

The Talk at the Walk

~*A newsletter for members and friends of Julington Creek Animal Walk*~



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JCAW DAYCARE BLACKOUT DATES

 Tuesday 7/03 thru Thursday 7/05

 Friday 8/31 thru Tuesday 9/04



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DOG OF THE MONTH ~ VELVET ~ OWNED BY ELLEN MCCLURE



Velvet is a 6-month old black/white Miniature American Shepherd. Ellen found Velvet through a special friend, who had also assisted her with the rescue of her previous dog, Roscoe (Standard Australian Shepherd). When Ellen arrived at the breeders, Velvet was the only puppy left in the litter. Velvet walked over to Ellen and laid down at her feet, and "it was love at first sight." Ellen had previously seen a photo of Velvet on line and had become instantly captivated. "I never picked out a dog from a picture before." Velvet is described as laid back with a calm disposition, a nice temperament, very friendly, and extremely smart. "She is the smartest dog I have ever had." Just one day after taking her home, Velvet learned "sit" in a matter of seconds. On command, Velvet rolls over, shakes, speaks, and heels, and she does great on-leash. "We are still working on training off-leash." She loves to cuddle, but she is not needy. Velvet spends Mondays at the office with mommy. Ellen says she will stay in her "place" all day and only gets up when Ellen says "free." "Velvet is such a good companion, and I love that she is so soft and cuddly. She is very in tune with me. She is an old soul in a young body."

HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE - BE READY: Prepare, Plan, Stay Informed



The best way to protect your family from the effects of a disaster is to have a disaster plan in place, and that plan must include your pets. Being prepared can save their lives. In the event of a disaster, if you must evacuate, the most important thing you can do to protect your pets is to evacuate them, too. Leaving pets behind, even if you try to create a safe place for them, is likely to result in their being injured, lost, or worse. So, prepare now for the day when you and your pets may have to leave your home.

1. **Have a safe place to take your pets.** It may be difficult, if not impossible, to find shelter for your animals in the midst of a disaster, so be sure to plan ahead. Do not wait until disaster strikes to do your re- search. There are many communities that have pet friendly shelters.

2. **Assemble a portable Pet Disaster Supplies Kit.** Whether you are away from home for a day or a week, you will need essential supplies. Keep items in an accessible place and store them in sturdy containers that can be carried easily, like a duffel bag. Your pet supplies kit should include medications, medical records, first aid kit, leashes, current photo of pets (in case they get lost), food, portable water, bowls, can opener, and pet beds and toys, if transportable.

3. **Know what to do as the disaster approaches.** Call the shelter to confirm arrangements; Bring pets into the house; Ensure your pet supplies kit is stocked; Make sure pets are wearing collars with up-to-date identification tags. If you are not home when the evacuation order comes, have a trusted friend/neighbor gather your disaster kit and your pets and meet at a prearranged location. Planning and preparation will enable you to evacuate with your pets quickly and safely. Bear in mind that animals react differently under stress. The most trustworthy pets can panic, hide, or even bite or scratch. Keep pets leashed/caged while traveling. Never leave pets unattended where they can escape. Upon returning home, give your pets time to readjust to their regular routines. The Humane Society Disaster Center has several brochures to help you plan for the needs of your pets during an emergency.



It is very important to make sure your pets are microchipped and have the vet scan the microchip at least once a year to make sure the chip is still able to be read easily. This is the best way to make sure that if they do get separated from you, they will be able to contact you so you may be reunited.

For more information, go to http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/animal_rescue/relief.html OR www.ready.gov

HEAT ADVISORY Dogs often feel the brunt of the sun and overheat more quickly than humans. Dog owners should be mindful and limit outside activities. Take precautions to avoid a tragedy. Do your best to walk or play in shaded areas. Provide plenty of water, and don't let your dog linger on hot asphalt. *NEVER* leave your dog in a parked car, *even* if the windows are open, and *even* if the car is parked in the shade. Be on the lookout for warning signs of potential heat stroke, which include panting, staring, anxious expression, refusal to obey commands, warm/dry skin, high fever, rapid heartbeat, vomiting, and collapsing. If you suspect heatstroke, take your pet to the vet immediately.



D O G P A R K R U L E S

- For the safety of your pet and well as others, DOGS MUST BE ON LEASHES when entering or leaving the park. A scared or excited dog may take off running anytime.**
- Always be aware of where your dog is playing, do not leave unattended.**
- Be vigilant when walking through the park; snakes are out.**
- Please pick up after your pets while using the park so we can ensure an enjoyable park experience for all of our members.**



To review the JCAW Dog Park Regulations, go to <http://julingtoncreekanimalwalk.com/walk/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2017/07/AW-Dog-Park-Rules.pdf>

P A R K R E M I N D E R S

Bringing food or treats into the park is prohibited. We have heard of some members loading up on treats and handing them out to dogs in the park or even dogs in boarding. We prohibit food in the park for multiple reasons: **1) Resource Guarding** - Some dogs are food aggressive and could start fights; **2) We care for several dogs with severe food sensitivities and any change in diet could be detrimental to their health.** The staff is very concerned for everyone's safety. It is detailed in the park membership rules that food is not to be in the park, including dog treats, ***"Food of any kind is not permitted within Animal Walk except in designated picnic areas."***



Membership is intended for your registered pets only. Please do not bring any dogs who are not on your Park Application into the park. If you acquire a new dog, please register him/her at the front desk **BEFORE** bringing him/her into the park. Violation of this policy could result in termination of your park membership.

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CIV (Canine Influenza). We are requiring this vaccination for all new park memberships as of now and by July 1st. All existing park members must have their dogs vaccinated for the H3N2 strain of the flu. This is the newer strain and lives longer in the environment as well as being much easier to spread and causes more severe symptoms. Questions? Call JACH at 268-6731.

For an overview, go to <https://vetmed-hospitals.sites.medinfo.ufl.edu/files/2017/05/Info-for-Pet-Owners-on-Canine-Influenza-1.pdf>

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