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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Brighton Oval Redevelopment plan is slowly progressing. It now looks like we will be relocated to another council owned site mainly because we are the only non-sport organisation located in the complex. Such a move is subject to some provisos:-

- Any facility we relocate to must be equal to or better than our current site
- We cannot be financially disadvantaged due to relocating
- Until these conditions are met, we stay where we are and continue to function as usual

I pay tribute to Council staff who are working with us on resolving the whole issue – they have been very positive and supportive. Special thanks to Kelly Harding.

E Watch this space – we will let you know as soon as there is good news to impart.

Meanwhile, thank you to our members who have continued to support us and special thanks to our instructors and volunteers who have performed outstandingly in very difficult circumstances.

Doug Kenny, President

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Handouts Available:

We have handouts on
Being an Effective Doggy Parent
And
Attention seeking barking Solutions
For a free copy email the dog centre and
request your choice.

Or ask us for advice on your dog's behaviour.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be held at our clubhouse on **Saturday May 26th 2012 start time is 2.30 p.m.**

We would really like to have a good attendance – no need to worry that you might get elected to the committee – We do not work that way. We have a good committee and it is expected that most will seek re-election. You are of course welcome to express your interest if you wish to be nominated

We will try to get somebody from Council to attend and speak on the Brighton Oval Re-development plan.

As usual, we plan to have afternoon tea after the meeting – great opportunity to talk about doggy things with other members, the committee and trainers. Please bring a plate. .



PHOENIX FILES

Apr 2012

My name is Phoenix and I am a four year old Leonberger. I live with my Mum, Karyn and I work at the Doggy Day Centre. I have a job because I am a Doofus, and that means very smart dog. My mum calls me Doofus a lot, not as much as when I was little, but still a lot. Funny that, I think I got smarter as a got older! Maybe Mum did too and now she remembers my real name better!

At Day care I great new dogs and make sure they have a good time and sometimes I help them make friends. Sometimes I stop them playing if they are being too noisy or boisterous. I watch over the fence and tell dogs off out there sometimes but Mum calls me away cos I am not supposed to do that. Because I am a good Doofus I usually go straight back when she calls me.

Last year Jenny moved out and took the other furkids with her, so I was an only child. Mum brought a dog home for awhile but he was very sick and very scary so he had to go again. Mum cried a lot and I gave her lots of kisses. Then we were lonely. So now at Easter she got me a new brother. She is good like that. My brother is a funny looking boy. He is an Afghan and he is a little bit younger than me. He has a very pointy nose and lots of hair. I was bossy to him to start with but he ignored me! A lot. I tried to tell him I was a Doofus and he should do as I say, but he kept on ignoring me. Then he didn't ignore me. I was very happy and kissed him. We are very good friends. He can play with my stuff and sit on my lounge and have cuddles with my mum and I am still happy. Jenny, my human sister, got a puppy Afghan, named Willow. She is very cute too. I am bossy with her sometimes because she has "a lot to learn". I am helping her. She is lucky cos I know nearly everything now.

At the club, we are maybe going to move one day. I won't like that but Mum says we will be ok. I don't like things being different. I like things being the same. Dogs are like that. Some of my friends get worried or stressed when they move to a different house, or get a new car or even new babies! But Mum and Jenny said it will be ok.

We have had other changes. Anthony has gone away and we now have Monique and Kellie. And Bridget, we get her every school holidays though, so she isn't new and we already love her. Monique and Kellie are very good. They look after us and pat us. Monique is very funny. She makes us laugh. She does funny noises when she picks up poop. And a dog likes her so much he rubbed himself in poop and then cuddled her. She did lots of those funny noises. Then Mum and Jenny got the hose and squirted her. She was lucky..we all love that game. But even then she kept making the funny noises. Like she was sick. But I don't think she would be sick when we are being so nice to her.

My new dad Pete has grandkids. They came to stay with us with their mum and dad. I was worried about them. One was three and one was not even a number yet. That one would walk on the floor like me. Sometimes she came towards me. Mum saved me. I didn't ever be with them by myself. I even got to go to daycare on a Friday because I was too worried to stay home by myself. One day the three one tripped and landed on me. I jumped so high and landed on my mums lap. Mum said I was a Doofus, but I didn't feel smart...just worried. I think he was going to ride me. I am not a horse!

Our new little Willow is very sweet and funny. Just the other night Jenny gave her and her other dog Cruise a new toy each. Cruise was very excited and was squeaking it a lot. Willow got very scared of the squeak and started crying and then got on her mums lap. She was shaking a bit. I felt sorry for her cos she is obviously not a Doofus like me. I am a smart dog and know that squeaky things are for playing.

Mum says there is an AGM and you can all go. I cannot go because I am a dog. That is good news, because all Doofus' know that AGMs can be boring. But mum says it will be fun for people, just boring for dogs. I am not sure because she is not always a Doofus. You should go and you can see for yourself. But don't take your dog.



