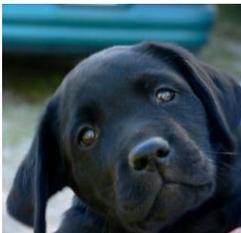


The Dog Guardian

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AGM:

RDOC will be holding their AGM on Sunday Nov. 16, 2014 at 1 pm at the Pine Hill Estates Community Centre, 64 Goldfinch Dr, Kanata, K2M 2P5. It's in the Eagleson, Stonehaven and Pine Hill area in Kanata. Come and find out about our existing programs like the Canadian Canine Good Citizen (CCGC) test, park clean up events etc. We will be presenting our new Preschool and Dog Program. Bring any friends who are interested in the welfare of dogs in our society. See you on November 16th.



Going to the Dogs Fundraiser:

The 2014 Going to the Dogs Fundraiser was held on Thursday Sept. 11th at the Rideau Carleton Raceway. This was an annual fundraiser for Responsible Dog Owners of Canada, Therapeutic Paws of Canada and Hopeful Hearts Rescue. The fundraiser was a success. Each organization will be getting about \$1,700.00. We should have the final numbers shortly after all the bills are paid. We are already starting to plan the 2015 Going to the Dogs Fundraiser. It will be held on Sunday, June 14, 2015. Karen Sendybyl from Hopeful Hearts Rescue will be the chair person.



Clean up day at Stittsville Park (photo taken by Ivan Harris)

Park Clean Up Days:

Our park clean up crew was very busy in September. We were at Stittsville Park on Sunday morning September 14th, in Conroy Pit on Saturday morning September 20th, and in Bruce Pit on Sunday morning September 28th. Thank you everybody who came out to help us. Our parks look much cleaner now. Please keep up the good work over the winter. Our next clean up event will take place in the spring after the snow melts.



Oreo (picture taken by Kit Watson)

Volunteer Corner:

Let me introduce you to Kit. She and I joined RDOC around the same time. Kit is a volunteer co-ordinator's dream. She is always willing to help and willing to do anything that needs to be done. You can call on her at the last minute and she always comes through. Here is Kit's story:

"I have been a volunteer with CGDB (Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind) about 12 years. I fostered two puppies. Unfortunately both failed the program, but fortunately both became great pets for 2 lucky families. I boarded quite a few guide puppies and guide dogs anywhere from a few days to weeks. Cliff and I adopted Pioneer (golden retriever) when the organization retired him. I also looked after other people's dogs and even some cats when their owners went away. My love of animals also led me to volunteer at the Ottawa Humane Society for a period of time walking their dogs. I helped out for two weeks at Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Utah.

Presently, when I am called upon through Cheryl Lamb (dog transport organizer) or Golden Rescue, I also transport dogs who come from shelters or foster homes to their "forever" homes. I am presently owned and loved by two rescues of my own. Oreo from Friends of Abandoned Pets and Winnie, another golden, from BARK Rescue.

My work continues with RDOC. There is something to be said about "DOG PEOPLE"!! I enjoy being around them. I would like to end with a quote from Mahatma Gandhi, "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated".



Winnie (photo taken by Kit Watson)

Preschool and Dog Program:

We are continuing to work on developing 'The Preschool and Dog' program. We completed the manual for the preschool teachers. We are now in the testing stage. We tested the curriculum on 2 daycare classes (2 to 4 year old children). We asked the teachers for feedback. Come to the AGM on Sunday November 16th and find out more about the program.



CCGC (Canadian Canine Good Citizen) Test

This ten-step test provides a good measurement of a dog's behavior in a social setting with different distractions. For more information on the CCGC test or CCGC preparation course, please contact RDOC at ccgc@responsibledogowners.ca

Membership

Yearly membership fees are seniors and students \$10.00, adults and families \$20.00, (volunteers get 50% discount), not for profit organization \$35.00, corporations and businesses \$50.00. To join or renew your membership please email morejulie@hotmail.com or go to our website at www.responsibledogowners.ca

Responsible Dog Owners of Canada (RDOC)

Responsible Dog Owners of Canada is a registered non profit organization that promotes responsible dog ownership through education and support, cultivates respect for the rights and privileges of members of the dog-owning and non dog-owning communities, fosters recognition of the contribution that canines make through companionship, service/assistance and therapy and aspires to assemble a strong network of responsible dog owners to ensure the restoration and preservation of a dog-friendly society.

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