



# The Grateful Dogs Scoop

Bellingham & Blaine  
Grateful Dogs Off Leash Association  
[www.gratefuldogs.org](http://www.gratefuldogs.org)

Fall 2010

## BOARD MEMBERS

PRESIDENT ELECT  
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NEWSLETTER  
Jean Webster

ACCOUNTANT  
Kelly Pederson

TREASURER  
Marly Hogan

CITY  
GOVERNMENT  
LIAISON  
Anara Thomas  
Helen Rondestvedt

WEBMASTER  
BobbieRuth Langley

EVENTS CHAIR  
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PUBLICITY  
Jean Webster

## Membership Info:

To change your address or for membership questions, please contact Jenny at [jenny@thulinlaw.com](mailto:jenny@thulinlaw.com)  
**We NEED your updated Email addresses!**

## Please Read This

### IT IS IMPORTANT TO THE FUTURE OF GRATEFUL DOGS

Grateful Dogs has been without a President since March. We are a 501c3 non-profit organization and are required to have a functioning board.

An appeal went out in the spring newsletter to plea for help in filling the offices, without much response. We missed participation in dog related events that we normally would have been part of this summer. Bobbie Ruth Langley graciously took our information to Dog Days and displayed it at her own booth. Since then offers of help have surfaced.

It may appear that we are not presently threatened by losing off-leash areas. That is not so, **losing off-leash areas is always a threat!**

Three areas in particular:

**POST POINT  
LITTLE SQUALICUM PARK  
BLOEDEL DONOVAN PARK**

are going through changes. The dogs are often blamed for damage when other users are at fault. It is critical that we have an organization to speak up for these spaces and for our continued use. Board members who have confirmed their commitment are:

- Marly Hogan—Treasurer
- Bobbie Ruth Langley—Webmaster
- Jean Webster—Newsletter and Publicity
- Jenny Brighton—Membership
- Anara Thomas—Government Liaison
- Helen Ronsvedt—Government Liaison
- Kelly Peterson—Accountant

**\*Critical\***  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Monday,**  
**October 18th**  
**WECU meeting room**  
**at 7 p.m.**

**511 Holly Street**  
**Next to Kinkos**

A big **Thank You** to our volunteers that participate by attending meetings, work parties & events. You are the ones who keep this organization running year after year!

Members who have indicated interests in board positions are Dana Hanks and Kim Rutherford.

We have scheduled our ANNUAL MEETING for Monday October 18, 7:00 PM at the WECU meeting room 511 E. Holly (next to Kinkos)

It is important for you to attend this critical meeting. At this time, we need to know we have your support and participation.

Thank you,

--Mollie Faulkner  
Interim Organizer

*Listings are a service provided for businesses that join Grateful Dogs at the Business Level. Please contact Jenny at [jenny@thulinlaw.com](mailto:jenny@thulinlaw.com) for more information.*

**PET SITTERS & BOARDING**

**Bellingham Bay Pet Nannies**  
Lisa Ahmari  
PO Box 28862  
Bellingham | 360-305-0575

**Big Dog Sleepover**  
Audriana Ocean  
556 Sudden Valley  
Bellingham | 360-778-1152

**NW Kennels**  
4796 Northwest Dr.,  
Bellingham | 360-384-6578

**Placid Pet**  
Pet sitting & daily dog walking  
Bobbie Ruth Langley  
360-223-3825

**Ruff Day Doggie Daycare, LLC**  
360-527-0682  
<http://www.ruff-day.com>

**See Spot Run**  
Pet sitting & off leash adventures  
Kimberly Rutherford  
Licensed Veterinary Asst,  
360-305-8020  
<http://see-spot-run.org>

**SouthsidePAWS**  
Judy Farrell  
PO Box 4411, Bellingham  
360-766-7904  
<http://sspaws.com>

**PET SERVICES**

**Doo Bandits**  
Pet waste clean-up/removal  
Suzanne/Dennis Pate  
360-778-1291  
[www.doobandits.com](http://www.doobandits.com)

**Earth First Lawn Care**  
Andrea Rowe  
877-518-151 | 360-813-0040  
[earthfirstlawn@live.com](mailto:earthfirstlawn@live.com)

**City Dogs Grooming**  
Lee Ann Kelly  
Pet Grooming for all Breeds!  
1337 Lincoln St. Ste. 1.  
Bellingham | 360-756-9515  
[www.citydogsgrooming.com](http://www.citydogsgrooming.com)

**Ridgeview Dog Training**  
Linda Larkin  
Bellingham | 360-595-2131  
[ridgeviewpetservices.com](http://ridgeviewpetservices.com)

**PET SHELTERS/ RESCUE**

**Whatcom Humane Society**  
3710 Williamson Way  
Bellingham | (360) 733-2080

**Alternative Humane Society Of Whatcom County**  
PO Box 2321, Bellingham  
(360) 671-7445

**DOG LOVERS IN BUSINESSES**

**Bakerview Nursery**  
945 E. Bakerview Rd.  
Bellingham | (360) 676-0400

**Josh Shiflet, Realtor**  
Remax Lakeway  
913 Lakeway Dr.  
Bellingham | (360) 739-1327  
[www.sellwithjosh.com](http://www.sellwithjosh.com)

**KC Coonc, Realtor**  
Fairhaven Realty  
1100 11th St.  
Bellingham | (360) 305-9977  
[www.realestatebykc.com](http://www.realestatebykc.com)

