



A big thank you to Nutro Dog Food and Bill Witter of Witter Concrete. Together they made the walkway around most of the park possible. The walk connects the park entrance to the shaded area. And the dogs quickly figured out it makes a great runway! Next improvement on its way - a shed!



## Safety tips for your dog & you

**Important dates:**  
**Saturday, June 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** - Stop by Brick Kiln Farms on Brick Kiln Road across from the Dog Park. Buy one or two of the fine plants or containers and a generous portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Dog Park.

**Sunday, June 30** - Head to Falmouth Academy to take part in the Annual K95K. Choose to either run a 5 K beginning at 8:30 a.m. or walk one mile beginning at 9:30 a.m. Proceeds will benefit the Friends of Falmouth Dogs Medical Fund.

**Saturday, August 3 from 1 to 3 p.m.** - POOL PARTY - 'nuff said. Held in August during the last two years, this event has been such a success that it is not to be missed! Board members present.

**And by the way.....**  
 Do you have a TD Bank account of any kind? Or are you thinking of opening one? If you said yes to either of those questions, please remember to ask the bank to link your account to the Falmouth Dog Park as part of the Affinity Program. The bank will send the Park \$\$\$, and it won't cost you a penny!

Our town is very lucky to have a truly caring animal control staff. And for good reason, that staff gets worried about the decisions pet owners make that put animals at risk. Right now, we all think the weather is still on the cooler side. We probably don't think a dog would be at risk when we run into the grocery store or the pharmacy. Animal Control hopes you all will **think twice before doing this.**

A few years ago, I did my own experiment of sorts to put numbers to this rarely discussed equation. On a sunny day with temperatures in the 70's, I closed up my car, put two windows down four inches and immediately watched my thermometer read 87 degrees! Even with my light colored car interior, it took only 12.5 minutes to hit 100 degrees and it kept rising. If you add to that the fact that after a single minute, a dog's coat begins to hold in body heat - you get the point.

So please think twice before you take your dog along for the ride when running errands. And if you spot a dog that appears to be under duress in a car, please call Animal Control or the police.

The second concern is one directly related to the Dog Park: What should you do if a dog shows less than appropriate behavior? This issue has come up lately because of several incidents at the Park where dog owners didn't follow good practices and these turned problematic.

Remember that key to enjoying the Dog Park is sometimes to know when

to leave! That applies if your dog is the aggressor and if your dog is the victim! If the attack merits more help, call 9-1-1 which is the quickest way to get Animal Control help.

Once you have the dog out of harm's way, get the name and contact information from the aggressor's owner. It isn't enough to describe the dog. If that owner won't cooperate, jot down the car license plate number or take a photo of it. Then call Animal Control ASAP.

If your dog is the aggressor, you still need to call 9-1-1- for Animal Control. If there was an actual bite and puncture, your dog will be quarantined for 10 days as mandated by the Commonwealth in an effort to control and track rabies. Quarantine simply means that you must keep the dog on your own property and it must not be exposed to any other animals or humans outside of the immediate family. Animal Control will check on the dog at the end of the quarantine and if all is normal, quarantine will be lifted.

If there is no actual wound, call animal control just to keep them informed and to place the animal on their radar, but don't use 9-1-1- for that type of call.

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 If you are willing to help us even just a little, or you have any comments that might help, or concerns you'd like addressed, PLEASE visit our website and email us or call Barb Schneider at 508-331-2929.



### Our Dog Park Wish List

wheel barrow  
100 foot hose  
good hose nozzle  
gas trimmer  
battery or gas operated blower  
metal shovel  
snow shovel  
5 gallon bucket  
small wash bucket  
boxes of rubber gloves all three sizes needed  
Roundup  
weed digger  
cleaning rags  
sponge  
Dawn detergent  
basket for weeds  
lawn mower  
card table  
two folding chairs

If you can help with any of these items, please call Barb Schneider at 508-331-2929

## Let's give a Great BIG THANKS

Each year it takes a village to get the dog park spruced up, fully operational and ready for the thousands of visitors that pass through the gates.

We want to acknowledge those who helped make the park look extra good this year. Please make a point of saying thank you to these members of the community:

Dave Costa of DMC Plumbing

Bill Witter of Witter Concrete

No Bull Landscaping

Sandy Cuny of Cuny Landscaping

Nutro Dog Food

Members of the Falmouth Jewish Congregation

The Town of Falmouth DPW

Our stewards - Frank Alfano, Lisa Canavan, Carole Dembkowski, Frank Fernino, Ursula Garfield, Dick Graves, Helen Kennedy, Pattie Malone, Joanne Mayne, Vera Pavel, Pamela Rothstein, Barbara Stephens, Ellen and Mike Sullivan, and Gary Schneider!

Larry Friel

Nantucket Sheds and Jim Smith of North Falmouth

All those who pick up a broom, or a rake and help keep things in shape

TD Bank for welcoming us into the Affinity Program so we earn money while you save or maintain a checking account!

And to all of you who welcome newcomers to the park and teach them how to use the facility safely and appropriately!

**What we still could use in help:** We need stewards, Board members, people willing to just help out on a committee, people willing to trim or cut grass once in a while, donations to help fund the park (remember - we get zero money from the Town - the Park is totally funded by private donations), people and companies to buy our tiles to be able to start to fill the sidewalk side of our Cleo's Corner, another donation for a bench, and great photos to add to our website and facebook page. Remember, if the park has value to you and your dog, make sure to find one or more ways to be supportive. **WE CAN'T DO THIS ALONE!**