

# A Howlin' Good Time

## OFF-LEASH NEWS



MARCH 2017

Save the Date  
Friday, April 14



An Easter event for the dogs! Find more info on this page.

### Share Your Pics

Got a great photo of your dog having a howling good time at River Park? If so, please share with our group. Send with your dog's name to [riverparkoffleash@gmail.com](mailto:riverparkoffleash@gmail.com). We'd love to feature them in one of our newletters.



### UNSUBSCRIBE OPTION

If for any reason you no longer wish to receive communication, just let me know.

Candice



✉ [riverparkoffleash@gmail.com](mailto:riverparkoffleash@gmail.com)  
🌐 [riverparkdogs.com](http://riverparkdogs.com)  
🐦 [@riverparkdogs](https://twitter.com/riverparkdogs)  
📘 [riverparkdogs](https://www.facebook.com/riverparkdogs)



Changing of seasons at River Park

## Easter Egg Hunt for Dogs

National Service Dogs (NSD) is holding a fun event for dogs and their families. All money raised support NSD's award-winning Certified Service Dog programs.

Good Friday, April 14  
Calaway Park (Range Rd 33) | 9:00am

Annually, thousands of plastic eggs filled with dog treats are hidden over a defined area of a local park. Each egg contains a dog treat and a sticker, representing a chance to win one of hundreds of great prizes.

Registrants receive two egg cartons, giving them the opportunity to collect up to 24 eggs. Participants who collect donations on NSD's behalf are eligible to collect more eggs based on the dollar value of the donations they received:

\$50-\$150: 1 additional egg carton will be provided  
\$151-\$300: 2 additional egg cartons will be provided  
\$301-\$500: 3 additional egg cartons will be provided  
\$501 or more: 4 additional egg cartons will be provided

[Register](#) your dog!



## The Dogs of River Park

We received a note from **Martha M** and her dog **Ringo** in response to the request to share photos of dogs enjoying walkies at River Park. Martha wrote:

*These photos were taken at River Park during the cold snap over Christmas 2016.*

*We live near Crowfoot, but usually make our way to River Park on the weekends for the socializing and a change of scene.*

*Everyone and their dogs are so nice and it's such a lovely spot. It has to be really awful for us to skip it! I've been coming to River Park for years. I brought my Dalmatians for the swimming down at Sandy Beach and now bring Ringo and his sister (dog) Zilla. He chases the ball, and she plays with puppies. Good times for all!*





## A Fond Farewell

Michelle, Chris, their children and brofur Stanley recently lost **Newton**, a Burnese Mountain dog. Michelle wrote: "He was born 'Bernova's Constant Commotion', but we all called him Newton. He followed us across Canada numerous times as we made semi-annual drives from Lunenburg to Calgary and back again. He was an excellent co-pilot! Despite being a total love sponge and a fairly submissive fellow, he was a fabulous watch dog with a bark big enough to keep our family safe. Although he did a lot of important work (baby toe licker extraordinaire, ever-ready toddler step stool, foot warmer, impressive trick performer, child protector, pizza muncher, best friend forever - to name just a few), his favorite job of all was being a walking buddy. He took this very seriously as nothing was better than exploring the world with us."

On Jan 6, at nine years old, Newton lost his battle against Degenerative Myelopathy. It was a fight to the finish, but that morning he could no longer walk. After a feast of pizza and a giant ice cream cone, the entire family held him close in one last snuggle as we said our final goodbye. We are not the same without him."

Michelle, Chris, Xandy, LuLu and Stanley



## A Safety Reminder

Many of us drive to the off-leash park. Whether you use a parking lot or the street, please remember to keep your dog safe as it exits and enters your vehicle. We've all seen near misses and sadly, some of us have witnessed deaths as a result of a dog running out into traffic.

Please make sure your dog is under control. According to Animal and Bylaw Services, dogs are supposed to be on-leash in parking lots and the street. Off-leash access only applies to designated areas with a sign stating so. Avoid a costly ticket, but most importantly, please keep your dog safe!



## Dog-friendly Accommodation

It's becoming commonplace to include our dogs in everything we do, including travel plans. It's always a good idea to inquire in advance as to whether or not your hotel accommodations will accept pets and determine if there are any guidelines or restrictions.

Many thanks to **Jerrilyn M** who sent a hilarious account to share with readers. We couldn't agree more!

A man wrote a letter to a small town hotel he planned to visit on his holiday. He wrote: "I would very much like to bring my dog with me. He is well groomed and very well behaved. Would you be willing to permit me to keep him in my room with me at night?"

An immediate reply came from the hotel owner: "Sir, I've been operating this hotel for many years. In all this time, I've never had a dog steal towels, bedclothes, silverware or pictures off the walls."

I've never had to evict a dog in the middle of the night for being drunk and disorderly. And I've never had a dog run out on a hotel bill. Yes, indeed your dog is welcome at my hotel.

And if your dog will vouch for you, you're welcome to stay here too."

## It's All in a Name

Planning a furry addition to your family? Lots to think about for sure, starting with choosing a great name.

Found [My Dog's Name](#), a website with loads of categories to help you with the task such as:

- Friendly
- Cute
- Tough
- Elegant
- Funny
- Sporty
- Classic
- Breed-related
- Colour-related
- International



## Paws for Thought

Some interesting finds to share with everyone this month:

Noted in the Calgary Herald: [Exciting news](#) for people who would like to enjoy a beverage with their dog.



Some of us have no idea that many dogs don't like being patted on the head. Say what? That's right! [Learn more](#) in this article from the [American Kennel Club](#).



An article from [Dogington Post](#) to help us recognize and prevent separation anxiety in dogs



## Caring for Your Pet In Sickness and Health

Some great online info to help keep all of our furry family members healthy and happy!



[Symptom Checker](#) - a great resource for dog owners from [PetMD](#)



Great info about [dental care](#) from [veterinarypartner.com](#)

