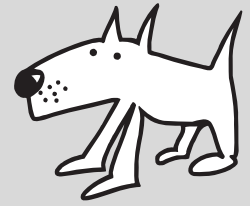


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Dog Park Aggression *Chris Otto (Maxwell)*

In an ideal situation, every dog would be perfectly socialized and get along with every other dog and human. In real life, we know this isn't true. A scuffle, clash, fracas, skirmish, or attack, call it what you will, but confrontations happening at the dog park are a fact we all have to deal with. The way we deal with these confrontations makes the difference between a good park experience and a bad one.

It is important to know your dog and its behaviors. Whether your dog is timid and shy or loud and brash, all breeds, ages, behavior

types and sizes of dogs are candidates to be involved on either end of dog aggression. You alone are responsible for monitoring your dog and making sure that you are in full verbal control of it at all times. Recognize the signs of impending bad behavior and step in to curb the behavior before it happens. But please, don't be overly protective of your dog either. There is a difference between aggressive behavior and just plain playing.

Playing between dogs can be dramatic, often involving open mouths, biting, barking and some vicious

sounding growls. They wrestle, jump, run, charge, body check and basically do everything that seems like fighting, but it's not. That's just dogs being dogs.

However, with the ever changing pack of dogs at the park, the high-energy playing and the new sights, smells and sounds all create stimuli that can sometimes be challenging to even the best-behaved dogs. Some squabbling is to be expected. There are going to be times when two dogs aren't looking and run into each other. **continues on page 3**



Farewell, My Friend

Arika Hage (Wrigley)



I laid eyes on Wrigley when he was 6-1/2 weeks old - he was a Chessie/Black lab and the first dog I'd have the honor of having as a canine companion. Somewhat larger than life, he was a sweet, kind, gentle and STUBBORN soul.

Last Thanksgiving, Wrigley lost his battle with epilepsy. He fought a good fight - three years was enough for him.

When he was four months old, we made our first endeavor to the park. I had strict instructions from the trainer

to remove his leash immediately once we were inside the gate. When I clicked his leash off, I was instantly terrified! - what would happen, what if he didn't come back...?

"First time?" someone asked me. Remember your first time at the park? Bet you didn't know you could be spotted from halfway across the pond.

Over the following weeks, months, years, the dog park became a sweet addiction of mine. "Wanna go to the park?" I'd ask Wrigley after work. We'd rush there just in time to catch the last lingering daylight. 30 below on the weekends? No problem - just find the "warm spot" on the pond between the trees. Meet you at the park at 8am? You bet!

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7th Annual
Dog Days
of Summer!

Alimagnet Dog Park
Saturday, July 26th
11am to 3pm
rain or shine!

Volunteer to help at DDS!
Contact Lori: notaclue13@charter.net

Help by donating something to
this year's Silent Auction!
Contact Arika: arikahage@mac.com

Leadership *Garrett Beck, Burnsville Recreation Supervisor (Mya)*

Greetings Dog Park Members,


As I write this semester's article, I do so with both joy and sadness in my heart. You see, I just arrived back at the office from having attended a memorial service for Gordon Donald Paulson. I am sure many of you know Gordy from his daily attendance at the park and his participation in numerous dog park special events over the years. In fact, some of you may have a picture of Gordy posing as Santa with your dog from a few years back. For those of you who don't know him, Gordy was a special man.



In 2002, Gordy answered an ad I placed in our summer brochure to discuss the possibility of a dog park in Burnsville. Three months later, at

age 69, Gordy was out there on a Saturday in July helping me pound in the first T-posts necessary to construct the park fence. He then went on to serve as a board member on the first PACK board and volunteered numerous hours of service at the park.

