



A large crowd of dogs and their humans enjoying Bark Bash

THOUSAND ISLANDS BARK BASH: Gananoque's Going to the Dogs

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“A Dog Party! A Big Dog Party! Big Dogs, Little Dogs, Red Dogs, Blue Dogs, Yellow Dogs, Green Dogs, Black Dogs and White Dogs Are All At a Dog Party! What a Dog Party!” - P. D. Eastman, Go, Dog, Go!

Wag your tail if you're ready to party! The Thousand Islands Bark Bash proudly presents their second annual Doggie Fun Day on Saturday, July 25, 2015. A chance for dogs and their people to come out to Town Hall Park in Gananoque to meet and greet, learn about all the great canine agencies in our area and have a howling good time.

“Bark Bash is everything dogs - rescues, care, shelters, vets, services, food, supplies, you name it,” said founder Bill McCormick. “It’s a fun day to celebrate your pooch and inform the public about what is out there for their dogs, as well as a place they can bring their pets to meet other dogs and dog lovers. The goal is to better inform everyone about everything everywhere that is available for dogs.”

The event is a true petstravaganza, featuring Rescue Lane, all manner of fun and mutt have products and services, as well as quality entertainment of the

furriest kind. You can learn about your favourite shelters and rescues, buy all sorts of treats and equipment, and watch as dogs perform amazing feats of agility and obedience. If your pet gets thirsty, water bowls are strategically placed throughout the entire venue. Hungry? Lots of pet treats are available through the different vendors. If your humans have similar needs, TIBB is happy to direct them to any of the great food and beverage outlets located within easy walking distance of the park.

“Our mission is to create awareness of rescues and services available for dogs



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in the Thousand Islands area," said McCormick. "There are thousands of dog lovers out there, and it helps to let them know where they can go to get what they need when they need it."

A great mix of vendors, rescues, volunteers and sponsors have signed up, just begging for the chance to show off. Sheba's Haven, a palliative care facility for dogs, will be there with several of their residents to meet and greet the public, as well as an expected visit from "All Paws Matter Rescue", a foster based group out of Brockville that accepts all breeds of dogs. Pet supplies will be available from vendors such as Zoe-Goe and Craft Dog, you can also learn about specialty services such as blood

transfusions from the Life Stream Animal Blood Bank.

"We also want them to get a chance to support their favourite rescues," said McCormick. "Donations of all kinds are gratefully accepted – whether you decide to give cash or supplies, or even donate something to raffle off, this is fine. Each rescue will have its own table, and you can donate to them directly at their booth."

Best of all, admission is free! You can come in and wander for as long as you like from the opening at 10:00 a.m. until things wind down and close at 4:00 p.m. There's no better place to meet a friend, make a friend or bring a friend for a fun

Heaven on earth – petting puppies in the SPCA pen

packed day of canine delights. For the sake of safety, please keep everyone on their leashes, and stay on your best behaviour. A fantastic time is planned for all. **LH**

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