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"Pets Helping People"

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Dates to Remember:

- * Bingo - June 15, Sept 23

Please contact Audrey Giefer at 248-6422 if you can help.

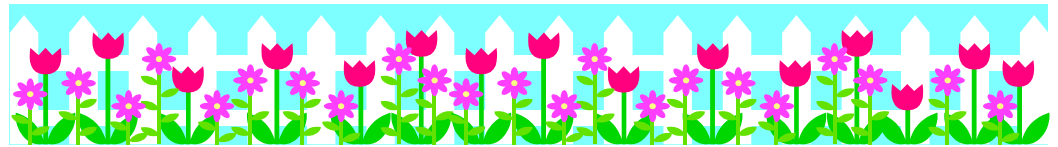
- * AGM - May 8, 2004
- * Hull Breakfast - July 13
- * Calaway Park - Aug 7, 8
- * Art Market Nov 18-21



New Board of Directors Needed

This year we will be saying goodbye to several of our long standing Board Members. Some of these individuals have sat on the PALS Board for the past decade and all have contributed immensely to making PALS the successful program that it is today. While our entire retiring BOD members will remain active members and volunteers each has decided not to seek re-election.

This means that PALS is currently looking for people who are interested becoming Members of the Board. Responsibilities include attending monthly BOD meetings and some committee work. If you would like to see PALS continue providing a valuable service to the citizens of Calgary, we urge you to contact the PALS office to find out how to be nominated.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Many thanks to the volunteers who worked the bingo on March 27. Only a week before the event it looked as though we were going to be very short of volunteers. However, enough of you came forward so that we had the required number of volunteers for both the early and twilight event.

I had a great time seeing volunteers that I hadn't seen in ages and meeting all of the new volunteers. I hope that everyone remembered to take a PALS shirt home with them. After all, you worked hard for it.

If you are interested in working our next bingo on June 15 give Audrey a call at 248-6422. Hope to see you there.

Hello everyone, my name is Susan Douglas and I am the new "younger" Art Market Coordinator that Eileen mentioned in the last newsletter for Art Market. Firstly, I would like to extend a huge thank you to Eileen Gavan for not only believing in me to carry on her work but for her hard work and dedication to the project for the past nine years. Big shoes to fill and I look forward to the challenge.

Some of you may ask "What is Art Market"? Art Market is a "Fair" not unlike a craft fair but this "fair" features affordable handcrafted work from professional Canadian Artisans. This "fair" runs from November 18 to November 21, 2004 and is held at the Telus Convention Center downtown.

PALS has been a part of Art Market for 18 years and is a fun and easy FUND RAISER for PALS. We provide an essential service to the Artisans by giving them a break from their booth. PALS Volunteers maintain the booth while the Artisan takes a break for lunch or maybe just a quick coffee. Some of the Artisans decide not to leave their booth but may require that the PALS Volunteer go and fetch them a sandwich or coffee. The Artisans are charged a fee for this service, which is paid for when they register for a table at Art Market, hence the worlds easiest and fun fundraiser.

PALS operates their own booth as well, where we sell products from various companies all of which are animal related. We require a number of volunteers to "man" this booth, in the capacity of sales people, cashier etc. Last but not least we also require volunteers to come out to Art Market with their PALS registered pet to promote our program to the public. Your pet should be able to handle a lot of attention and be comfortable with large crowds.

In order for PALS to run this four-day fundraiser successfully we need many, many volunteers (approximately 115 volunteer positions). Have a look at the enclosed insert with this Newsletter for a description of all the positions that we need to fill. There is something for everyone and I'm sure there is just the right job for you. Most shifts are 4 hours and believe me from past experience the time flies by. But the best part is you get to see some wonderful Canadian Art.

There are numerous ways that you can sign up for this fun event. You can, call the PALS office at 250-7257 and leave a message OR if you have received this newsletter by e-mail you can download the inserted Volunteer Sign Up Form (both sides) and e-mail it back to me at artmarket@palspets.com OR print off the form and mail it to or drop it off at the PALS office at 3019 – 21st Street N.E., Calgary, Alberta T2E 7T1 or fax it to the PALS Office at 250-9273.

Please indicate on the Volunteer Sign Up Form, which position(s) you would like to do and which shift(s) you would like to work. Shift times are indicated on the volunteer form.

Thank you so much for your help. Please help me to continue the success of this fundraiser.

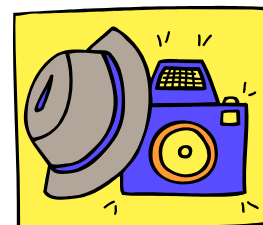
Susan Douglas

Many Thanks to the Shell Community Service Fund

PALS is pleased to announced it has recently received \$1000 from the Shell Community Service Fund. This money will go towards the purchase of a digital camera that will allow PALS to include photographic records of the over 400 pets in the program.

The funds have been awarded to recognize and support Larry Best, a Shell Canada employee. Larry, his wife Maureen and their dog Rielly have been volunteers at the Bethany Care Centre since 2000.

Thank you, Larry for once again applying for this grant on PALS behalf.



PALS Pet Access League Society
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday, May 8, 2004

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 May 8, 2004 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 and submitting it by fax or mail to the PALS office prior to the AGM.

Dated at Calgary, Alberta, March 8, 2004

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 2003 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: Brian Jack & Gus van Heusden.

Paul Rintoul & Dr. Irene Phillips are into the second year of their terms.

The nomination of a new Director must be submitted by two PALS members in good standing and an acceptance letter by the nominee must be received at the PALS office by April 29, 2004. If you have any questions, please contact the PALS office.

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, May 8, 2004

Signature

Date

THIS AND THAT

Yahoo! It's coming up to that that time of the year again when all the urban cowboys, cowgirls and, yes, cowedogs, cowcats and cowguinea pigs pull out their western duds for that annual party know as the *Hull Stampede Breakfast*. This year's breakfast will take place on July 13th from 8am until noon. All PALS pets and their owners are invited to partake in the festivities that generally attract a crowd of around 5000. In addition we need a few special pets to help out at the PALS booth. If you can help with the booth, please give Joan a call at the PALS office or email her at joan@palspets.com

Note: Parking at the breakfast is limited so be prepared to walk. There will be hot air balloons, helicopters, fire dept equipment, horses, farm livestock, and lots of children running around. Please ensure your pet is comfortable with these types of distractions.

Address: 2266 Woodpark Avenue SW



CALAWAY PARK: August 7th & 8th. PALS has again been invited to attend Calaway Park's 6th Annual Family Fun Festival. Come join other PALS volunteers for some good old family fun. This is the one time you and your pet can sit with the smell of cotton candy in the background and have tons of excited kids giving endless attention to your happy pet. If you and your PALS Pet would like to help out by doing a 1 ½ hour shift please email or phone the PALS office.



NEW PALS BROCHURES: The following people are needed to work together designing the new PALS brochure: Design and layout, photographer and writer. If you have skills in any of these areas and would like to donate your expertise and time please contact Sandra at the PALS office.

PET WALK: The PALS Pet Walk has been moved to Autumn this year to avoid conflicting with the Humane Society's Walk. Help is needed coordinating and working this fun event. For more information, please contact Sandra at the office.

REMINDERS!!!!

PALS has saved over \$800 from our postage budget by using email to mail items instead of traditional mail. Do we have *your* email address?

Please check to make sure your 2004 PALS membership is current with our records.



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