A few hours ago I joined several members of the dog park, along with numerous other friends and family of Gordy, at Hosanna Lutheran Church to celebrate his life. Those in attendance got to hear his son Scott confirm how wonderful a man Gordy was. I also got to hear a message today that deep down inside I know but I am reminded of in times like these. Today, Gordy's son talked about the many wonderful things in Gordy's life and one of those things was the relationships he had at the dog park. His son didn't know a lot about the park but he knew about

the "experiences" Gordy had there. His son didn't talk about the lights, or the trail, or the pond, or the awards the park has won. He talked about the joy Gordy had socializing with the people he met while he was there. I don't share this to downplay the amazing things our group has accomplished over the years by improving the park. I share this because I heard a message today that the single most important thing we can add to the park is smiles, friendly conversations, helping hands and other relationship building qualities because that my friends is what is remembered the most. Gordy thank you for all you did. You are in a better place now, but you will be missed. 

- Garrett Beck

PACK Treasurer &
City of Burnsville Recreation Supervisor

Mutts *Yoda (Lori Mestenhauser)*




So here it is time for another article about a new mutt friend. But I just can't write about new friends without paying my respects to all the old friends we have lost this past year.

I trained my person Lori to bring me everyday for the last 6 years. In that time we have met some wonderful 2 and 4 legged friends. Our newest was Pongo, a Jack Russell who was enjoying the agility equipment. We met Beth and Pongo because of the food scare. Lucy the yellow lab we never knew all that well, all she wanted to do was roll in the dirt and swim and chase balls. She never stopped. Then there was Tigger, a husky, she just loved to take off and explore the woods. Many times Emmett was ready to leave but could

never find Tigger. Jake a white shepherd. He just kind of stood around like I do. Some of us are just too mature for the playing thing. Now Carlo the Collie and Hank a Lab mix were the first dogs I ever went on a walk outside the park with. Carlo loved to just stand in the water. My person Lori used to chase Carlo around the play area just to get him to run. Hank just like to stalk his daughter Charlie. He was such a mooch when he was younger. He is the dog that taught me to beg. Wrigley was also one of my first friends. I used to chew on his neck and he loved it. We also spent time together walking in the woods. Goldie the Golden retriever used to jump on 2 legged people all the time. Everyone had to



band together to teach her not to jump. She would leave the best mud prints on so many legs. Daz the Doberman Pinscher, was afraid of her own

shadow. She wouldn't go more than 5 feet from her person Lee. But still she would bark and be so excited to come to the park. When we would walk together she would act like a puppy. Yancy, our favorite Springer/border collie mix. She loved everyone. And we all loved her. All these dogs were a best friend. So here is to the New Year and new best friends. We always have room for more best friends. So tonight give your best friend a hug. Don't forget shelters are full of future "friends."  - Yoda

Dog Park Aggression continued.

other and one or the other is going to let the other dog know that isn't okay. Some dogs try mounting other dogs that don't appreciate that behavior and will let them know with a growl and a quick snap. Know that dogs do create their own social status at the park and aren't there to hurt other dogs, but to play and interact. Dogs employ what is known as bite inhibition or "soft mouth", the ability to bite softly for play purposes or to "set their limits" with other dogs to let them know what type of behavior is not tolerated. This is all normal dog behavior and is to be expected. But just like humans, some dogs do not get along. There is no explanation for it and no amount of interac-

tion is going to change that.

There are some things you can do as a responsible dog owner to help avoid confrontations at the park. The following article from the Star Tribune includes great tips for basic dog park etiquette.

The best way to prevent a fight is not to allow it to happen in the first place. Know your dog, understand the ways dogs communicate, watch your dogs carefully and be prepared to intervene before stress, over-stimulation or aggression escalates into a full-fledged fight.




If an altercation does happen, there are some simple steps to take. First, please remain calm. Your dogs and others around are already excited enough and don't need to sense that you may be upset as well as that can make your dog nervous and upset. A scared dog is an aggressive dog. Both owners need to take control of their dogs and get them separated and away from each other.

Grab them from behind (never by the collar or anywhere near the head) and take them away from each other. This must be done at the same time because if one dog is allowed to get away while the other is restrained, it creates a dangerous situation for that dog and its owner. This is one time at the park where it would be okay to leash your dog in order to give them a "time-out". Make sure they are away from the other dogs first though as to not make them more anxious because they are leashed while others remain free and running around, or just remove them from the park altogether.

