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3rd Annual Pet Walk and Fun Day

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Can you believe it's almost time for our 3rd annual Pet Walk and Fun Day? This year's Pet Walk and Fun Day will be held on May 28th, from 9 am to 2 pm at Fort Calgary (750 – 9th Ave. S.E.).

Walk the walk and collect pledges from your friends, family, and neighbors—anyone you would like to ask to sponsor you and your PALS pet.

Can we beat the \$5000.00 raised last year? Money raised from this event is earmarked for supporting the programs and activities of PALS.

PALS volunteers, their families, friends, as well as our sponsors are invited to participate in this event, which is held shine (think sun), rain or snow. PALS pets friends are invited to join us but please ensure that all pets are either caged or leashed and most importantly under control at all times. Manners are important and expected.

The day begins with check in and pledge drop off for the Pet Walk at 9:00 am. The walk itself starts at 10:00 am. PALS participants are reminded to wear their name tags (humans), PALS scarves (pets) and to bring along lawn chairs (for the humans).

You can look forward to munching on barbecued hotdogs for lunch then attending and/or participating in the famous PALS Pet Olympics. Olympics include special events like the egg 'n spoon race, musical mats, dunkin' - for donuts, dress your pet, three-legged race and wheelbarrow race.

Pre-register by May 12th and qualify to win the early bird prize. Let us know the number of people and pets you are bringing, and if you can help out by volunteering for a one hour shift.

Back by popular demand, our very own Pet Photographer, Chris Neil, will be available on site to take fabulous, professional photographs

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Dates to Remember

- * Casino—April 4 & 5
- * Bingo—March 20, April 29 & June 8
- * Pet Screening—April 9
- * AGM/Team Leader's Meeting— April 15
- * Hullabaloo—May 7
- * Pet Walk & Fun Day— May 28
- * Canada Day at Fort Calgary—July 1

"Did you ever walk into a room and forget why you walked in? I think that's how dogs spend their lives." - Sue Murphy

"Scratch a dog and you'll find a permanent job." - Franklin P. Jones

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of your pet. If you have seen any of these photographs, you know how beautifully they turn out. The cost is \$20.00 for two 5x7s with all proceeds going to support PALS.

Included with this newsletter are an event flyer and a pledge form. Please try to bring the pledge form and pledges into the office before the event; however, if you are unable to, please bring them

with you on May 28th.

*RSVP to Barbara at the PALS office:
Phone: 250-7257

Email: pals@nucleus.com

or Fax: 250-9273.

Looking forward to seeing you May 28th, 2000.

Cheers,

Barbara

Hullabaloo

PALS volunteers and PALS pets are needed to participate in this year's Hullabaloo event to be held May 7th, 10 am to 5 pm at the Olympic Oval. Shifts are 2 hours long, 10 am - 12 pm, 12 - 2 pm, 2 - 4 pm, and 4 - 5 pm (including tear down). We need at least 3 people with their pets for each shift. Those interested in more information or in working a shift, please call the office at 250-7257 by April 30th.

Special Thanks!!

A very special THANK YOU to all the volunteers who worked both or either of the last two bingos; both were dates that involved sacrifice. It takes a special person to volunteer on the eve of the millennium, especially since this was a once in a lifetime celebration. PALS is honored to have you folks as supporters.

The February bingo was not on a night of celebration but rather was the night of the horrendous snow-storm. Pals appreciates all of you who attended under such extreme weather conditions. You folks help make PALS the volunteer organization of Calgary.



"Thousands of years ago, cats were worshipped as gods. Cats have never forgotten this." - Unknown

"Dogs come when they're called; cats take a message and get back later." - Mary Bly

Would you like to Help Interview New Applicants?

Not one day goes by where the PALS office does not receive applications from new potential volunteers.

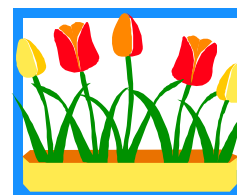
As you all know from your own experience, the intake process starts with individual interviews. These are always conducted in teams of two and involve approximately 2 hours of your time (plus traveling). The PALS office takes care of all the preparations — sets up and confirms the appointments and gets the pa-

perwork ready.

Interviewing is not only lots of fun and gives you the opportunity to meet other volunteers as well as new applicants and their pets, it is also a very valuable skill to have.

If you are interested in joining our interviewing team, please contact Regula. She can be reached at the PALS office every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

Thanks a bunch to those volunteers who have already been helping us with the current round of interviews.



