

“Happy Tales”

Happy tails to you!



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Community Days at the L.A. County Fair

Friday, September 12th, is San Dimas Day at the Fair, and Friends of the Dog Park volunteers will be there to share dog park information, promote responsible pet ownership and provide games for hundreds of school children attending, compliments of the FairKids Field Trip Program sponsored by the San Dimas Community Committee.

Community days for friends from neighboring cities are: Upland 9/4, Pomona 9/5, Montclair, Ontario and West Covina 9/10, Diamond Bar 9/11, La Verne 9/17, Claremont 9/18, Chino Hills 9/19, Glendora 9/24, Chino 9/25, Azusa, Covina, Rancho Cucamonga, and Walnut 9/26.

Support your civic officials, business leaders, volunteers, unsung heroes, local talent and outstanding young people by attending the Fair on your city's "special" day.



Calling All K-9s and Companions

It's time to round up those "cow dogs" and reserve a spot to walk with the Friends of the Dog Park in the San Dimas Western Days Parade on Saturday, October 4th.

Parade your pooch with pride and show appreciation to the City of San Dimas for providing pets and their people with a leash-free park to exercise and socialize.

The parade route is Gladstone at San Dimas Avenue, south to Bonita, west to Cataract and ending at Pioneer Park (about 1 mile). We end our walk at the Dog Park Watering Hole for photos, cookies and dog treats.

To join the "pack", reply to sandimasdogpark@yahoo.com or contact Friends, P.O. Box 613, San Dimas 91773.

Sign-up deadline is Monday, September 1st.



Dog Park Etiquette for Humans

One of the best things to happen to dogs and those who love them is the growth in popularity of off-leash recreation areas. Dog park activity can tire a dog, and a tired dog is a happy, satisfied and well-behaved dog.

Here are a few tips to make your dog's experience better and safer for all:

- ✓ Dogs who are aggressive toward people or other dogs have no business in a dog park—no excuses.
- ✓ Once inside, pay attention to where your dog is and what it's doing. Dogs need to be monitored at all times to keep them out of trouble.
- ✓ Don't allow your dog to be bullied or to bully others. Sometimes the park mix isn't a good one and, if so, you may need to take your dog home.
- ✓ Some small dogs think they are big dogs, and some big dogs think small dogs are "edible". Their safety depends on the good judgment of their human.
- ✓ Do be responsible for cleaning up after your dog. A clean park is a healthy park!
- ✓ Dog parks work only when people are responsible, show consideration for others and follow the Rules.



Don't Miss the Annual "Bowser Bash"

On Saturday, October 11th, from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM, there will be a "howling good time" going on at Horsethief Canyon Park, and the San Dimas Parks and Recreation Department invites people and their pets from ALL communities to attend this FREE, fun event. There will be games for our canine friends, lots of giveaways by pet care professionals, vendor exhibits, agility demonstrations and much more.



Reminder

The Dog Park is **CLOSED** for servicing on **Wednesdays** from **noon to 2:00 PM**.





Recipe for Dog-gone Good Ice Cream

To help your favorite four-legged friend stay cool through the “dog-days” of summer, try making up some homemade peanut butter/banana doggie ice cream.

You will need:

- 1 ripe banana
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 2 cups of natural plain yogurt
- 2 tablespoons of honey

Mix ingredients together in a blender until well combined. Pour mixture into non-stick ice cube trays or small plastic containers and freeze overnight or until frozen solid.

Note: You can add more or less of any ingredient to suit your dog’s taste and/or texture preferences.

“Let the licking begin!”



♥ Life Lessons from our Furry Friends ♥

Always greet loved ones with enthusiasm

Make others smile

Be loyal to your family and friends

Find time to play every day

Advice from “Willie”

Bark softly and carry a BIG stick!



City of San Dimas Petfinder’s Service

It is heartbreaking to have a pet lost or stolen, but **San Dimas residents** now have access to **Petfinder**, a free courtesy service for online posting of photos and details. By looking through listings of animals found or adding those that are lost, a reunion may be just a “click” away.

In addition to registering pets with the **Inland Valley Humane Society** as soon as they are lost or found, **Petfinder** is an additional tool to help bring them home.

For more information, visit www.cityofsandimas.com or call the **Administration Department** at 909/394-6210.



A “New” Mosquito May be Buzzing Around



The **Asian Tiger mosquito** is an aggressive, day-time biter, and although it is not a carrier of West Nile virus, it can potentially transmit diseases to humans, as well as heartworm to canines.

Almost impossible to control, city health officials are calling on the public to eliminate standing water on their property which may serve as breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Known as a “container breeder” it prefers to lay its eggs in buckets, flower pots, old tires or on stems of aquatic plants. Eggs hatch and larvae mature to biting adults in 7 to 12 days.

Protect yourself and your family by using a repellent containing Deet. As for pets, ask your vet for advice.



Maggie & Charlie were “Pound Puppies”



**Mutts and Mixes Unleash Pure Love
“Until there are none, adopt one!”**



Friends of the Dog Park Meeting
2nd Thursday of each month, 7-8:00 PM
San Dimas Senior Center
201 E. Bonita Avenue
“Let Your Dog’s Voice Be Heard!”

