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Ruff-Day@hotmail.com

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Bellingham, WA 98225
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www.gonedoodygone.com

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Bellingham, WA 98226
(360) 733-2080

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Bellingham, WA 98227
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**Blaine's Grateful Dogs
Celebrate July 4th**

By Jason Friend, Blaine

For the second year in a row, about three dozen grateful dogs in Blaine celebrated by walking (on leash, of course) in Blaine's annual 4th of July Parade. And this year, they were led by a snappy looking float courtesy of driver Paul Atchison, Bandit, and Peace Arch State Park. They were followed down the street by a GDOL-Blaine volunteer wielding a pooper scooper.

Approximately 30 dogs took part, and Bow Wow and Woofs supplied baskets of dog goodies that were awarded to the oldest dog, the most patriotic dog, and the best dog-owner look-alike. In addition to the dogs that walked along strutting their stuff, two very small dogs wearing patriotic outfits were being pushed in a baby carriage.

Literally thousands of spectators lined Peace Portal Drive for the big event. And according to many, the large variety of dogs (and perhaps their owners, too) was the highlight of the parade. Participants handed out new brochures about Blaine's off-leash park that also included a map to the park, and a sign up sheet for potential members, donors, and volunteers. If the positive response of parade watchers is any indication, GDOL – Blaine's participation in the parade will continue to get bigger and better each year.

The brochures are now available at the Blaine Visitors' Center in the heart of town.



**Update: Post Point Treatment
Off Leash Area (aka Fairhaven Dog Park)**

By Bob Ross

The Post Point off-leash dog use area could be drastically reduced or even eliminated as a result of the planned wastewater treatment plant expansion.

The Public Works Department has selected the engineers to design the expansion of the "Poop Plant". Design will likely start this fall and construction could start by spring '09.

The expansion will most likely be toward the southeast encroaching on half or more of the dog "ballfield". The trail would have to be rerouted against the base of the hill. The whole field area could be closed during construction to make room for contractors' equipment like it was when the original plant was built.

Our dogs' voices need to be heard to retain as much of the off-leash use area as possible. We need more parking than four spaces. Our swimmers need to regain at least limited access to the salt water lagoon.

Part of the design and planning process may require a "neighborhood" meeting. Since not many, or any, of us are actually neighbors, it is urgent that you contact the Public Works Dept. to request to be notified about any public meetings.

Please bark at the following:

Dick McKinley,
Public Works Director: pw@cob.org

Dan Pike,
Mayor: mayoroffice@cob.org

Terry Bornemann,
City Council 5th Ward

Barbara Ryan,
City Council 6th Ward

**Alternative Humane Society
Dog Care Fair**

By Jesse Larsen

The Alternative Humane Society held their second annual Dog Care Fair on Sunday August 10th, 2008, at Bloedel Donovan Park. The event included dog care workshops, kids' activities, a silent auction, local dog-related businesses and organizations, gourmet hot dogs, and AHS adoptable dogs for the public to meet and greet.

This was our first year at Bloedel Donovan and it proved to be the perfect venue. Even early morning rain showers didn't dampen the spirits of the many happy dogs and guardians who attended. By early afternoon, the sun was shining for our dog and guardian look alike contest, a highlight of the day, with almost a dozen entrants. Grateful Dogs folks will no doubt recognize the winner, Sharon Bishop with Zeke and Zoey.



We were also thrilled to have Whatcom County's brand new Spay Station visit the Dog Care Fair to give tours and pass out information. The Spay Station is a life-saving addition to Whatcom County's animal welfare community. For more information, visit their website, www.wesnip.org.



AHS's 2008 Dog Care Fair was a big success and as usual, we will use all the money we raised to support our Spay/Neuter, Education, Dog Foster & Adoption, and Community Cat's Information and Referral programs.

Mark your calendars now for next year's expanded event, the **AHS Dog and Cat Care Fair**, scheduled for the first **Sunday in August, 2009**, at beautiful Bloedel Donovan Park!

**A TRAIL TO
NOWHERE**

By Mollie Faulkner

In recent weeks many of us have heard about the "Bridge to No where" in Alaska which is regarded as a Pork Barrel Project.



