

# “Happy Tales”

Happy tails to you!



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## “New” Rules for the Dog Park

Based upon the recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Commission, the San Dimas City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1197 amending Chapter 13.16.400 of the San Dimas Municipal Code to cover the following revisions (strikeouts) and additions (red) to the dog park Rules:

- No more than 3 dogs per person are allowed in the park at one time.
- Dogs must wear a flat collar with current tags visible. No pronged, spiked or choke collars allowed.
- Puppies under 4 months of age are not ~~recommended~~ permitted.
- Spaying/neutering of dogs is ~~recommended~~ required. ~~Dogs in season are not allowed.~~
- Children 12 years and under must be closely supervised by an adult at all times. Infants and toddlers are not recommended. ~~Parents must closely supervise children.~~
- No food or treats of any kind, dog or human, are permitted.
- No animals other than dogs permitted.
- Users must obey all other park rules.
- Smoking and alcohol are prohibited in all city parks.

In an effort to maintain the safety and off-leash fun that has made the dog park one of San Dimas’ favorite locations, these new Rules will become effective **November 25, 2010** and will be added to the existing Rules posted at the dog park entrance.

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## Congratulations!

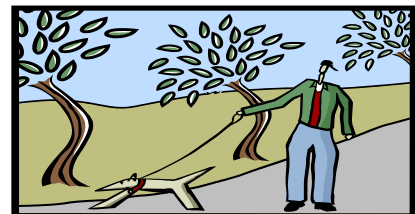
The San Dimas Chamber of Commerce has awarded the Friends of the Dog Park Group the **1<sup>st</sup> place trophy** for their entry in this year’s **Western Days Parade**. Thank you to all **142** enthusiastic participants for sharing your **101** great-looking dogs with a very appreciative audience.

## “Winter” Dog Park Maintenance Closure

To allow the City’s Park Maintenance crew to make repairs and improvements to the dog park (renovation and fertilization of turf, irrigation modifications, etc.), **BOTH** areas (large and small) will be **CLOSED January 4th to February 15th** (weather dictates re-opening on schedule).

Visitors are asked to show appreciation for the City’s efforts to keep the park looking its best by respecting this closure. Trespassing will not go unnoticed or be tolerated.

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## Reminder

In accordance with the City of San Dimas’ leash law (SDMC13.16.090), other than inside the dog park, owners must keep their pets leashed **at all times**. Violators are subject to being cited by the Sheriff’s Department.

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## Calling All Canines (and their Companions)

Reserve your spot to “jingle all the way” with the Friends of the Dog Park entry in the **Glendora Christmas Parade** on **Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.**, by replying to [sandimasdogpark@yahoo.com](mailto:sandimasdogpark@yahoo.com) or Friends, P.O. Box 613, San Dimas 91773 telling us who you are and what dog/s you are bringing. See you there—with bells on!



🌿 🌿 🌿 🌿 🌿 **Johnny's Journey** 🌿 🌿 🌿 🌿 🌿

This dog was homeless, living in an industrial area near the IVHS in Pomona. For more than a year, Jill (a kind-hearted volunteer) put out food and water, but he was too scared and cautious to be caught. But, finally, he was able to be tranquilized and rescued from his life on the streets.

After many months of TLC in Jill's home (who already had three dogs of her own), he was adopted into a family, only to be returned because he was terrified of children.

Determined to find this deserving dog a "forever" home, email appeals were sent out, and Anna came into his life. Her words, "I don't do give-backs" were followed up by a much-needed trip to the groomer and visit to the vet that even included teeth cleaning. After all, he had **lots** to smile about now and needed to show his pearly-white choppers.

Anna named her new-found friend Johnny, and he is her constant companion. His new life is filled with long car rides, two walks a day and **lots** of love. He is happy, well adjusted and a popular visitor to the dog park. The favorite welcoming greeting is, "H-e-e-e-r-r-r's Johnny!"

**Before**

**After**



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**Disaster Kits for your Pets**

(Timely Advice from IVHS/SPCA)

Following these suggestions, you can make a simple disaster kit for any kind of pet:

- ✓ 3-5 days of dry food
- ✓ 3-5 days of water
- ✓ Non-tip bowls for food and water
- ✓ An extra collar and leash for dogs
- ✓ Extra of any medicine your pet needs to take
- ✓ Copies of license, rabies and health records (keep these and the medicine in a sealed plastic bag)
- ✓ Extra toys
- ✓ A small blanket or one of your old t-shirts
- ✓ A sturdy carrier or crate of the proper size

Everything, except the carrier or crate, can be kept in a large canvas tote bag or backpack for easy storage and quick retrieval. Make a list of your pet's other daily needs and include these in their disaster kit.

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**Something to Think About**

(By Dave Barry)

"Dogs need to sniff the ground; it's how they keep abreast of current events. The ground is like a giant dog newspaper, containing all kinds of late-breaking dog news items which, if they are especially urgent, are often continued in the next yard."

**Claus & Marley were "Pound Puppies"**



**Animal Shelter Facts:**

- Did you know that four in ten (or 40,000,000) households own at least one dog?
- Did you know that 20% of owned dogs were adopted from an animal shelter?

**"Until there are none, adopt one!"**

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**The Top 10 Pet-Owner Mistakes**

1. Buying a Pet Spontaneously
2. Skipping Obedience Training
3. Being Inconsistent With the Rules
4. Dispensing Too Many Treats
5. Neglecting to Socialize Your Pet
6. Skimping on Exercise
7. Neglecting to Keep Your Pet Mentally Active
8. Leaving a Pet Alone for Too Long
9. Failing to make Your Home Pet-Friendly
10. Punishing Your Pet

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**Calling All Pet Lovers**

It's not too late to reserve a **CA Spay and Neuter license plate** to promote responsible pet ownership. Sponsored by the California Veterinary Medical Board, proceeds from sales will provide funding for **free or low-cost spay and neuter** surgeries throughout California. The DMV will begin production of these plates when **7,500** pre-orders are received. Visit <http://caspayplate.com/> to learn more and/or to place your order. Help raise awareness!

**Spay and Neuter Saves Lives!**

**Friends of the Dog Park Meeting**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of Each Month**  
**7:00-8:00 p.m.**  
**San Dimas Senior Center Meeting Room**  
**201 E. Bonita Avenue**  
**(Across from Albertsons)**

