

It's Fall!!!

# October 2018 The SaddleBarker

We had a lovely Arizona Spring and now we are experiencing a real fall. The chill in the air in the morning is delightful. Thank all of you for your patience while the reseeding is in process. As soon as the Maintenance Committee gives the ok...I will let you now that the dog parks are open. The rain and weather have been perfect for our fall reseeding and we should have beautiful green grass for our dogs this winter. A big thank you to those of you who showed up to help with the spreading of the new dirt. AND a huge thank you to Ken Wentz and Jim Vavra who headed up the fall project and got our wild side into great shape. Their desire was to give our dogs and members a place to go during the process, and they did!!!

It is that time of year we dress up our furry friends into costumes, vote for the best in each category and award prizes. We hope you will come and join the fun on **Wednesday, October 31st**. The contest for small dogs will be at 3:00 p.m. and the large dog costume contest will be at 4:00 p.m. All the festivities will take place on the Large Dog side of the dog park. Karen Brooks is chairing the event this year with her devoted committee including Mary Joviak, June Cullen, Darlene Weprich, Carol Kochiss, Nadine McAfee and Susan Williams. Karen's Flyer is included in this newsletter and as an attachment to the newsletter. Any questions? Please send to the email address: [SBDogParkVolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:SBDogParkVolunteer@gmail.com).

**November 3** is our **FUN DAY IN THE PARK** and dedication of Riley's Place for our senior dogs, and dog training. The dedication of Riley's Place will be at 10 AM followed by fun activities until 2 PM. Jeremy Brown, owner of **The Complete Canine**, and his talented staff will be doing agility and therapy dog demonstrations in the large dog park. Fun Day is open to all SaddleBrooke residents and their dogs. All dogs must have their Rabies vaccination, Licensed and Leashed. (Only dogs who are good in crowds should attend.) You will also have a chance to run your dog on the agility course. The small dog park will have a Bake Sale (love to bake...please donate), Bow Wow will be hosting games and information about their many services, and all our sponsors are invited to bring a table and promote their business. We will also start selling raffle tickets for a quilt donated by Kelly Rospond & Woody Thompson. It is beautiful!!! We will also have raffle tickets for fun prizes donated by our sponsors and members. If you would like to donate (bakers needed) or volunteer to help with setting up, or help out the day of the event, please contact **Cynthia Martin, Chair**, [cindiesue@gmail.com](mailto:cindiesue@gmail.com).

We will once again be offering our **Speakers Series**. The series is open to all of SaddleBrooke, and is free! Our speakers are all either Dog Training professionals, or in the Veterinary world. They provide you information about dog training and/or dog health. Jeremy Brown will kick it off Thursday November 8th. Jeremy will also be offering dog training classes starting November 15th for 5 weeks in Riley's Place. All information about upcoming activities is included in this newsletter and is on our web site... [www.Saddlebrookedogpark.com](http://www.Saddlebrookedogpark.com).

Years ago, when the park was established, **The Vision** was *to be a valued community asset that positively promotes responsible dog ownership*. Your Board works to make this happen.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathleen Dunbar  
President





Leslie Hawkins, Tina Barnes, Donna Bauman

## Meet your SaddleBrooke Dog Park Membership Team

These three ladies volunteer their time to introduce interested SaddleBrooke residents to our SaddleBrooke Dog Park. They will take the time to meet new members, give a tour of the dog park facility, and carefully go over the Rules.

They also are responsible for collecting the membership forms, Rabies certificates and dues. To give you an idea of how busy they have been this year, in 2018 the park has had 40 new members. We would be remiss if we did not mention that we also have 3 Park Ambassadors, Al Goldberg (Board Member and our go to man), Darlene Weprich, and Terry Johnson, who help out the Membership Team by meeting prospective new members in the park and do an orientation.

The Membership Team is also responsible for making sure all our members dogs are current on their Rabie vaccinations. (Arizona law requires all dogs have this vaccination). In short, there is much responsibility that comes with this **volunteer position**. Leslie is also doing double duty and serving as the Board's secretary. Tina, who still works full time, became involved with the dog park shortly after she moved to SaddleBrooke. They love SaddleBrooke, they love the dog park, and they always have a smile on their face. Thank you ladies for all you do to keep our records current.