PALS Pet Access League Society
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday, April 15th, 2000

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the members of the Pet Access League Society will be held at the Alberta Children's Hospital 4th Floor Solarium, on Saturday April 15th, 2000 from 11:00 a.m. to noon, for the purposes as detailed in the following agenda. Members who are unable to attend are encouraged to make their views known on agenda items by completing the proxy form below.

Dated at Calgary, Alberta, February 14, 2000

By Order of the Board of Directors

INVITATION

All PALS volunteers are invited to attend the AGM. However, only members in good standing are allowed to vote or enter into any discussion that arises.

At the AGM, every person who at the time of the meeting is entered on the records of the Society as a *Member in Good Standing* shall be entitled to vote by attending such meeting in person, or by proxy. By-law 10.07

If an eligible member is unable to attend, he/she may send their proxy (clip-out or photocopy proxy below) to the PALS office.

Written proxies will be accepted at the AGM. Any person holding proxies must present them as evidence, to the recording clerk, prior to the official commencement of the meeting. By-law 10.08.

At least 20 members must be present at the meeting to constitute a quorum. We hope to see all of you there. It's a great opportunity to meet other PALS people.

PROXIES CAN BE SUBMITTED TO THE PALS OFFICE OR BROUGHT TO THE AGM.

AGENDA

(Please note that this agenda is your only copy, please bring it with you.)

1. Call to order.
2. Approval of agenda.
3. Approval of minutes of 1999 AGM.
4. Approval of financial statement and budget.
5. Election of new directors.
6. Adjournment.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following Directors will let their names stand for re-election at the AGM: Natalie Myers, Lynn Dorsay, Mike Rosser, Sheryl van Otterloo and Jocelyn Trimble.

Gus Van Heusden, Milli Pratt, Paul Rintoul and Irene Phillips are into the second year of their terms.

The nomination of a new Director must be submitted by two PALS members and an acceptance letter by the nominee must be received at the PALS office by April 7th, 2000.

PALS PROXY FORM

I, _____, PALS Member,

hereby appoint _____, PALS Member,

as my proxy, to vote for me on my behalf at the
 PALS Annual General Meeting, to be held on Saturday, April 15th, 2000.

 Signature

 Date

Entertainment Books

If you have any outstanding money or books, please get them into the PALS office at your earliest convenience.

Canada Day Celebrations

PALS has been invited to set up an interactive booth at the Fort Calgary Canada Day Celebrations—July 1st, 2000. PALS volunteers and PALS pets are needed. Please call the PALS office to volunteer for a shift (1 ½ to 2 hours).



Casino

A huge thanks to all of the volunteers who sent in casino volunteer applications. The response was wonderful and I know that the casino on April 4th and 5th is going to be a huge success.

Notice to all Team Leaders

All team leaders are invited to attend the Annual Team Leaders Meeting on April 15th, 2000. Please refer to the enclosed agenda for details.

Mackenzie Lake Play School

It is time for our annual, special visit to Mackenzie Lake Playschool. Volunteers who are interested in visiting a group of 3 and 4 year olds on either May 15th or 16th can contact the PALS office. Visiting times are 9:15 am and 1:30 pm on both days. Two to three PALS volunteers and their pets are needed for each shift.

National Volunteer Week !!

April 9th—15th

Office Volunteer Needed

If you have time and are interested, the PALS office needs a volunteer to help stuff envelopes, collate, file, help with newsletter distribution, photocopy, organize the supply cupboards, etc. This is a once a month volunteer position. If you are interested, please contact the PALS office.



Have you remembered to pay your PALS' dues?

Points to Ponder

- * "Whoever said you can't buy happiness forgot little puppies."
- * "Did you ever walk into a room and forget why you walked in? I think that's how dogs spend their lives."
- * "Scratch a dog and you'll find a permanent job."
- * "There is no snooze button on a cat who wants breakfast."
- * "In a cat's eye, all things belong to cats."
- * "Dogs believe they are human. Cats believe they are God."
- * "Dogs are not our whole life, they just make our lives whole."
- * "No matter how little money and how few possessions you own, having a dog makes you rich."
- * "A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself."
- * "If your dog doesn't like someone you probably shouldn't either."
- * "What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight - it's the size of the fight in the dog."
- Dwight D. Eisenhower
- * "If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you. This is the principal difference between a dog and a man."
Mark Twain



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