If your dog inflicts an injury, you must give your name and phone number to the other owner before leaving the park. Owners are legally and financially responsible for their dog's behavior.

If things can not be resolved, never take things into your own hands; please call the Burnsville police at 952.322.2323, or Animal Control at 952.894.3647 (dogs).

Thank you for continuing to make Alimagnet Dog park one of the best in the nation. 

Please remember to bring fresh water to the park to fill up the dog bowls. This will be especially important as warm weather approaches. Thank you!

Dog Park Etiquette

By Peggy J. Lee & Licsw, Star Tribune Sales & Marketing 11.23.07

Dog parks provide canines the opportunity for playtime, socialization, exercise and mental stimulation. However, there are risks and dangers associated with frequenting dog parks, including injury and exposure to inappropriate dogs. Many incidents can be avoided by exercising common sense and understanding canine behavior and body language.

The obvious:

- Have the appropriate dog licenses, tags and permits. Obey park rules.
- Make sure dog's vaccinations are current.
- Clean up after your dog.
- Do not bring a dog with a history of aggression toward other dogs or people. Do not bring a female in heat.
- Do not leave your dog unattended or let him out of sight.

- Have your dog trained to come when called, regardless of the circumstances in the park.

The important:

- Learn canine body language, a good resource is, "On Talking Terms with Dogs: Calming Signals," by Turid Rugaas. Many people become alarmed at normal dog interactions such as hearty physical and vocal play or dominance "scuffles" and create issues by overreacting. Other people do not recognize signs of true aggression or assume the dogs will "work it out."
- Not all dogs should attend dog parks. Anxious or fearful dogs may be too overwhelmed. Do not try to socialize this type of dog at a dog park. Aggressive or bullying dogs (including small breeds) are not appropriate candidates for attending dog parks.
- Puppies should be at least four months old and fully vaccinated to prevent contracting disease. Puppies also have a greater risk of

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Georgia Senate Passes Dogfighting Legislation

March 2008

ATLANTA - The Georgia State Senate unanimously passed a bill strengthening the state's dogfighting law. The next step will be for Gov. Sonny Perdue to sign H.B. 301 into law.

If enacted, H.B. 301 would strengthen the current dogfighting law by increasing the penalties for dogfighting, banning the possession of fighting dogs and making it a crime to be

a spectator at a dogfight.

Dogfighting is a felony in Georgia. Under H.B. 301, the penalties for dogfighting would be upgraded to a minimum fine of \$5,000 or one to five years in prison.

In 2006, The HSUS compiled rankings of state dogfighting laws. At that time Georgia had the nation's third weakest law, but in the aftermath of the Michael Vick case, Idaho and

Wyoming enacted stronger laws dropping Georgia to last place. The increased penalties will be effective as soon as Gov. Perdue signs H.B. 301, and will push Georgia up among the strongest state dogfighting laws.

- This information provided from the www.hsus.org website.

Dog-Eared Books in Review

Arika Hage (Wrigley)

Dog Heaven

by Cynthia Rylant

This Newbery Medalist makes her debut as an illustrator in a warm, whimsical picture book about the wonderful place where dogs go for an endless supply of ham biscuits. This colorfully illustrated children's book will touch your heart in some way. A simple book that is a gentle explanation of life



after death and losing your canine friend. Rylant's childlike acrylic paintings are filled with blue mountains, yellow daisies and purple stars.

"...sometimes an angel will walk a dog back to Earth for a little visit and quietly, invisibly, the dog will sniff about his old backyard, will investigate the cat next door...will sit on the front porch and wait for the mail."

Any dog lover, child or adult, will appreciate this book.

The Blue Sky Press \$16. 95

farewell continued

Sorry, I didn't catch YOUR name, but I got your dog's name, know her arrival story, and about the ham she helped herself to last weekend, etc.

Over time, I've come to realize the dog park, OUR dog park, isn't just about going to a "dog park" at all. It's a community where you form unique human and canine bonds.

