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## DOG PARK NEEDS DOCENTS

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Like spending time at the SpokAnimal Dog Park at High Bridge?

Want to be helpful while you're there?

Boy have we got a job for you!!!

SpokAnimal is starting a docent program for the dog park and wants your help. It will be very informal and you will not have to schedule when you are going to be there, as it will be on your own schedule! SpokAnimal would just like to give you the tools to be helpful while you are there with your four legged friends.

A training session is scheduled for Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Topics and duties to be covered include:

### **Park Safety Ambassadors**

Chat with pet owners about park safety & etiquette rules; man the gate, welcome visitors and help them negotiate the entrance safely

### **Body Language Coaches**

Help educate the public about red flags of dog body language; give out handouts and information; remind visitors of upcoming educational opportunities

### **Health Watch**

Overheating, etc.

### **Make-over Patrol** - Keeping it clean & tidy

Hand out poop bags and acknowledge those who use them!

**Burr Busters**

Pluck 'em before they can prickle & stick!

**Trail Blazers**

Come learn about trail building and maintenance

**Water Witches**

Bring jugs of water and make sure onsite bowls are in good shape

The training will also include a PowerPoint Presentation that covers doggie body language and symptoms to watch for.

If you are unable to attend on August 3rd this program will be repeated on August 10th at REI.

Please RSVP for the August 3<sup>rd</sup> or August 10<sup>th</sup> training sessions to [outreach@spokanimal.org](mailto:outreach@spokanimal.org).

**About SpokAnimal's Dog Park at High Bridge**

**Well-behaved dogs welcome!** On December 27, 2010, a 3-year contract between SpokAnimal and the City of Spokane Parks and Recreation Department was signed signaling the beginning of the first dog park within the City of Spokane. Thanks to a generous \$40,000 donation from SpokAnimal, Phase I of development has been completed with installation of fencing for the safety of our best friends and the security of the community

**Directions:** Take Riverside west from downtown. Look for "A" Street and turn left. If you are coming on Government Way, turn east on Riverside; look for "A" street and turn right.

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