

FRIENDS OF GREATER LANSING DOG PARKS

Next Members-Only Play Sessions Set: Sunday, Feb. 25 and Saturday, March 10, 2007 from 2-4 p.m.

Our next dog park play sessions are confirmed for **Sunday, Feb. 25 and Saturday, March 10, 2007 from 2-4 p.m.** They will be held at the site of the future Howard and Erna Soldan Dog Park at Scott Woods. Rain, snow or shine—we plan to be there! The site will be available for off-leash use **ONLY** on the days of our scheduled play sessions. The fenced area is at the north end of the future dog park site, with an entrance on the east side of the park, just south of the intersection of Willard and Ruth Streets. Detailed directions are provided below.

The Play Sessions will continue to be supervised by experienced dog trainers and behaviorists to give us input on how our dogs are handling the off-leash experience. Alex Chodakowski, Owner/Trainer, Busy Paws Dog Training, has agreed to join us as the trainer for the day on Feb. 25. Robin Sackevich, a new member and Animal Science graduate with 25 years of animal experience, is scheduled for March 10. Be sure to ask our experts for pointers on improving behavior of your dog in the dog park setting.

We are working on a schedule of additional supervised play sessions until the park is fenced and open. If you are a dog trainer who would be willing to volunteer to help us out for a future play session or have someone to recommend, please contact us at info@lansingdogparks.com to let us know dates/times of availability and how to get in touch by email or phone. If you are not an email user, just call Ellen Sullivan at 517-484-7417 to volunteer.

Members-Only: The play sessions will continue to be free and members-only events; we welcome members both new and current to join us. If you are not currently a member, you will need to join or renew on-line prior to each play date; we will not be collecting memberships during the event. To renew your membership or join online, go to www.lansingdogparks.com and click on Membership.

Reservations and Dog Licensing: For these sessions we are not requiring advance reservations. However, if the session is too popular we may need to limit admission. Remember, no more than two dogs per human for this outing. **IMPORTANT REMINDER:** All dogs must be licensed and have proof of licensing to participate. Put that license tag on the dog collar now!

Special offer for 2/25 play session only: To sweeten the pot in honor of Spay Day USA on Feb. 27, the Spay Day Fairy is offering a spiffy bandanna to the first 25 neutered dogs that show up. Also on this day, all of the dog owners will receive one (1) free ticket for a special drawing for a copy of *Cesars Way by Cesar Millan*. Did you that the Spay Day Fairy lives at BusyPaws Dog Training? Join us for a fun day.

Play Session Rules: Proposed dog park rules will apply for the event. 1) ALL DOGS MUST BE LICENSED AND HAVE PROOF OF CURRENT LICENSING TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE. (Yes, we will be checking.) 2) Dogs must be under owner control at all times. 3) Owners must pick up after their dogs. 4) No dogs in heat are allowed. 5) No more than two (2) dogs per person. 6) Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. 7) Use of the dog park is at your own risk. By state law you are responsible for damages or injuries inflicted by your dog. We will have water and poop bags for picking up after your dogs. Please note there are no restroom facilities at the site, so plan ahead.

Directions: The site of the play session is the north end of the future Howard and Erna Soldan Dog Park at Scott Woods. Since the fenced area to be available for our use will be at the north end of the park, the nearest entrance is from the east side of the park, just south of the intersection of Willard and Ruth Streets. Willard Street is west off Aurelius Road and just south of Forest Rd. Take Willard west to Ruth St. and turn south (left). (It's the only direction you can go on Ruth from Willard at that point.) If you are driving, park along Ruth Street and be considerate of neighborhood yards and driveways on the east side of Ruth St. Make room for others, as this is a popular event. In the future when we have a path in place, the entrance will be through Hawk Island Park.

Go to our web site at <http://www.lansingdogparks.com/images/Map.gif> for a simple map of the location. To find the map on our website if the link does not work, go to <http://www.lansingdogparks.com>, click on Membership, and then click on (see map) in the fourth paragraph. If you need additional directions do a Mapquest search for Ruth Ave and E Willard Ave, Lansing, MI, and enter your starting address for directions. If you do not have internet access and need additional directions, contact Ellen Sullivan at 517-484-7417 or Cindy Ballard at 517-974-3103.

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