A few days after we made the painful decision to let Wrigley go to a place where he would never have to have another seizure again, I found myself driving around aimlessly, lost in my own sorrow. Alone, I stepped out of the car, opened that old familiar clang of the gate, saw the, "Be Kind, pick up Piles," sign, wandered along the back trail and over to the shelter. Tears streaming, I threw myself into MJ's (Zane, Dakota, Yancy) arms and walked around a few times with her and Lisa (Freely, Buddy).

You see, this open area where our pals can run free, is also a place for you and me. Each time when Wrigley and I were at the park, not only did he and I get the chance to spend OUR time bonding and enjoying this great park, I also was given the gift of YOU and YOUR canine pal(s).

Even though I haven't been to the park lately and might not have

personally met you and your dog, and you my have never met us, we are still connected. Wrigley's spirit is at the park right now. He's probably anticipating when he can go sit in the water again, is chewing a ball, running the trails, (not on a leash, sorry, Garrett) or sitting quietly, taking it all in. Wrigley LOVED the park. He loved the people and all his friends. No matter how long we'd been away, he still remembered his friends. And as I sit here, a smile lights up the night and I remember you.

The park is an unexpected place where time stands still. It doesn't care about your occupation, what breed, or non-breed your dog is. This park is about humans and canines, together.

This place we go, this special community, not everyone knows about. Here, moments and memories will leave an imprint deep somewhere within your being. Here, when I can gather enough courage, is where I will say a proper farewell to my friend and where I hope you all will still welcome me and hopefully in the not too distant future, a new canine pal of mine.

For now, I take comfort knowing you are there, having a blast and keeping this dog park community the extraordinary place it is.



Lyme's Disease in Dogs

Vickie Skala CVJ, VJS (ECC)

Lyme disease was first recognized in dogs in 1984. It was first recognized in people in 1975 in Lyme, Connecticut. It is for the town of Lyme that the disease is named. The Twin Cities metro area and western Wisconsin is considered to have a high prevalence of the disease. The eastern coastal area from Massachusetts to Virginia account for 85% of the human cases in the U.S.

Lyme disease is caused by a bacterium called *Borrelia burgdorferi* and is carried by deer ticks called *Ixodes scapularis*. The bacteria cannot survive outside of a host and cannot be transmitted directly from one animal (or human) to another. Being bitten by an infected deer tick is necessary for disease transmission. Not only is a bite needed, but the tick needs to be attached for at least 48 hours for transmission to occur. Even if a tick is attached for 48 hours or more it is not guaranteed that the dog will get Lyme disease.

Dogs react differently to Lyme disease than people do. The symptoms usually occur much later than the tick bite, up to 2-5 months after the bite. So it is common for dogs to begin to show signs of Lyme disease long


after the tick season. The most common symptoms are fever, lameness, which often shifts from one leg to another, joint swelling, lethargy, and loss of appetite. Often the diagnosis is made by the dog responding to antibiotic therapy. There are tests for Lyme disease, but it is possible to have false positive and false negative results. A dog that tests positive for Lyme disease and shows no signs may not have an active infection. It is possible that the dog was exposed and has some immunity. However, it is possible for a dog to get Lyme disease more than once. In rare cases dogs can develop severe progressive kidney disease from Lyme disease infection. This particular kind of kidney failure is called glomerular nephropathy. This is always fatal, usually within weeks to months of diagnosis. Fortunately this complication of Lyme disease is rare. Infections that are left untreated can result in arthritis with progressive joint degeneration. Dogs do not develop the circular rash that is classic for human infection.

Treatment of Lyme disease is usually an antibiotic called doxycycline. Other supportive treatment can also

be used, such as pain relief for sore joints, intravenous fluids if the fever is high, etc. The best treatment is prevention. Lyme vaccine is about 85% effective. Topical tick repellents and collars are a good second line of defense. A thorough inspection of your dog every day is also important. Avoidance of brush and long grass is also a way to prevent tick infestation. If a dog does not respond to treatment for Lyme disease within 48 hours of starting antibiotics it is best to assume that it is not Lyme disease and to look for other causes of the symptoms.

Cats, horses and other domestic animals can also get Lyme disease but it does not appear to be a significant problem in them.