Phoenix

PERSONAL COLUMN

Congratulations to Toni and Ben Gluskowski on the arrival of baby Paul in January- Toni has been our treasurer for some years now and makes a fantastic contribution to our club. Baby Paul attended his first committee meeting on Friday March 23rd.

Condolences to Robyn Sweatman – another hardworking committee member and long time club member – whose father died recently.

President Doug Kenny lost his dear old miniature poodle, Phoebe, just after Christmas. Phoebe was 17.5 years old and one of the first dogs in training at Holdfast Dog Owners Ass'n. Phoebe was also one of the first Holdfast dogs to achieve the Delta Society's Canine Good Citizen Award.

Connor, adopted by Karyn in October 2011. Connor had a number of health issues, which we were resolving but he had serious aggression – the worst we have ever seen, and was never happy, relaxed or able to enjoy his life. After many consultations, agonising discussions and much heart ache, I held him in my arms and helped him go to Rainbow Bridge. I hope you are at peace now dear boy. I miss you.

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Four years ago, Ruth And Arthur adopted a lovely little puppy named Millie. Her dad Sachmo, who was 10 was also in need of a home and found a loving safe place to land for his final years. Sadly Sachmo has now passed away. Our condolences to Ruth and Arthur. Your little boy was loved and lucky to have spent such quality time with you. We will all miss him very much

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Frankie, the Jack Russell, loved family member of Roger, passed away suddenly. Frankie was a much loved day care dog and will be missed by us all. Sympathies to Roger, Saxon and family



We would love to take this opportunity to welcome our new staff members Monique and Kellie

Kellie has volunteered here for a year and is a very valuable asset to our training and day care team. Monique is new to the world of dog training and day care and is learning and experiencing many new things. Her love of dogs, good humour and relaxed manner will be of great benefit to the dogs. Karyn and Jenny both have new dogs too, WILLO and Baker, two Afghans...ok hard to imagine Karyn with an Afghan when she loves the big boofy types, but love does strange things.



Willow



Baker aka Fabio (LoL)

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor; those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent; His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together....

ENVIRONMENTAL ENRICHMENT:

Things to do to enhance your dogs daily life:

- Daily walks or runs at beach or park
 - Food dispensing toys or cardboard rolls or hidden treats around back yard
 - Training -15 minutes of fun training can be mentally stimulating
 - Pools and sandpits
 - Doggy Day Care – socially mentally and physically satisfying for socialised dogs
 - Quality hanging around time with their special humans
 - Curling up on a couch or lap
 - Three or four toys, swapped for a different three or four every few days – rotate
 - Doggy play dates, get your dog a social life
 - Visiting human friends
 - Car rides
 - Games with their special humans – tug, fetch, tricks
- A happy exercised, social dog is a pleasure to live with.

CALENDARS

Our calendars have been very popular – but we did overestimate and we still have some left and are selling them off at a discounted price of \$10 or 3 for \$20. Remember the calendars include January 2013 so still good to send as a no-special-reason gift to a dog-lover friend or relation. All monies go towards club improvements and are a wonderful presentation of the dog centre dogs.

INTERNET SITES OF INTEREST

Dog Rescue Groups – Looking for a new friend.

<http://www.sadogrescue.com>

<http://www.rspcasa.asn.au/> or

<http://www.adoptapet.com.au>

<http://www.awlsa.com.au>

FACEBOOK:

Find US ON FACEBOOK or Karyn Molloy for clips and fun stuff and updates about dogs

Youtube

Search for KarynM to see doggy day care clips

Know a good site – Let us know too!!!

Monique & Boof :

Working at day care,
And all was well,
Till a few things happened
And the day went to hell!



First young Boof
A dog of style
Rolled in some poop
It was quite a pile

He decided to share
This new found joy
Because he's not selfish
Our Boofy Boy

Monique was nearby
Filling up a pool
So rubbed right around her
Which he thought was cool

But Monique did holler
And retch a bit
Seems she isn't as fond
Of wearing S**t

So they got hosed off
Both of them as one
Monique was suffering
But Boof had fun

CAN YOU HELP

Kevin Taylor – our Vice President and Property Manager, needs some helpers for jobs such as:-

- putting a roof on the shade frame to replace the tarpaulins that were destroyed by rough weather – we currently have shelter from rain for our instructors and for dogs but would like to do more.
- remodelling the entrance fencing to reduce noise and general disruption when dogs are entering for day care

It would be great if Kevin could have a list of members with trade skills so that when we have a carpentering or fencing or electrical etc job to do, he could phone and ask for help. We would also like to know about people who could be available for general labouring assistance.

There is also the fact that when we have to pay for trade work, we would rather pay a member than a non-member. **If you can help, please complete the form at the end of this newsletter and drop it into the club next time you are there.**

VOLUNTEERS WHO CAN BE CONTACTED WHEN HELP IS NEEDED

- I have trade skills/qualifications in
- I don't have trade qualifications but have experience in
- I can provide good DIY/general labourer help.....

Name:.....

Phone numbers.....

General comments or info: