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## H A P P Y N E W Y E A R !

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope everyone had a happy and healthy holiday season and we wish you and your pups a great 2023! This year may be the Year of the Rabbit for millions of people, but we know that for all of our members, it will be another "Year of the DOG!"



### EL CARRO UPDATE

The fields at El Carro Park are now closed for renovation. Estimated re-opening of the fields will take place sometime in late March but estimated re-opening of the off-leash area is in doubt.

The exaggerated complaints by just three Sea Coast households, led the City Council to temporarily defer our successful off-leash program. Citing barking and possible danger to AYSO kids (despite our pristine safety record) the Council is exploring fenced options at El Carro as well as other locations. They are also

talking a bit more seriously about a permanent and dedicated dog park.

We knew that the Council's sense of urgency didn't match the needs of our furry loved ones, so we obtained permission from Father Martini of St. Joseph's to use the field shared by the Howard School at the corner of Linden and El Carro. The field is completely fenced and available to us from 3:45 PM every day. There are a few youth soccer teams that we share the field with. C-DOG members are extremely thankful to Father Martini for his generous and compassionate gesture.



### BARK FOR A PARK!

Our battle for a place where our dogs can just be dogs is far from over. On Feb 13th the Council will be considering some recommendations from city staff and council members.

We don't yet know exactly what recommendations are in store for us, but we do know your support is always needed. Please take time to visit the City's website, [here](#), click on Agenda for the Feb 13th meeting, make an eComment (or show up to speak in person or by zoom), or email our [council members](#). Feel free to recommend another park or location.

And finally, please don't forget to bark loudly for a permanent park! Feedback generates focus, so the more feedback the Council gets, the greater their focus!

**Make your bark heard!**

# ANNOUNCING THE POOCH PLAY-OFFS!

Lynda Fairly Art Center, Feb 11th 1-4PM





## POOCH PLAYOFFS

A COMPETITION FOR THE ULTI-MUTT CUTIE

Get ready for a bracket-style competition for the Cutest Canine! Your \$100 entry fee will allow your pooch to compete for exciting prizes while benefiting Care4Paws. Portrait sessions will be held at locations from Goleta through Carpinteria during the month of February for the competition in March. Each week, your dog will be matched up with another pooch to be voted the Ulti-mutt Cutie! Winners of the Final Four will receive gifts from local pet-friendly businesses. All entrants will receive a gift with an image of your contestant surprise gifts of fun items.

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Stop by the Art Center on Feb 11th to join in the fun!



## DONATIONS

A big thank you to Becki Norton for her very generous donation. Becki comes from a dog-loving family who have just made a super new dog park in El Centro a soon-to-be reality.

Donations to C-DOG are tax deductible and very much appreciated. Donations can be directed to our general fund for on-going expenses or designated for a future dog park. Donations can be made on a one-time, monthly, quarterly or annual basis. Visit our donation page at: <https://www.c-dog.org/donate>

## C-DOG MEMBERSHIP

C-DOG membership is both free and important! The free part is pretty simple but the importance has a number of facets.

With over 300 members, our importance and influence over issues that affect dog owners is powerful. Over 40% of households in Carpinteria own at least one dog, so we're important to community decision-makers. And, by working together, we can help each other, learn from each other and create better lives for our furry family-members. Sign up at <https://www.c-dog.org/join-the-pack>



SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!



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