**Mel Taylor**  
360-756-1097

**Ross Architecture NW**  
Bob Ross  
Bellingham | (360) 676-4443  
<http://www.rossnw.com>

**George Thomas Guitars**  
George Thomas  
Bellingham | 360-671-4193  
[georgethomasguitars.com](http://georgethomasguitars.com)

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Professional & Affordable  
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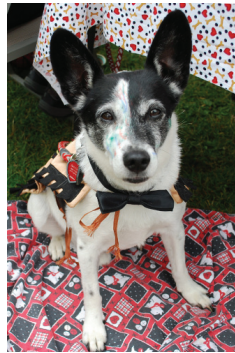
**VETERINARIANS & ANIMAL HEALTH**

**Maplewood Animal Hospital**  
David Rabkin, D.V.M.  
2869 West Maplewood Ave.  
Bellingham | (360) 715-1430

**Whatcom Dog Rehabilitation**  
Barb Kennedy  
Behavioral Counselor & Rehabilitation Specialist  
108 S 7th St  
Lynden | (360) 739-8502

# Paws & Claws Expo 2010 A Doggone HUGE Success!

Sunday August 1st, Bellingham held its annual Paws and Claws Expo - put on by the Alternative Humane Society.



The Paws & Claws Expo included dog and cat care demonstrations, games and contests for people and pets, kids' activities, a silent auction, and approximately 30 vendors including both local dog and cat related businesses and organizations and a selection of tasty food vendors.

“Strut Your Mutt” was a huge success!

Nearly 30 participants and their dogs completed the walking course, an approximately 2 mile walk/jog for people and their dogs. This year's route featured a long option and a short option from Bloedel Donovan Park to Whatcom Falls park and back. All registered participants received a dog bandana and a Paws & Claws Expo water bottle and were entered in a drawing to win fantastic prize baskets.

Demonstrations & contests included Musical Chairs, Best Catch, Best of Both Ends, Best Trick and Pet Look-a-like contest; a demonstration by the Police Dept. K9 Unit, CPR and Rally obedience Demos, workshops, Pet Fashion Show and a Raffle and Silent Auction.

Admission was free and leashed dogs were welcome to attend with their guardians. An awesome time was had by all.

Have a question? Interested in volunteering? Email us at [alternativehumanesociety@gmail.com](mailto:alternativehumanesociety@gmail.com), or call 671-7445.



Attendees watch a demonstration by the Blaine & Bellingham K-9 Police units.

## Dog Trivia

### World's Oldest Dog Breeds.....

Some of the oldest breeds of dogs are the Afghan Hound, the Chow Chow, the Lhasa Apso, the Pekingese, the Shar Pei, the Shih Tzu, the Tibetan Terrier, the Saluki, the Basenji, the Akita Inu, the Shiba Inu, the Samoyed, the Siberian Husky and the Alaskan Malamute.

### Smartest Breeds...and not so smart...

The smartest dogs are often thought to be Border Collies. They do very well in training. They can figure things out for themselves and also want to please their owners. However, lots of people think they have smarter dogs. Golden Retrievers, Labrador Retrievers, Poodles, Doberman Pinschers and German Shepherds are also breeds that repeatedly do well on doggy intelligence tests.

The least intelligent breeds, at least according to one expert, were the Borzoi, the Chow Chow, the Bulldog, the Basenji and the Afghan Hound. It's likely that these breeds are quite intelligent, however, they may not have as much motivation to do well on doggy intelligence tests as some other breeds.

### US Popular Dog Names.....

According to the AKC in 2007 the most popular names for dogs are Lady and Bear.



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## Low Cost Spay & Neuter Options

Bellingham's local SNAP (Spay Neuter Assistance Program) has provided service to hundreds of low income family pets.

Applications for SNAP are available at both shelters and online at [www.whatcomhumane.org](http://www.whatcomhumane.org).

Also, WeSNIP (Whatcom Education Spay & Neuter Impact Program) has a mobile spay/neuter unit that travels throughout Whatcom & Skagit counties.

## We SNip OCTOBER CALENDAR of EVENTS

**Thurs, Oct 7** - All day  
BELLINGHAM - The Market at Fairhaven  
(formerly Food Pavilion)

**Tuesday, Oct 12** - All day  
BELLINGHAM - Hardware Sales  
(In parking lot by Dairy Queen)

**Wed Oct 13** - All day  
BELLINGHAM - Hardware Sales  
(In parking lot by Dairy Queen)

**Thurs, Oct 14** - All day  
BELLINGHAM - Baker Creek Facility  
Whatcom Humane Society

**Tuesday, Oct 26** - All day  
FERNDALE - WFC Country Store

**Wed, Oct 27** - All day  
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**Thurs, Oct 28** - All day  
BLAINE - Toad's Texaco Express

Contact: Katy James  
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(360) 733-2080 ext.3014  
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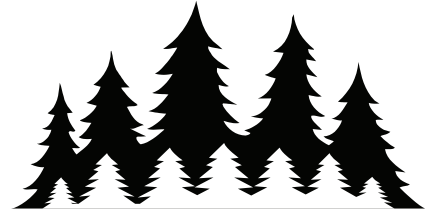
# Support off-leash Areas - Join Grateful Dogs Today!

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 ~ Thank you!*



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Federal ID #30-0317079

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dogs name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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 (*Bellingham Memberships only*)



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**Dogs are not our whole  
life, but they make our  
lives whole.**

**-- Roger Caras**