

DOGS of Vernon Annual Report

Letter from the President:

Dear Members,

2009 was a very productive year for the DOGS of Vernon. Great strides were accomplished and we took necessary steps toward the first off-leash Dog Park of Vernon Twp. The year 2009 flew by with all we were doing and accomplishing. It's with thanks to all of our volunteers, residents and companies of Vernon Twp that we are now working to finalize all aspects of opening the off leash dog park in Vernon.

We held fund raisers to enable this park endeavor to go forward. We raised money for the administrative costs, insurance and for the building of the park. Our entire budget comes from donations, dues and fund raisers. Fundraisers are best when they cost the least amount thus making the profit more. Many of our fundraisers' cost are donated by members so profits are higher.

Our active membership consists of 30+ members. Our e-mail database of volunteers is an additional twenty three names. We have a data base of interested parties in Vernon of 350+ e-mail addresses. We also run a Yahoo Group with 100+ members. An area Eagle Scout participant is assisting us in clearing out the area of the park for a pet memorial area and planting flowers etc.

Our greatest accomplishment in 2009 would be that DOGS of Vernon received a lease with the townships that enables us to move forward. With the signing of the lease we have moved forward with area businesses to begin the process of construction of the park for 2010. We have demonstrated that not only are we interested in building something for our town

but working with other groups, organizations and local business to achieve this goal. We want to thank Vernon Animal Welfare League, the Vernon Twp Animal Control, Vernon Fire Department, Vernon Township Council and many other businesses and groups for helping in our fundraising and events.

Sincerely,

Barbara Green

2009 MILESTONES:

April 2009

- DOGS of Vernon participated in the Vernon Township Earthfest Celebration. DOGS promoted the theme "Dogs Go Green" .
- Continuing the theme of "Go Green", DOGS sponsored a Microchipping Clinic as a fundraiser at Vernon Veterinary Hospital during Earthfest.

May 2009

- Vernon Township Board of Education approved lease with Township for property on RT 517 The township will supply a sub lease to DOGS for use of said property for an off leash dog park.
- Pet Lane Fundraiser
- Fundraiser of Mia Bell Candles – Mother's Day

July 2009

- DOGS of Vernon held their third annual Dog Wash and Nail Clipping at the Vernon Twp Firehouse. A lot of fun for the dogs to enjoy their "spa" day.
- McAfee Diner for holding a "Dine out for Dogs" fundraiser.

Special thanks to Dr. Ramieri and staff for their dedication to this event.

September 2009

- Vernon Town Council held first reading of Ordinance #09-17 that approved lease with Board of Education and Sublease with DOGS of Vernon.
- Site Plan for dog park began.

October 2009

- Vernon Town Council held second reading of Ordinance #09-17 and approved Lease with Vernon Board of Education and Sublease with DOGS of Vernon for property to be used as a dog park.
- DOGS of Vernon Mini Golf Classic was held at Mini Tree Golf at Mountain Creek. Special Thanks to our Musicians that donated their time, Victor, Frank and Jim. Thank you to Timmy Grins for donating Mini Tree for our use and Donna Kincaid of 3 Leaves Gourmet Foods supplied delicious food.

November 2009

- DOGS attended the Vernon Township Free Rabies Clinic to continue educating the public on the progress of the dog park
- Vernon Township Land Use Board approved DOGS site plan for location of Vernon's Off Leash Dog Park.
- Photography Fundraiser – courtesy of Lisa Feury
- Treasured Moments Stationary Christmas Card Fundraiser Sale

December 2009

- DOGS held a thank you party for all the volunteers that have helped us out with the fundraisers through the year.

Conclusion:

DOGS of Vernon would like to take this time to recognize and say thank you to all the businesses and people that have helped us in our endeavor to raise money for this event.

- Timmy Grins of Mini Tree Golf at Mountain Creek.
- Donna Kincaid of 3 Leaves Gourmet Food
- Vernon Township Board of Education for their generosity of leasing property for use of an off leash dog park.
- Vernon Township Council for working with us for a lease and site plan for the off leash dog park.
- Tony and McAfee Diner for holding a fundraiser on our behalf.
- Gene Mulvhill and Golf Management Services for their generous monetary donation.

- All the area businesses that sponsored DOGS of Vernon's Mini Golf Classic
- E Hastrup for helping DOGS out with relocating donated garage sale items due to postponed garage sale.
- Shawn Upshaw for assisting us with a Mia Bella Candle Sale Fundraiser.
- Dr Michael Ramieri of Vernon Veterinary Hospital for his time to work with us.
- To our active members working out in front and behind the scenes for this endeavor.
- Vernon Township School Staff for their generous donations of Casual Day Funds
- Last, too numerous to name individually, but Thank You to the residents and supporters of Vernon Township, without you DOGS wouldn't be where we are today.

DOGS of Vernon had a profitable 2009. Many donations and volunteer work from Vernon residents allowed us larger profits.

DOGS of Vernon
Annual Financial Report
January 1, 2009-December 31, 2009

1/01/09 Balance in checking	8,590.57
Total Receipts	10,861.73
Total Debits	<u>4,230.63</u>
12/31/09 Balance in checking	\$15,221.67

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Profit</u>
Membership Dues	350.00	
<u>Fundraisers</u>		
Pawberry Patch Halloween Parade	100.00	
Cookbook Sales	135.00	
Calendar Sales	317.00	
Item sales (bandanas, travel bowls)	143.00	
T-shirts	150.00	
Mt. Creek Pet Ski Passes	195.00	
Earthfest Sale Items	85.00	
Magnet Sales	30.00	
Wristbands	55.00	
Microchipping	1,050.00	450.00
Candle Sales	848.80	248.20
Dog Wash	1,856.00	
Mini-golf Classic	1,311.00	707.39
Advance Sales Yard Sale	57.00	
Fence Fund	1,150.00	
B. Green	500.00	
Bullock Family	150.00	
Bruno Family	500.00	
<u>Donations</u>	3,113.93	
Cans and misc.	514.89	
Imagine Fitness	190.00	
Mc Afee Diner	130.00	
DogMomDesigns	22.00	
Vernon Schools	682.00	
iGive.com	75.04	
Golf Mgm.Ser.	1,500.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$10,861.73	

EXPENSES

Insurance		1,892.31
Post Office Box Rental		40.00
Earthfest Wristbands		120.00
T-Shirts		184.15
Candles		600.60
Micro-chips		600.00
Lox and Bagels		29.96
Legalized Games of Chance		100.00
Bank charge treasurer check		10.00
Golf Classic Expenses		603.61
Oriental Trading	50.62	
Hole Prizes	260.00	
Cake	42.99	
Food	250.00	
NJ Annual Inc. Filing		25.00
Change Agent		<u>25.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$4,230.63

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bruno, Treasurer