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## Meet Dave Jeffery, Data Base Manager

There is one more person who keeps everything running smoothly with the Dog Park paperwork and that is Dave Jeffery. He keeps our records, lets the Membership Team know about who needs to update their Rabies, creates our Membership directory and spends hours doing the computer work. It is important to let Dave know when you change your email, phone or address. We have no way of knowing that you moved or changed your email unless you tell us. Please, make our volunteer jobs easier and email Dave with any changes so our records are accurate. Thank you!!!



Dave and Chloe  
[jeffbus2@mac.com](mailto:jeffbus2@mac.com)



**The Speakers Series**— Jeremy Brown will kick off our speakers series **NOVEMBER 8, HOA2, Ballroom east, 2-4 PM**. Jeremy will be discussing Dog Park Etiquette, and basic dog behavior. He will also be starting **Dog Obedience Classes** the following Thursday at Riley's Place in the SaddleBrooke Dog Park.

Brown will be leading our **Fun Day** with agility and therapy dog demonstrations. We are fortunate to have this true master provide his professional knowledge to SaddleBrooke and help us, have the dog we want!

## Obedience Classes Starting November 15th for SaddleBrooke Residents

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The SaddleBrooke Dog Park will be offering **Dog Training** classes at Riley's Place. Classes start November 15th. Jeremy Brown, owner of **The Complete Canine**, will be offering the classes. (Due

to HOA 2 rules, only SaddleBrooke residents may participate. You do not have to be a member of the Dog Park to take advantage of the classes.)

### TIME

**9:00 AM**

#### **Puppy Obedience**

4 months-1 year  
Basic obedience, come, sit, stay and walk properly on a leash.

**10:00 AM**

#### **Beginning Obedience-any age**

Come, Sit, Stay and walk properly on a leash.

**11:00 AM**

#### **Intermediate Obedience**

A more advanced class for dogs and their owners who may want to pursue becoming a Therapy Dog or obtaining their Canine Good Citizen Certificate.

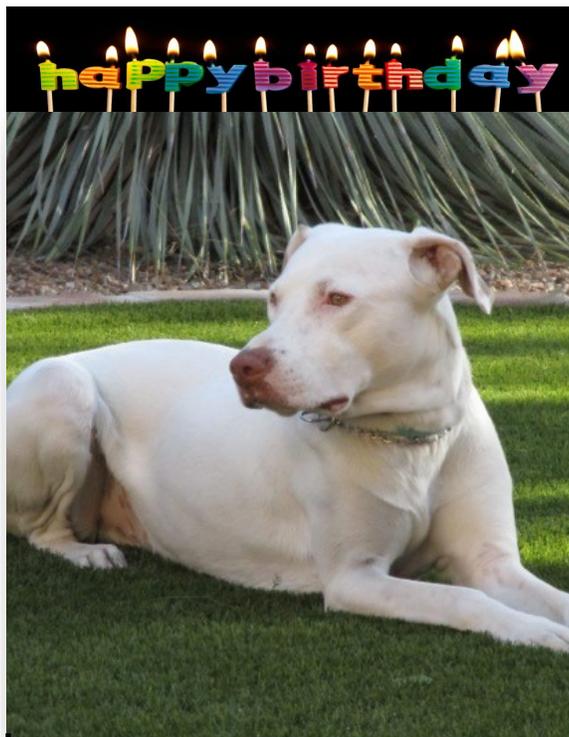
The cost is \$160 for the 5-week course. For more information go to The Complete Canine's website:

[www.completecaninetucson.com](http://www.completecaninetucson.com)

**Telephone 52-0-403-1401**

**All payment is directly to The Complete Canine**

For class reservations you may call  
Kathleen Dunbar 395-2920



Cody Schneiderman  
celebrated his 1 year  
adoption date  
September 2nd.  
Stan and Ingrid think  
he is 3 years...  
Cody is a lucky guy!!!

Birthday Photos Wanted—include  
date, year, age

**Save the Date**



The Dog Park  
Holiday Party

Wine, Beer and Appetizers  
November 28th  
4:30-7:30

Please bring a hearty appetizer

\$15 or 2 for \$25

HOA 1 Activity Center



The Dog Park said Good-bye  
to a long time friend—

**Bob Goodman**

He left us in July.

Bob did the Dog Park Board audits for many years. His wife Julie is a former dog park Board Member. Our deepest condolences to Julie, and the Goodman family.



The Rainbow  
Bridge

Sadly we said  
good-bye to our  
dog park pals...

Corky Adams

Nicky Kochiss

Skipper Mersy



### Riley's Place...named after the dog who lived *The Life of Riley*...

Originally we were going to have a contest within our dog park community to name the new multi-purpose park within the dog park. The Mersy's have historically purchased a tree or made some improvement to our park in memory of one of their beloved dogs who crossed the Rainbow Bridge.

