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Pet Walk Success!

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PALS 4th Annual Pet Walk & Fun Day has come and gone but the memories will last. This year's event was opened to the general public for the first time and was very well received. The day was sunny and warm and our new venue, Fish Creek Park, Glennfield Area, was an excellent location. I would like to extend a HUGE THANK-YOU to all the Coordinators and other PALS members who worked very hard to help make this day successful. A lot of work is required before, during, and after the event – all contributing to its success. I would also like to thank the YVC (Youth Volunteer Corps) kids for all their hard work, Ideal Rentals for their services, Alberta Parks for the use of their venue, and a special thanks to all the sponsors who very generously donated items for our Draw and Top Pledge Awards. Without the support of these businesses and individuals, these lovely prizes would not be possible. Another big thanks to our Specialty Booths who generously donated

their time and proceeds from the event to PALS. And last, but certainly not least, a BIG THANKS to our participants (both humans and their fuzzy friends) who helped PALS raise \$6200! This is an increase of over \$1000 from last year! We hope to see these numbers (people, fuzzy friends, and dollars) grow as this annual event continues. There were plenty of hot dogs and pop for everyone and the Doggie Olympics were the best ever. I hope everyone that attended enjoyed the day as much as I did and I look forward to seeing you next year. Don't forget to spread the word to family, friends, and co-workers so we can make this annual event a fun and successful fundraiser. Thanks again everyone, see you next year! For a photo of this year's Pet Walk, see page 4.



Dates to Remember:

- * Bingo - Jul 15, Oct 3, Nov 12 & Dec 22
- * Hull Stampede Breakfast - July 10
- * Bragg Creek Parade - July 21
- * Confederation Sr. Visit - August 16
- * Casino - August 25 & 26
- * Regional Agility Championships - Sept 1 & 2
- * Pet Expo - Oct 27 & 28

Pet Walk Sponsors

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Hot Hounds & Cool Canines

Heatstroke occurs when the outside temperature approaches or exceeds body temperature so that panting, which is normally dissipates body heat, becomes ineffective or even counterproductive. **HEATSTROKE IS A MEDICAL EMERGENCY AND CAN BE FATAL.**

Prevention:

- Reserve vigorous activities for late evening or early morning. This especially holds true for pet owners who bike or inline skate with their pets.
- Rapid panting and a red tongue are early signs of overheating. These indicate it's time for your pet to slow down, stretch out in the shade, and have a long cool drink.
- NEVER leave your pet in a parked car during hot weather.
- NEVER leave your pet in an enclosed, unshaded area such as a deck, crate or dog run. Remember shade moves throughout the day.
- Make sure your pet always has access to water. Carry a water bottle when you go for a walk or car ride.
- Understand that double coated breeds, very young or old pets, pets with pushed in faces and dark coated pets are more likely to get heatstroke than other pets.

Symptoms:

- A deep red or purple coloration to the tongue.
- Rapid or frantic panting, excessive drooling and vomiting. Your pet will actually look anxious or panicked.
- Rectal temperature is high, sometimes over 40° C.
- Late stage symptoms include convulsions, bloody diarrhea, and unconsciousness.

AGM

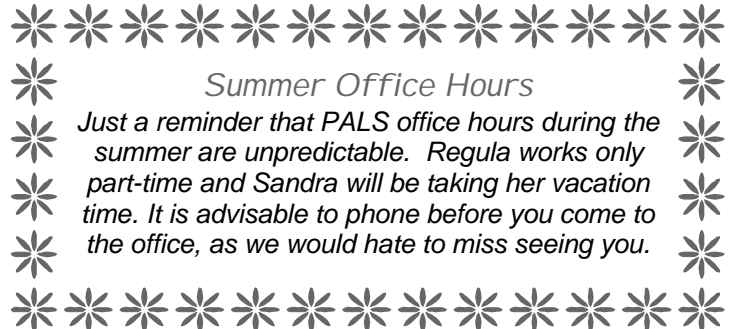
This year we set another record for the fastest PALS AGM. As one attendee noted, "It was very efficient so everybody was home by noon". PALS would like to thank everyone who attended and extend a special thank you to our guest speaker Dianne Rowell and her hawk Blackjack. Dianne is with the Rockyview Wildlife Recovery and she gave a very informative and interesting presentation on wildlife rehabilitation. Visit their website at www.rockyviewwildlife.org

Milli Pratt, who was elected onto the Board of Directors in 1993, retired from the Board this year. Milli was instrumental in helping PALS get back on track after some difficult times. Milli will continue visiting and helping with our fund raising

Treatment:

- BEGIN EMERGENCY TREATMENT AT ONCE.
- Mild cases respond to moving the pet to cooler surroundings such as an air-conditioned car or building.
- If the pet is unsteady on its feet or its temperature exceeds 40° C, the pet should be immersed in cool water or hosed down.
- Ice packs can be placed around the head or body.
- If the pet is conscious, allow it to drink as much cold water as possible.
- Transport the pet to the veterinarian. Even if the worst seems to be over, the pet may require additional treatment such as intravenous fluids, steroids or cold water enemas to prevent swelling of the brain, shock or kidney damage.

