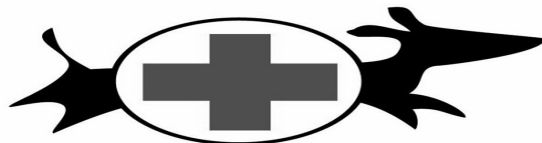
An estimated 1 million dogs in the United States have been named the primary beneficiary in their owner's will.

It has been established that people who own pets live longer, have less stress, and have fewer heart attacks.

Scientists have discovered that dogs can smell the presence of autism in children.

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SANTA PAWS?**

