

Kalamazoo County Parks  
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"Bringing People and Nature Together"

# Prairie View Dog Park Newsletter

## Dog Park Open Year-Around!

Q: How is a cowardly dog like a leaky faucet?

A: They both run.

### Upcoming Events

Friends of the  
Prairie View Dog Park  
Meeting, Jan 27th  
At 6:00 pm  
At the  
Prairie View County  
Park Beach House



*Happy Birthday  
to our  
Furry Friends!*



Dexter - December 5  
Parker - December 30

To have your furry friend's birthday in future newsletters, please e-mail us at [klward@kalcounty.com](mailto:klward@kalcounty.com) with your dog's birthday.

As the snow starts to fall, remember to bring your own water to the park. The parks water source is seasonal and will not be available until spring.

We will also be plowing the parking lot and using dog friendly salt to keep the sidewalk ice free for your dog.

### Things to remember during winter months...

Salt and ice can damage pets skin and lead to tears or infection of the paw pads. Most dogs will lick the salt off of their paws and digest the chemicals

found in road salt. The best solution to this is to purchase booties for your dog to wear at your local pet supply store. At first, Fido might resist wearing the booties, just be persistent in order to protect their sensitive paw pads. Play it safe and train your dog to wear dog booties!



### Avoid Dog Poisoning

Antifreeze can cause death in dogs. It is reported that antifreeze has a taste that dogs are naturally attracted to. Make sure you store antifreeze in a sealed container and if working with antifreeze, make sure you are quick to thoroughly wash away any spills that may occur.

## Canine Crafts

Decorate for the holidays at home with this fun, easy craft idea for your canine!

### Puppy Dog Ornament

**Materials Needed:** Ping pong ball, Black felt, Scissors, Tacky glue, 2 Wiggle eyes, 3/4" White pom pom, 1/4" Black ribbon (for hanger), Paper, Pencil, White pencil (to trace pattern on black felt)

**How to:** Notice where the wording is located on the ping pong ball and plan for the ears to cover it up. Glue the white pom pom on for the nose. Glue the black pom pom on

the white pom pom. Glue on the wiggle eyes. Cut a piece of decorative string or ribbon for the hanger and knot the ends. Glue the hanger above the wiggle eyes (Note: this should be in the middle of the wording on the ping pong ball). Draw ears on the paper and cut out, experiment until you get the shape and size of ears you want for your puppy. Trace the pattern on the felt and cut out. Glue the ears on the top of the puppy and over the ends of the hanger. Let dry.

Try using different color felt and pom poms to make the ornament look more like your dog!