Well at Lake Padden Park we have a "Trail to No where" leading up to the back gate of the fenced off leash area is the most beautiful section of trail which must have cost a lot.

Sadly it stops outside the gate. So eight months out of the year it will lead only to a big mud puddle!

Membership Application

www.gratefuldogs.org

NAME: _____ DOGS NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

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If you are interested in receiving the newsletter by email, please check box

(Circle one) Type of membership: New Renew | (Circle one) FAMILY \$15 INDIVIDUAL \$10 BUSINESS SPONSOR \$40

Volunteer Interests: _____

Please mail this form with your check to the treasurer at:
Grateful Dogs; PO Box 31884, Bellingham, WA 98228

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Support Off-leash Areas - Join Grateful Dogs Today!

Please join Grateful Dogs or renew your annual membership. Grateful Dogs is dedicated to monitoring and improving our off-leash areas. These areas are constantly subject to review and some face possible closure and/or are under continual pressure from opponents. Your membership dollars help us fund the fight to keep Bellingham off-leash areas open and accessible to the public. **Thank you for your continued support. Renew today!**

Upcoming Poop Scoop Party Dates...

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| Post Point <i>First <u>Saturday</u> of the month:</i> 9am Saturday, Oct 4 Saturday, Nov 1 Saturday, Dec 6 | Bloedel Donovan: <i>First <u>Saturday</u> of the month:</i> 9am Saturday, Oct 4 Saturday, Nov 1 Saturday, Dec 6 | Lake Padden <i>Every Friday morning:</i> 9am | Little Squalicum Beach <i>Fourth <u>Sunday</u> of the month:</i> 2pm Sunday, Oct 26 Sunday, Nov 23 Sunday, Dec 28 |
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*Do you have a pet related business?
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Washington Poison Center
www.wapc.org
1-800-222-1222

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

We have many events being planned – if you want to help, (even an hour or two helps tremendously!) please call Mollie at 647-0391

THANK YOU!

Email Version?

We will be offering an email version of **The Grateful Dogs Scoop** soon. If you are interested in receiving this newsletter electronically, please email info@gratefuldogs.org with your email address.

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Fall 2008

From the Doghouse

Hello canine friends and guardians.

It has been awhile since we've been to off leash areas due to our aging bodies, but our off leash areas still need to be promoted and guarded.

What our guardians did this year:

Won a matching city Small and Simple Grant for planting trees at the new Squalicum Creek Park dog off leash area. We are very lucky to get trees established before the park opens. We'll need the shade! We hope many volunteers help plant the numerous trees October 18th to fulfill the Simple Grant conditions. *See the Tree Planting article.*

The Bark Park at Lake Padden has been improved by many volunteers and we hope they continue monitoring the conditions there. Our guardians have to be vigilant advocates so we can continue to romp and socialize.

Dog Days of Summer was another wild success and hope you took your guardians for the stimulating experience! Remember to remind your guardians they need to be vigilant about contacting the city, mainly Public Works, to speak up to keep off leash areas open to us dogs at Post Point. *See article about Post Point Update.*

Why do our guardians volunteer to maintain, promote and improve park off leash areas? Simple. We are members of the families we live with, we need to

Tree Planting! Saturday, Oct 18 9am to 12pm at Squalicum Creek Park Squalicum Parkway



Bring spades & gloves
Refreshments will be provided
Fun Times to be had by all!!!

exercise and socialize and recreate with our families and the best places for that to happen is in our off leash areas.

In volunteering to maintain and improve off leash areas in parks, our guardians are showing good faith in partnering with the city, help plan for future off leash areas, help educate the public through notices on bulletin boards at park, dog events and word of mouth. When we are good canine citizens, the public responds positively.

We're feeling like a drink of water now, so we'll sniff you later. Bark for Parks!

Sunny and Reesha

Members Meeting
Monday, October 27, 7:00 p.m.
at **Whatcom Educational Credit Union Meeting Room**
511 E. Holly St., (next to Kinkos & across from WECU)

Everyone is
welcome to
join us!