



# HAPPY TAILS

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*DogSpot ... North County's Happiest Place for Dogs!*

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## Welcome, Dog Lovers!



I am delighted to emBARK on our monthly newsletter! As North County's happiest place for dogs, we are part of the community and

the community is part of us.

Happy Tails will keep you up-to-date on DogSpot features, activities and specials. We'll also offer tips and share info on area dog events and opportunities.

If you have suggestions for future issues, please let me know. And please share Happy Tails with your friends!

**Carlene King**  
Owner, DogSpot

**August 2013 Special!**  
**\$2 Off Self-Wash**

**One Wash Per Customer –  
Good Through 8/31/13**  
Present this offer to receive \$2 off  
(regularly \$10 for dogs under 20  
lbs.; \$14 over 20 lbs.)

## DogSpot Celebrates Festive Grand Opening



From tiny pups accompanied by toddlers to massive Moo the lovable Newfoundland, dozens of dogs and their 200+ humans happily cavorted at DogSpot's July 20th Grand Opening.

People enjoyed music by Lee Roy, speed painting by Amy Burkman (who created DogSpot's amazing mural), food, festivities and facility tours. Taco feast proceeds benefitted two local rescues. Both Saving Pets One At A Time (SPOT) and Labrador Rescuers were on the scene to inform event-goers about their organizations and adopt out dogs.



A couple hours into the event, SPOT volunteer Kris Nelson related, "Tinkerbelle the terrier was already adopted by a great family." D'arcy and Samantha Daniels have been fostering Tinkerbelle's son, Magnum, who was closely watched by daughter Rosabella. "This is a great way to showcase Magnum," said D'arcy. "And DogSpot's a great place for dogs to be."



Christina and Ed Licup signed up Moo even before the Grand Opening. They said, "We met Carlene at a dog park a few months ago and instantly bonded. Moo loves Carlene and loves it here. This is just what he needs – a place to play all day long."



Kim and Tony Thorner said their eight-week-old Golden, Elly, had a good time, and so did they. "Elly can play, get trained and bathed all in one place. DogSpot is perfect!" We agree!

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## Visit DogSpot at Cardiff's Dog Days of Summer



DogSpot is excited to staff a booth at Cardiff 101 Main Street's Dog Days of Summer on August 10th from 10 am-4 pm on Aberdeen Drive and Newcastle Ave. This dog-centric event features dog contests, live music, food, an agility

course, doggie photo booth, doggie crafts and pet adoptions. [www.cardiffdogdaysofsummer.com](http://www.cardiffdogdaysofsummer.com)

DogSpot's Carlene King says, "As a North County resident and business owner, I love participating in community events. And what better place (other than DogSpot) to meet new friends than at Dog Days of Summer! I look forward to seeing you."

## Happy Spots



*Rex's happiest spot is on top of his older brother Duke.*

We're North County's happiest place for dogs. But other than DogSpot, where is your dog's happiest place? Let us know, so we can share it in a future issue. Send your dog's name, photo and happy spot to [info@dogspot.biz](mailto:info@dogspot.biz). Put "Happy Spots" in the subject line.

## Enjoy a bowWOW Staycation

No time or money for a pet getaway this summer? Enjoy a staycation close to home, where dog parks abound and dog beaches are few but fun. (We'll profile great places in future issues.)

The Oceanside Harbor [www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/gov/pw/harbor/](http://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/gov/pw/harbor/) is just a hop, skip and trot away. It offers free parking, pooper bags (please use them!) and awesome sightseeing. Your dog can trade barks with sea lions, chase squirrels, peek at pelicans, mingle with other leashed canines and relax with you at a dog-friendly eatery. You'll both have the time of your life!



## Ask Joey

*Dear Joey:*

*Several months ago, I obtained a mixed breed puppy from an unknown source. Geronimo is not cuddly or affectionate; he likes to be left alone, but has never*

*threatened to harm me or anyone. Until, that is, I took him to a new vet at my clinic. Geronimo immediately growled and acted aggressive. I had to put a muzzle on him during the examination. The vet told me sternly, "This dog is a fear-biter. You need to put him down."*

*I love my dog, but don't want to see him hurt anyone. What should I do?*

## Geronimo's Mom

*Dear Geronimo's Mom:*

*First, find a new vet! Euthanizing a dog should be a last resort, not a first. Your dog's behavioral issues appear manageable and as you noted, he has shown aggression toward only one person.*

Carlene offers an innovative "Live and Learn" program. She will take Geronimo home, delve into his psyche, address any negative tendencies and work with you to keep him on track. Call 760.630.3647.

Send your questions to [info@dogspot.biz](mailto:info@dogspot.biz). Put "Ask Joey" in the subject line.



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