

Johnson County DogPAC Meeting
August 14, 2003

1. Beth Shields reported that the Iowa City Parks and Recreation Department has agreed we can have a dog swim in City Park Pool, after it closes for the season. Beth, Misha and Anne will meet with Terry and his staff to work on details of the event. We discussed basic guidelines and agreed: we need volunteers to work at the gate taking admission fees and checking proof of vaccination. We will not permit people in the pool except to the extent they must help their dogs in/out of the pool. We will ask if the City will provide at least 1 lifeguard and turn down the chlorine level. We will charge \$5 per dog. Each dog must be accompanied by at least 1 adult (18 years of age or older). Jim Jacobson agreed to contact his friends with the press. We sent around a sheet for people to volunteer to work the event and for people to list all media contacts they may have. As the pool closes on Monday, September 1, the event will probably be September 2 or September 3.
2. David Bright described the upcoming event, "Paws in the Park". This is the second year Friends of the Animal Shelter has held the event. There will be a dog parade; contests; information tables and vendors. It will be held in City Park on Sunday, September 21st. DogPAC will have a table at Paws in the Park. We need to decide what we will have/do at our table.
3. Beth Shields reported on the upcoming JC DogPAC concession stand at the Jammn' K-9's flyball tournament at the Amanas Fairgrounds. Cherie Marvel and Paula Bobeck have been organizing the project. We have received a \$35 donation from New Pioneer; food donated by Cub Foods, Fareway and Hy-Vee. The event will be Saturday and Sunday, August 16 and 17. The volunteer work shifts are set. The event runs from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. both days. We will sell egg bakes, bagels, juice and coffee in the morning; chili (donated by Dairy Queen) and hotdogs and nachos at lunch. Misha will send out thank you letters to our supporters for the event.
4. Misha reported on the Chili Dog Fair, a fundraising event for sick children, to be held Sept. 14th. It is too late from DogPAC to have a table there this year, but we should consider doing something next year.
5. We hope to be able to present our proposal to the City Council at one of it's upcoming meetings. Anne will talk to Steve Atkins and work out the details. Beth Shields will present the proposal when we are scheduled. Jim Jacobson suggested having a "dog-in" where people bring their dogs and sit outside Council chambers while Beth gives the presentation. Jim will include this in his press release.