

## Lansing Unleashed eNews: October 12, 2006

Hello, Friends of Greater Lansing Dog Parks:

Welcome to our October 2006 eNewsletter issue. In this eNewsletter:

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**1. Visit our Friends of Greater Lansing Dog Parks display at the Bark and Build Extravaganza on Sunday, October 15 from 12 to 5 p.m. at the Ingham County Fair Grounds Main Arena in Mason.**

Habitat for Humanity in partnership with the Capital Area Humane Society and Ingham County Animal Control is hosting a first-ever Bark and Build Extravaganza on October 15. They are joining forces to raise awareness about the need for homes for people and pets in our community by hosting an event that promises to be a great afternoon for the family dog. The Capital Area Humane Society and Ingham County Animal Control will be hosting on-site pet adoptions and offering low-cost micro-chipping for your pets.

Come visit at our display area and buy your tickets for the Oct. 27 Trick or Treat with Your Dog in downtown Lansing. (See next item for more info about Trick or Treat.) For more information about the Extravaganza, check out the Habitat website at [www.habitatlansing.org/events.cfm](http://www.habitatlansing.org/events.cfm) or call them at 517-374-1313.

**2. Trick or Treat with Your Dog in Downtown Lansing on Friday, Oct. 27 from 6 to 8 p.m.:** Join us for the second annual Trick or Treat with Your Dog in downtown Lansing on Friday, Oct. 27. Sponsored by downtown Lansing merchants and spearheaded by Lee Keisel of the Spotted Dog Café, it promises to be a fun FUNdraising evening for all. We will be having a costume contest, best trick contest, and trick or treating at downtown merchant stores.

The standard \$10 Ticket includes a doggie treat bag and treat visits to the many supporting merchants. The \$25 Elite Ticket includes special doggie hors d'oeuvres at the Spotted Dog Café, doggie costume pictures and an enhanced treat bag. Buy your Elite ticket early since only 25 tickets are available as of this newsletter. The enhanced treat bag with the \$25 ticket includes a prize drawing open only to Elite ticket holders. Prizes with the \$25 ticket include a dog bed, a free class at Capital Area Humane Society, or a large bag of dog cookies. One dog per ticket, please. Because of the generous sponsorship of the Spotted Dog and local merchants, all ticket proceeds will go to either Friends of Greater Lansing Dog Parks or the Capital Area Humane Society. The choice is yours when you purchase your ticket.

Tickets are available at the Spotted Dog Café, 221 S. Washington Square, Lansing, 48933, by mail at the Spotted Dog or by calling Lee Keisel at 517-402-3600. We will be selling tickets at the Bark and Build event on Sunday, Oct. 15. Tickets supporting our organization only are also available for online purchase with a credit card at our secure membership and donations page at this address:

<https://app.etapestry.com/hosted/FriendsOfGreaterLansingDog/OnlineGiving.html>

Enter either \$10 or \$25 for each ticket in the Additional Donation box and enter Trick or Treat with Your Dog and number of tickets in the comments box. We will confirm your ticket purchase by email for pickup at the Spotted Dog on the day of the event. Have some fun and help fence the park

**3. Save the date for General Membership Meeting on Monday, October 23:** We are tentatively planning to have our next off-leash play session on the evening of Monday, October 23, 2006. We have confirmed the participation of Carol Hein-Creger, Training Director, Canine Training Center. Carol will be available to offer feedback on behavior (of dogs, that is) and will make a brief presentation on training tips. We will be moving from Elm Park to another location, which we are currently working out with the City. Please note that our off-leash play sessions are open only to members, that your dog MUST be licensed and you will need to bring proof of licensing to the event. Also note that we will start the session at 5:30 to take advantage of the daylight. Look for a Special Edition newsletter next week with details confirming the time and place. If you are not currently a member and want to participate, become a member on at <http://www.lansingdogparks.com/membership.html>

**4. Unleash the Laughs for Animal Resource Network Inc (ARNI) on Sunday, Nov. 5:** ARNI is holding a fundraiser at Connxtions Comedy Club-Lansing on Sunday, Nov. 5 to benefit their animal placement work. The event begins at 6 p.m. with a Silent Auction, full cash bar and hot appetizers. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. featuring improv with Charlie Ogar & Friends, Rico Bruce Wade, Uncle Edwin and Dwayne Gill. There is a 50/50 raffle and this is a non-smoking show. Tickets are only \$10 each and reservations are appreciated by calling the Club at 517-482-1468. For more information, see [www.arni.petfinder.com](http://www.arni.petfinder.com) or email [arnilansing@yahoo.com](mailto:arnilansing@yahoo.com) or call 517-853-8239.

**5. Thank You to our 2005 United Way Campaign Donors:** We recently received notice from Capital Area United Way (CAUW) regarding results of their 2005 Campaign. Special thanks to our 2005 State Employees Combined Campaign donors: Janet Holoweiko, Sue Lutton, Patricia Quinn and our two Anonymous Donors who have pledged over \$500 to the dog park. From the 2005 Capital Area Community Campaign we thank Emilie Evenson, MSU, for her donation and Dan & Sharon Wanderer, whose pledge will be matched by Jackson National Life Insurance Company, where Dan works. The community pledges are over \$600. Pledged amounts will be received throughout the year from CAUW after they are collected. This is a great benefit to our fundraising and we thank our donors for their support. Do you have a matching gifts employer who could match your contribution?

**6. Welcome to Our New and Renewing Members:** Welcome to our new and renewing members including: Reginald Riddle, William Clay Lavis, Teresa Norton, Amy Clubb, Jeffrey Wilson, Penny Howard, Tina Morehouse, Cheryl Bliss, Nikki Brown, Brianne Durham & Joe Parr, Emily & David Desrochers, Ruth Grant, Cody Hebden, Sherri Hawkins, Amanda Hoover, Jodi Joseph, Maria LaFaive, Deb Lintemuth, Judy & Ron Oisten, Brenda Perry, Jason Sheets, Shannon Spainhower, Bob Siegel, Debra Staal, and Linda Turner & Bill Hartwick.

**7. Getting Ready for the Dog Park:** This is the second installment of our recap of an excellent article in the September 2006 issue of The Whole Dog Journal. The article is called "A Bark in the Park: Rules of Dog Park Etiquette and Department for Dogs and Their Handlers" by Pat Miller. (See [www.whole-dog-journal.com](http://www.whole-dog-journal.com) for info.) . In this issue we discuss why very young puppies are not good dog park candidates.

Miller states that owners should keep puppies under the age of four months at home. They are not fully immunized yet, so are at a higher risk for contracting diseases. This is one of the reasons that our dog park rules will require dogs to be licensed in order to use the park. Apart from the fact that licensing your dog is required by law, the licensing process requires proof of rabies immunization-a key requirement. In addition, puppies are very vulnerable to being traumatized by the inappropriate behavior of another dog. Having a bad experience at the dog park early in the life of a puppy can affect the dog for the rest of his life. Give him time to grow up a little before joining in the fun at the park.

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That is all for now. Woof! Stay in touch through our web site at: [www.lansingunleashed.com](http://www.lansingunleashed.com)

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