



DAWGW Tales



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4th Annual DAWGW Day Afternoon



My Best Friend is a DAWGW!

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Dear Friends,

Just a brief note, hoping that you've already sent in your DAWGW Day Afternoon registration form. If not, this second mailing will ensure you have every reason to consider attending!

While you're marking your calendar, perhaps preparing a costume for your dog, and definitely accumulating shopping bags ready to fill with Silent Auction items and other loot, please take a moment and enter our **"What My Dog Did On His/Her Summer Vacation"** Contest! Every submission—hopefully with pictures—will be posted in an upcoming newsletter, and one grand prize will be awarded for the most unique, funny, or heartwarming story. Don't feel you won't have a good tale if you stayed at home. Wonderful adventures can happen in your own backyard. ***Creativity rules!***

As always, we have a reason for our request/contest. We know that our adopters include their dog in family activities, but some come up with ingenious ways of entertaining the dog—or is it the other way around? Others put their dogs to "work" as visitor dogs at nursing homes, for example—just as

stimulating to a dog as jumping into a pool or running a home-made agility course. Perhaps your story will inspire others to provide additional enhancement to their dogs' lives. . . and therefore to their own.

Summer doesn't end until September 23! So please send your story and pictures to dawg@dawg-rescue.org by October 15. We'll be waiting!

As for other goings on, our Summer adoption activity has been slow, but we are anticipating an upswing in the Fall. There's an ebb-and-flow to our adoptions, with the busy times being in the mid-Fall until a few weeks before Thanksgiving, then again right after the holidays into February, then again in the

Spring. It seems that searches during the Summer tend to be for puppies. We always wonder why our teen-aged pups (9 months to 2 years) aren't considered just bigger examples of the smaller version these people are seeking.

Oddly, this year we haven't found adopters interested in our four to six year old dogs. In the past, many families opted for a slightly older first dog, with just as much personality and fun as a pup, but more settled and focused (and realistically appropriate) for busy families. We have also noticed more people looking for smaller dogs, perhaps because so many people live in apartments and condominiums. But you know us...we champion ALL dogs and love our larger ones who often are less "work" than some of our more active smaller dogs.

So as we "hang in there" and hope for a great Fall filled with adoptions, we are also hoping that you'll continue to participate as a DAWGW friend in the ways we outlined. ***See you on October 7!***

Sincerely

Joan Marshall

2006 DAWG Day Afternoon Picnic and Reunion

Join the fun and festivities at our 2007 event!



Our grateful thanks to . . . Beltsville PETCO and Laurel PETSMART for sponsoring our weekly adoption shows; and College Park Animal Hospital, Preston Country Club for Pets and Countryside Kennels, for extraordinary care and services at reduced rates that help DAWG dogs get well and live well until adopted. We also thank the Outer Office in Fulton, MD for printing our newsletter.



2007 DAWG Day Afternoon. . .Don't Miss It!

Send in your registration today!