While Lyme disease can cause serious problems for your dog, most recover without any long term effects. With a little care to check your dog for ticks, vaccinate, and use topical tick repellents, most dogs are at little risk for contracting Lyme disease.

Any questions about your dog's health should be referred to your veterinarian. 

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suffering injury from rough play and long-term trauma if attacked or bullied. Use small dog areas when available.

- Utilize small dog areas. Be careful about mixing small and large size dogs because many small breeds are more fragile and can be injured by larger dogs during play or viewed as "prey."
- Do not bring small children into a dog park. The high-pitched voices of children can promote inappropriate behavior in a dog that is not socialized to children or has a strong prey

drive. Do not allow older children to play with sticks, toys, food, etc., that can attract the mouths of eager dogs.

- Remove training collars such as choke or prong collars as dogs can get caught in them while playing. Remove all coats or bandannas. Do keep a regular collar on your dog at all times.
- Leashed dogs do not belong in an off-leash area. They become a target for other dogs to "investigate" which can create anxiety or defensiveness in the leashed dog and provoke an

altercation.

- Do not overload a park. If a small park is full of dogs, chances for an altercation are increased. 

Help Wanted

If you can help, please contact Garrett Beck at 952.895.4500

- Design and/or build a shelter for the Small Dog Run
- Clear vines from fence
- Build and/or donate extra benches and picnic tables

Apple Crunch Pupcakes



- 2-3/4 cups water
- 1/4 cup applesauce, unsweetened
- 1/4 tsp. Vanilla
- 4 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 cup dried apple chips (you can also use fresh fruit)
- 1 tbsp baking powder
- 1 egg, beaten slightly
- 4 tbsp honey

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray muffin tin with cooking spray.

Mix all wet ingredients thoroughly. Combine dry ingredients in separate bowl. Add wet to dry slowly, scraping well to make sure no dry mixture is left. Pour into muffin tins. Bake 40 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into center comes out dry. Store in a sealed container. Makes around 48 pupcakes (if you use a mini muffin pan). Yum - thanks for the great recipe Lori!

Dog Park Permits

310 Dog Park Permits were sold in 2007! The City of Burnsville asks that you purchase a permit to help support the construction and maintenance costs of our dog park. The annual permit is \$20 per household and can be purchased at City Hall in Burnsville. You can also pick up a copy of the application at the park, or download a permit at www.alimagnetdogpark.org and mail it in. Thank you for your support and remember to encourage fellow park goers to purchase their permits.

Know Your Famous Dogs?

See if you know some of these famous dogs - answers below!

- A. The first dog in space aboard the Soviet satellite Sputnik 2 in 1957.
- B. Odysseus's dog (Greek Mythology)
- C. The main character in Jack London's Call of the Wild
- D. Hagrid's dog, in Harry Potter
- E. From Where the Red Fern Grows
- F. Elliot's dog in E.T.
- G. German shepherd who ranked as one of the all-time famous canine movie stars.

H. Advertisement mascot for Cracker Jacks 1864-1946

I. From The Jetsons

J. The Flintstones dog

K. From The Rocky and Bullwinkle Show

L. The accident-prone Afghan puppy in a series of children's books by Frank Muir

M. Dog in The Wizard of Oz

N. The Brussels Griffon in As Good as it Gets

O. The Jack Russell Terrier star of a children's educational series

A. Laika, B. Argos, C. Buck, D. Fang, E. Little Ann, F. Hovey, G. Rin Tin Tin, H. Bingo, I. Astro, J. Dino, K. Mr. Peabody, L. What-a-mess, M. Toto, N. Verdell, O. Wishbone

When Dogs Crossbreed

Kerry Blue Terrier & Skye Terrier:
Blue Skye, a dog for visionaries

Great Pyrenees & Dachshund:
Pyradachs, a puzzling breed

Pekingese & Lhasa Apso:
Peekasso, an abstract dog

Irish Water Spaniel & English Springer Spaniel:
Irish Springer, a dog fresh and clean as a whistle

Labrador Retriever & Curly Coated Retriever:
Lab Coat Retriever, the choice of research scientists