The name, **Riley's Place** was selected after Dr. David and Pat Mersy made a sizeable contribution to the park in the name of Riley, their Shih Tzu who crossed the Rainbow Bridge after 17 years and 4 months. Riley, who lived the "*life of Riley*" is an inspiration to all and will always be in the hearts of those who knew him. The SaddleBrooke Dog Park is grateful for their gift and helping make a place for all **our senior dogs** who still love the smell of the grass and a roll in it.

To benefit all of SaddleBrook, we will also be offering Dog Training classes at Riley's Place starting in November.

For those of you who knew Riley and know the Mersy's, you are invited to the official dedication November 3, 10 AM (promptly) at **Riley's Place** within the SaddleBrook Dog Park off the back entrance. (Parking in the softball parking lot)

The SaddleBrooke Dog Park Board and Members are grateful for this generous gift and the joy it will bring so many in the years to come. Many of our senior dogs are already enjoying this very special place....Thank you.



### Our Fall Fundraiser—*Handmade quilt donated by Kelly Rospond*

Tickets will go on sale for this beautiful hand made quilt Saturday November 3rd (**Fun Day in the Park**) through Wednesday November 28th.

We will draw the lucky winner at our Holiday Party.

*(You do not have to be present to win)*

**Tickets are \$5.00 for one or \$20 for 5.**

If you would like to help sell tickets....please call Trudy Rossi 225-0275



# Annual SaddleBrooke Dog Park Halloween Party



It's that wonderful time of year when our furry friends <gladly?> wear Halloween costumes for our amusement! Please participate in this year's SaddleBrooke Dog Park Halloween Party & Costume Contest. Prizes, treats, pictures and general fun for all. (Note that the small dog contest is at 3:00 and large dog contest is 4:00.)

**The (6) Costume Categories are:**

- ❖ Funniest
- ❖ Scariest
- ❖ Celebrity/Movie Characters
- ❖ Most Creative
- ❖ Best Duo (2 dogs OR dog & owner)
- ❖ Best Overall Costume



**DATE:** Wednesday, Oct. 31st  
**TIME:** 3:00 pm: Small Dogs 4:00: Large Dogs  
**LOCATION:** SB Dog Park – Large Dog Side

## TO PARTICIPATE:

Send an email to [SBDogParkVolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:SBDogParkVolunteer@gmail.com)

By the Deadline: Sunday, Oct. 28th

And Include the following information:

- 1) Dog's Name
- 2) Owner's Name & Email
- 3) Dog's Costume
- 4) Costume Category



The Saddlebrooke  
Dog Park Association  
presents

**Saturday, November 3, 2018**

**10am - 2pm**

The Large Dog Park will feature Demonstrations by

**Jeremy Brown & Staff**

**The Complete Canine...**

Obedience, Agility & Therapy Dog Training Center



**Agility Demonstra-**

**tions** and the opportunity to  
run your dog on the course....

**10:30 AM-11:15 AM**

**&**

**Therapy Dog Presentation**

How can your dog become a Therapy  
Dog

**11:45 AM-12:30 PM**

*And demonstrations by SaddleBrooke*

*Because the dog park is volunteer run, we  
have no facilities for human comfort. You are  
invited to bring water and/or a chair.*

**Riley's Place Dedication 10:00 AM**

Riley's Place (named after Riley Mersy) is our new multi-purpose park within SaddleBrooke Dog Park for our senior dogs and obedience classes for all SaddleBrooke residents. Dr. David and Pat Mersy gave the park a generous donation in memory of Riley who lived to be 17 years and 4 months.

The Small Dog Park will feature:

**Dog Park Sponsors**

**Bake Sale**

**Games for you and your dog**

**Sponsored by Camp Bow**

**Wow**

The start of our raffle ticket fundraiser for a

**Fabulous Canine Themed Quilt**

*donated by*

*Kelly Rospond & Woody Thompson*

**SaddleBrooke Residents  
and their dogs are invited!**

**All dogs must have current  
Rabies Vaccinations,  
Licensed, & LEASHED**

*(The park is not open for play and invited dogs  
should be comfortable in a crowd)*

For more information contact:

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Email: cindiesue@gmail.com Tel. 713-857-

Kathleen Dunbar, SBDP Assoc. President

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For more information go to our website [www.Saddlebrookedogpark.com](http://www.Saddlebrookedogpark.com)