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Newsletter of Calgary's Pet Access League Society "Pets Helping People"

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As the song goes "It was twenty years ago today.." and PALS has never looked back. This year PALS celebrates **20 years** as a society and we would like to extend an invitation to all of our volunteers, members and donors to come and help us celebrate this amazing milestone.

The Festivities will start at **11:00 am on Saturday, June 19th, 2005** at **Riveredge Park. 1215 - 50 Avenue S.W.**

The park is adjacent to Sandy Beach and the Elbow River in Calgary. The day promises to be fun for the whole family. PALS and non-PALS pets are welcome to join the fun but, must be on leash and under control at all times. This area is used as a day camp so scoop and poop will be strictly enforced.

Activities will include Games, Food and Recognition Awards .

Parking: Parking is very limited. Only event organizers will be permitted to park on-site. If you have a disability that limits your mobility, please contact the PALS office.

Riveredge Park is a secluded, fenced 35 acre open space site. There are washrooms, pathways, picnic tables, and 3 shelters with fire pits.

Please RSVP the PALS office at 250-7257 or email us at info@palspets.com so we know how much food and fun to prepare.



If Life were ideal...

all PALS newsletters would be distributed via email. Not only would it save PALS envelopes, labels and postage costs, it would save time spent preparing the mail out. Another benefit would be to our environment... Even though we use paper containing recycled content; the operative word is "content" meaning trees still die.

What's in it for you? Well the printed version is only black and white rather than colour. It takes days longer to get to you than the electronic version. Printed copies also have a good chance of getting lost, misplaced or tossed, whereas the electronic newsletter is as easy to find as your computer.

So, if you have received this newsletter via regular post and would like to switch to email versions in the future, please send a quick note to info@palspets.com subject line "newsletter". Thanks.

Dates to Remember:

AGM	May 14
Bingo	May 22
Picnic	June 19

Is your contact information current? Please make sure the PALS office has your correct contact information on file.

PALS Pet Access League Society
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday, May 14, 2005

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the members of the Pet Access League Society will be held in Room #201 at the Kahanoff Centre, (200, 1202 Centre Street SE, Calgary) on Saturday May 14, 2005 from 11:30 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 (250-9273) or mail to the PALS office prior to the AGM.

Dated at Calgary, Alberta, March 9, 2005

By Order of the Board of Directors

Complimentary parking will be available in the Kahanoff lot directly behind the building.

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 2004 AGM.
4. Approval of financial statement and budget.
5. Approval of PALS By-Laws.
6. Election of new directors.
7. Adjournment.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following Directors will let their names stand for re-election at the AGM: Dr. Irene Phillips

Jim Heaton, Brian Jack, Paul Klaassen, James Miller, Gus van Heusden and Angie Young 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 May 9, 2005. 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 14, 2005

Signature

Date

BINGO VOLUNTEERS

I suspect that Audrey has the toughest job that there is because she is the lady who is responsible for getting PALS bingo volunteers. And everyone knows that bingo volunteers are next to impossible to find unless you can hold people hostage like most of the sports clubs do. You know the ones...if you want to play or have your child participate, you must volunteer at bingos. I even know some non-profits who make it a condition of employment and, well if you can't work them for health reasons, you are responsible for getting someone to take your place. Working a PALS bingo is supposed to be voluntary but if you ask any one of the few volunteers who do work them, it is hardly voluntary when they are expected to work every bingo.

I won't kid you, it is hard work and the air is smokey but, until we can put into operation an assured way to replace these funds, we have to have a bingo every 60 days. It is that simple. So help PALS out and make Audrey's life a little easier by giving her a call at 248-6422. **Our next bingo is May 22** and we need **36 volunteers** for the event.

THE GIZ IS RETIRING

After ten years of being "served up" as one of the PALS screening cats, the Giz has decided to retire from PALS. The truth is at 22 years of age she really only wants to sleep for 23 hours per day and "aaack" for the other hour. In case you are wondering, aaack, aaack, aaack is the only sound she can muster after decades of overuse of her vocal cords. Those close to me predict I will suffer a similar fate.

The Giz has had a remarkable life and the fact that she even made it to this advanced age is amazing considering she occasionally would follow one of the kids out of the neighborhood, get hopelessly lost and "adopt" another family until we would eventually locate her and bring her home. She even had a pattern, which was to find a family with little girls. In fact she seemed to be drawn to all children and all dogs. Even the annoying antics of puppies didn't bother her at all.

So bringing Gizzy into the office to assist with screenings was an easy decision. The dogs weren't going to stress her out and she certainly wasn't going to act sketchy and send some dog into a frenzy. So, for ten years, she has made the journey into the office to help us with the "cat scan" portion of the program. A quick calculation means that she has helped screen about 1000 dogs. Now when it comes to cats, dogs fall into one of several groups, those that have and those that want. The ones that have generally respect the cat's space or try to be cautiously friendly. Those that don't might not yet be aware there is a standard protocol for dealing with cats so they stare, vibrate, or attempt to go for a taste. Fortunately for Gizzy those dogs were rare.

So thanks Giz and go back to sleep.

Aaak, Aaak, Aaak



NOTE: THE TEAMLEADER MEETING & AGM ARE NOT AT THE ACH THIS YEAR. THEY WILL BE AT THE KAHANOFF CTR. WHERE WE GET FREE PARKING.



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