Note: It is important to remember that facilities can become very warm during the summer. In addition, some have an atrium area that is both hot and humid. Remember to give your pet frequent water breaks and leave if your pet shows any signs of becoming overheated or fatigued.



efforts. Milli, thank you for your commitment, guidance, and just plain old hard work. Happy gardening!

There is a saying that when one door closes another opens and, on this note, PALS would like to welcome Joan Andersen onto the Board. Joan joined PALS in 1983 and visited until she retired her dog Morgan in 1999. Joan has stayed active in the PALS organization by helping with our various fund raising endeavors. Joan will be a definite asset to the Board and we look forward to her help with our special events.

Upcoming Events

Casino

The next casino will be held on August 25th & 26th. We could use some additional volunteers who would be available in case of cancellations. As well, we are currently short a banker, chip runners, and count room people for Saturday night and short of night cashiers, chip runners, and count room people for Sunday night. Please contact the PALS office at 250-7257 or Joan Andersen at 249-3484 if you are interested in volunteering. Our last casino raised \$57,700. Great job!!

Confederation Seniors Special Visit

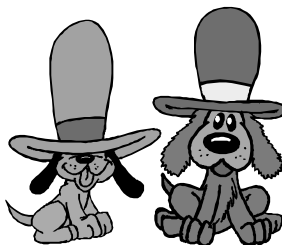
A special visit is planned on August 16th from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm at the Confederation Park Senior Citizens Centre (2212 – 13th Street NW). Dogs and owners only due to allergies. We need six to eight volunteers for this very popular event for the seniors. Contact Joan Andersen at 249-3484 or email her at jandersen@home.com.

Bragg Creek Parade

Kaila, McNally and Pasha (three of Bragg Creek's fuzzy friends and PALS Pets) invite you to join them for a day of fun in Bragg Creek on July 21st. PALS is entering the Bragg Creek Days Parade and would like our four-footed friends to bring their families and join us to walk the Parade route. We will be meeting at River Drive South (opposite the community centre) at 9 am. The parade begins at 10 am. Feel free to dress-up and, of course, include your PALS bandana. After the parade join in the various activities that are staged in the hamlet. To round-off the day, bring your family along to the Pet Show and Competitions. Everyone is encouraged to enter. Entry forms and in-

Hull Stampede Breakfast

Once again PALS volunteers (including the four-legged variety) are invited to attend the Hull Stampede Breakfast on July 10th from 8 am to noon at 2266 Woodpark Avenue SW. Dress your "cowdogs" in their PALS regalia and mosey on down for some pancakes, then mingle with the crowd and show people just how friendly the PALS pets can be.



Y'all join us for some Stampede fun!

Bingos

PALS needs your help working the bingos. This fundraiser is still out most dependable and we need your help with either the early shift 5:30 to 9 pm or the late shift 9 to 11:30 pm. If you can help call Roy at 238-1443 or Gus at 248-6422. Bingo dates are July 15th, October 3rd, November 12th, and December 22nd. We are ALWAYS short of volunteers during the summer and the July 15th bingo is on the FINAL day of the Stampede. Please help out if you can. August 24th bingo is cancelled due to the casino.

Regional Agility Championships

This event is held at Spruce Meadows on September 1st & 2nd. PALS volunteers and their pets are needed to do shifts at our booth. Contact Joan Andersen at 249-3484 or email her at jandersen@home.com if you are interested in volunteering.

Pet Expo

The Pet Expo is on October 27th & 28th, from 10 am to 6 pm. This is PALS first year at this event and we need human and pet volunteers who can work a two hour shift at our public information booth. This venue will have an assortment of critters including livestock, birds, exotics, fish, reptiles and of course dogs and cats, so please keep this in mind if you are considering volunteering. Contact Joan Andersen at 249-3484 or email her at jandersen@home.com if you are interested in volunteering.

formation are available on request at brodger@telusplanet.net. For more information call Brenda at 949-2935 and visit the hamlet web site at www.toloko.com.



PALS Pets in the News

A number of months ago one of our PALS pets suffered a terrible accident that nearly ended his life. Maestro's road to recovery has been long and is still not over. If you would like to find out more about his amazing determination, visit <http://members.home.net/estherknapp/ordeal.htm>

Last year Canadian Living Magazine printed an article about Misty who is a PALS dog owned by Sandi Burns. It was a story about family and the power of a pet's love. The story will be reprinted in the July issue of Readers Digest as part of an article on the benefits of pet ownership.

Items for Sale

PALS recently had a quantity of yellow rain ponchos donated to us. They are reusable, fold down small enough to fit into glove compartments and packs and are great for emergency use. Priced at 2 for \$5 they are an exceptional value. All proceeds go to PALS. Please contact the PALS office.



I YV 2001

To commemorate the International Year of the Volunteers, PALS commissioned a medallion for our four-legged volunteers. If you have not received a medallion for your PALS pet (s), please contact the PALS office so we can send one to you. Volunteers who do not visit with a pet but who contribute their time in other ways can have one of these medallions to use as a zipper pull or put onto your key chain. Please contact the PALS office.

Volunteers Needed

Time for a little PALS office make-over. We need volunteers to help move furniture and paint walls. If you are available during the day in July, please contact Regula at the PALS office.



Some pet fun at the 4th Annual Pet Walk & Fun Day.
For more photos on the Pet Walk, visit PALS web site at
www.palspets.com



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