



This has been a busy month for PHA. The **small dog park has been finished** and is open for use by dogs up to about 25 pounds. The all-dog park is also available for use, although it isn't yet fenced or completely finished. Our **2013 calendar** is being printed right now and will be here within the next couple weeks. The **dog talk program** that was scheduled for earlier this month has been rescheduled. PHA will be sponsoring **dog training classes** this fall and winter! And two dogs and three more **cats have been adopted**.

**Dog park.** The dog park is open, thanks to Anne Lee and a slew of volunteers. Please use both sections at your own risk and clean up after your dog. Also, since we do live in critter country, please make sure you take all food scraps home with you rather than putting them in the garbage cans on site.

Meanwhile, the board is planning an official Grand Opening of the park on **Sunday, September 9 at 2 p.m.** The speeches will be short(!) and there will be prizes and eats, so please join us for the festivities officially kicking off the completion of phase one of our shelter and dog park project.



**Calendar.** Our 2013 "year of the cat" calendar is full of wonderful pictures of Petersburg cats, dogs, bird and bunny. Thanks to all the proud pet parents who submitted photos of their fur- and feather-children. It was tough choosing just one to be our "Cover Cat." If the printer is as fast as usual, we may be able to unveil the calendar at our dog park party.

**Dog training.** Remember this?

**Dog Talk** can be understood. Dogs don't speak English or any verbal language. Understanding how they do communicate, at various skill levels, with one another and with us humans, will help us build a stronger relationship with our dogs. Join certified professional dog trainer **Vickie L. Buchholz** and learn more about how to listen to and understand your dog. This talk is sponsored by PHA and hosted by the library. It starts at 6:30 on Tuesday, August 7 at the library. Vickie's motto is "It's never too early or too late to train your dog."

Well, Vickie is feeling much better and is coming to Petersburg at the end of this month, so the program is back on. The new date is **Wednesday, September 5, same time and place, 6:30 at the library.**

And speaking of dog training, **PHA is sponsoring classes** to be held in the old fire hall. We don't yet have a schedule set up, but the classes will be held once a week for six weeks. Class size will be limited to five regulars with a couple slots available for drop-ins each session. Two classes will run concurrently and more classes will be scheduled throughout the fall and winter. Milinda May will be the instructor. Stay tuned for details!

**Adoptions.** We had brief custody of two dogs this month. Both went into foster homes as soon as we got them, and both fosterers ended up adopting their charges. In addition, three of our adult cats - Beamer, Snow King and Mushu - were adopted the same day - to the same owners - and Rex, the young tuxedo cat in foster care was adopted almost as soon as he came back to the shelter! Unfortunately, his mama, KittyKitty, squirted out the door before she could be put in a carrier to come back to the shelter and she hasn't yet been caught. That left us (briefly) with just young Reggie and Tobias. However, Kiki came back a few days ago. Her adopter wanted a stay-at-home-and-cuddle cat, and Kiki is more of a take-off-and-check-in-now-and-then cat, around when she's hungry but out hunting rodents and checking out the neighborhood most of the time. We also just got two kittens that were turned in to the vet clinic. And we expect to get two Siamese mix teenage cats back because their current human is facing health problems. It's exciting to see animals move on to forever homes and a bit sad to see that "forever" is sometimes too short.

Now in PHA care are:



Tobias  
Neutered male



Reggie  
Neutered male



Bobsie and Guppie  
Female and male



Kiki  
Spayed female

## Current shelter needs:

- ❖ **Volunteer cat cuddlers** (any time!),
- ❖ Relief shelter workers (to scoop, clean, feed, and play),
- ❖ Dry cat food (no canned food please),
- ❖ Scoopable litter,
- ❖ Brooms, and
- ❖ Cat toys.

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