Newfoundland & Basset Hound:
Newfound Asset Hound, a dog for financial advisors

Bloodhound & Labrador:
Blabador, a dog that barks incessantly

Malamute & Pointer:
Moot Point, owned by...oh well, it doesn't matter anyway

Collie & Malamute:
Commute, a dog that travels to work

Deerhound & Terrier:
Derriere, a dog that's true to the end



High Five Pet Pampering Off-Leash Park, Burnsville

"There are seven fenced acres of sniffable space, plus a circular romping path for true lap dogs. But Alimagnet Dog Park isn't your

typical puppy playground. It has a swimming pond, a heated shelter with heated water bowls, flood lights for nights, free pick-up bags, and even a paw-washing station. BYO towels."

**Alimagnet Dog Park
voted best of the Cities!
- Minnesota Monthly 2007**

Cool Finds

k9carts.com/boot.html

These shoes are the ideal rain and snow shoe, perfect for water sports and protection from wounds caused by dragging paws. They are orthopedic and recommended daily by veterinarians worldwide for paw injuries and to comfort hip dysplasia, degenerative myelopathy and arthritis. This is the shoe of choice for walks, sporting activities in water and in the winter season. \$26-\$34.



studiodogstar.com

Jenn Nicholson Paskus' work expresses the coming together of two passions—animals and art. The vibrant colors she uses reflect the emotion and joy dogs bring to our lives. Her work represents the connection people feel with their pets. She creates funky and contemporary art for people who love their pets. From \$450.



muttropolis.com

Soggy Dog Towel. Dry your dog quickly and easily with these super-absorbent, double-stitched pocket towels that are designed around your dog's body. The two sets of pockets allow you to hold your dog with one hand while cleaning their paws, noses, bellies and ears with the others. A loop on the end allows you to hang it to dry and keeps it within easy reach. Made of super absorbent terry cloth woven from heavy-weight 100% cotton. Machine washable. From \$18.



2008 Dog Park Calendar

Only \$5 while they last! Available at City Hall.



Fun on 4 Paws Local Events

25th Annual MVHS Woofers & Hoofers

Saturday, May 3rd

at 9:00am

Alimagnet Park, Burnsville

2.5 mile walk to benefit the animals of the greater South metro area. For more information, brochure and pledge form, visit www.mvhspets.org, or call 952.894.5000.

34 Annual Animal Humane Society Walk for Animals

Saturday, May 3rd

8:30am Registration

Golden Valley & Saint Paul

Join the 34th annual Walk for Animals. Funds raised will help with homeless and unwanted pets, cruelty investigations, animal overpopulation and outreach programs throughout Minnesota. For more information, brochure and pledge form, visit, www.animalhumanesociety.org, or call 763.432.4811

Paws on Grand

Saturday, July 19th

from 10am to 4pm

Grand Avenue, Saint Paul

Besides great sidewalk sales and dining and services for pet parents, pets will be pampered with treats, toys, pet tags, pet food, photo ops and much more! Participating Grand Avenue businesses will also donate a portion of sales during the event to the Animal Humane Society and select businesses will be allowing pets into their stores.

7th Annual Dog Days of Summer

Saturday, July 26

from 11:00am to 3:00pm

Alimagnet Dog Park, Burnsville

Join PACK (People of Alimagnet Caring for K9s) as we host our annual Dog Days of Summer event. Vendors, demonstrations, and a Silent Auction to celebrate our canine pals and to help raise funds for park improvements. For more information, visit: www.alimagnet-dogpark.org.

*Thank you Park Patrons for
your continued generous support
to the Alimagnet Dog Park!*



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About PACK

Our mission is to support the ongoing care and success of the Alimagnet Dog Park in Burnsville, Minnesota.

Our commitment includes:

1. Improving the park through fund-raising and volunteer efforts,
2. Educating the community of park users through newsletter publications, on-site events, and
3. Protect and enhance the land through environmental stewardship goals and activities.

We are advocates for additional off-leash canine companion parks in Dakota County. We believe these parks improve the quality of life for our citizens, their canines, and their communities.

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