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Happy 2010 from your friends at Anthem Pets!

We can't do it alone.... We need your help!!

- ***We need a few people to do a sign painting project, and replacing the rope on the walkway rails...can you help??***
- ***Help needed with the park patrol....Thursday or Sunday top notch training provided. Let's have some new people step up!***
- ***FOOD REBAGGING!! Next Tuesday at the park 10 am...We could also use some more food...Mac & cheese and blankets if you have some around..***

Show us your BLUE

Memberships are still coming in so welcome any new faces...but they should have <u>blue</u> tags so if you see someone without a tag...question them!!! Yes we do have people who have the nerve to sneak in or have been let in by their friends. Please remember all dogs have been checked for current vaccinations as well as paid for their membership. Don't ruin it for the rest of us!!! If they are not a member they should not be entering the park!!!

If your tag has been damaged or eaten we gladly will leave another for you.

Do you think it's ok to let your friends into a membership only park? If so, you can say farewell to your park privileges! If someone asks you to let them in because they "lost or forgot" their tags. Don't do it, it could cost YOU your membership.

A Special Thank You

To the Day family for the log swing in the little dog park. The humans really appreciate it!!

BANNER TIME!! *If you would like a banner contact us.*

http://anthempets.com/sponsors/sponsors.htm

EVENTS

- ***Mark your Calendars....Sunday Feb.21st...annual meeting at the Anthem Community Center. 3-4 pm.***
  Also we could use some new board members. We like to keep it at 20 but have lost a few to personal reasons lately. If you are interested email us and we will tell you what's involved. Lots of areas need help.

- ***Annual Garage Sale...save your unwanted stuff as they will be someone's TREASURE....DATE IS SATURDAY MARCH 20... The first day of spring and time to Spring Clean. ...Email Karen at***

thesatisfieddog@yahoo.com ***she will tell you where to take your items.***

- ***Adopt-a-thon ....Jan. 30 ...10 to 4 at the Community Park in Anthem. Meet in person or see pictures up close of pets we have available. Also need help. 9-11...11-1...and 1-3.. A fun day for all. !!***

New Education Program

My Life with Joe Cocker
By Mary Ann Bowen

In August of 2002, I was hired as the Director of Humane Education for a large animal shelter in Kansas City, Mo. My job included going into schools with my TRAINED dog to teach children how to be safe around domesticated animals, how to care for family pets, and how to be a responsible pet owner. The only problem: my dog Finn, a soft-coated wheaton terrier (who is still going strong at 14) absolutely refused to do anything on command. She would not sit, she would not stay, she would not even come when called. So the search was on for another family pet, one that could be taught commands and was not upset by crowds and children.

On September 8, a black cocker spaniel was brought to the shelter. He had been found wandering the streets near an interstate; aside from being one dirty dog and smelling like a dumpster, he was adorable. I fell in love with him immediately. After waiting the mandatory five days with no owners coming forward, my new buddy, Joe Cocker, had a nice bath and then came home. For the next ten days, Joe and I worked with the trainer at the animal shelter; he was a star pupil, for we found he would do anything for a treat. He could sit, stay, shake hands, and roll over on command. He was temperament tested to see what he would do if a child grabbed his tail, pulled his ears, or stepped on his feet, and he passed with flying colors. The only thing he would not do (and still will not do) is eat food out of a bowl.

Joe and I worked in schools, at Boy Scout and Girl Scout meetings, and in training sessions at the animal shelter and gave our presentation to hundreds of students. Joe loved every minute of it and always performed like a real star. One day a local news channel came to tape us for the evening newscasts; it must have been a slow news day. The photographer was at our third school of the day, and it was late in the afternoon. Joe was tired. The children were sitting on the floor in front of us, and as I started the presentation, Joe did something he had never done before: he left my side and went to sit by two boys in the front row; one of them put his arm around Joe and there they sat for the entire presentation. The next day the shelter was flooded with calls from people wanting to adopt Joe Cocker. The shelter requested that we never appear on television again as the adoption staff was overwhelmed with all of those calls!

Joe and I retired and moved to Anthem, along with my husband Chuck and our wheaton terrier. However, Joe is getting a little bored, so we have decided that we will dust off our act and—working under the auspices of Anthem Pets—hope to soon be in the local schools, educating children about how to be safe around animals.

Anthem Pets Adoption Policy ...we are not a rescue but animal advocates for the communities we serve. We do not charge for adoptions nor do we accept owner surrenders on our site that are selling pets. We only want good homes for the pets. We require a 7 day in home trial ..Good for you and the animal. If it works fine you sign our release that says we will always take it back and that you will give it proper care and you have a new family member. AGAIN THERE IS NO FEE INVOLVED

Even if you are not interested please pass the flyers on to anyone you can. As always thanks to everyone who stops to pick up a lost and found pet and those who foster. Many times lost and found never makes it to the website and the problem is taken care of in a few minutes or hours. We just need to keep the pet safe until we can get all the info checked or posted on websites.

STILL TWO MORE WEEKS TO PUT MONEY IN JARS FOR PET OF THE YEAR OR ADD YOUR PET TO THE CONTEST....PUT THEIR PICTURE IN AN EMPTY BOTTLE....IF NO BOTTLE LET US KNOW.