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OHHA BOARD ELECTIONS

An election will be held in May to fill three (3) Board positions this year. The results will be announced at the Annual Meeting on May 6th. **Anyone interested in running for a position on the Board of Directors should submit their name and a brief bio or statement why they would like to serve on the Board to the OHHA Office no later than Monday, March 24th.** Bios may be submitted by email to: office@oakhillshoa.org or drop a hard copy in the OHHA mail box located at 9907 Pampas Path. Ballots and voting instructions will be sent out in early April.

The Board of Directors is the governing body for the Oak Hills Homeowners Association. It is responsible for the decision-making, enforcement of rules, Bylaws and Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions, and fiscal responsibility necessary to maintain the established quality and appearance of our common interest development. Board members serve a three-year term, after which they may seek re-election.

Annual Meeting

The OHHA Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday May 6, 2014 in the North Monterey County High School multi-purpose room from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Election results will be announced. This is an opportunity to come and meet with your neighbors and to discuss items of interest with them and with the Board.

Pool House Painting Project

This winter, the exterior of the pool house was painted. The Board would like to thank Renate Harvey for heading up the committee to pick out colors, getting bids on the painting project and overseeing the project through completion. With the help Jackie Lonero, Peggy Scoggin and Tom Dominy, the pool house has a new and wonderful look. Thanks again to Renate and her committee.

11 Tips for Being a Responsible Pet Owner

By Natalie Lester, PetSafe Brand Communications Specialist, Petsafe.net

February is “Responsible Pet Owner” month and that got us thinking: how do we view responsible pet ownership? While there isn’t an exact definition for it the American Kennel Club gives each of us a great starting point for how we view pet ownership: “Owning a dog is not just a privilege-it’s a responsibility.”

Whether you own a dog or a cat one thing is for sure, owning that pet comes with great responsibility. Pets are not accessories that can be thrown aside and forgotten. Pets are companions that need love, care and devotion.

You can find many lists that outline very specific ways to be a responsible pet owner, like the American Kennel Club’s list for dog owners, but we’ve compiled a short list for you of the important rules we think all pet owners must live by.

Pick a pet that fits your lifestyle. The decision to become a pet owner should come after extensive research and planning, not as an impulsive purchase. Just because you think something is cute, does not mean it will be the perfect fit for you. For example, if you don’t know that cute kitty you just bought is very high maintenance and you are low maintenance your cat may form behavioral problems. These problems are the number one reason pets are given to shelters or abandoned leading, in a majority of cases, to euthanasia.

Make him part of the family. Pets, especially dogs, need companionship. They are traditionally pack creatures and need the warmth and love that comes with living indoors with their family.

Pet proof your house. To keep your pet healthy you should research what household products and foods can harm your pet. Make sure these are kept in secure locations so your pet cannot get into them.

Care for your pet. Regular visits to the vet and groomer are absolutely necessary. Insuring your pet may also be important to your pet’s health. Emergencies can happen at any time. Ensure your pet gets the help he needs no matter the cost with pet insurance.

Spay and neuter your pet. Studies have shown that pets that are spayed and neutered live healthier, longer lives. Plus, spayed and neutered pets are less likely to develop behavioral problems.

Always keep an ID tag on your pet. Consider getting your pet microchipped as well to help identify him if he is lost or stolen.

Train your pet to understand obedience. Dogs should at least understand basic direction like “sit” and “stay.” In an emergency situation these cues could save your pet’s life.

Give him the exercise he needs. All pets need regular exercise to stay fit and to release their energy. Without it, your pet will begin to act out. Young pets that do not get enough exercise are more likely to develop negative behavioral issues that lead many to give up their pet.

Feed him properly. Ask your vet what type of food and how much is right for your pet. Keeping your pet on a regular, portion controlled diet will help with weight management and prevent weight related health problems.

Socialize your pet. Meeting new people and other pets improves the confidence of your pet. Plus, having extra playmates will help relieve some of your pet’s built up energy.

Love your pet. You are your pet’s favorite thing in the whole world. He craves your love, attention and care. So show him the love and devotion he shows you!

Oak Hills Garage Sale—May 17

Suzanne Burr organizes the semi-annual Oak Hills garage sale in the Spring and Fall of each year. This year, the Spring garage sale is schedule for May 17. She does all of the advertising for the garage sale as well as putting together maps and addresses of those home participating in the sale. There is plenty of time (2 months) to go through the garage, clean out cabinets and sort though the piles to get ready for May's garage sale. Please call Suzanne Burr at 633-0514 to let her know that you will be participating in this year's event.

Pet Ownership Checklist

Here are a few things to keep in mind while being a good pet owner:

- **License your pet.**
- **Secure your pet in your home or yard or on a leash.**
- **Teach your dog to use good manners with other pets and humans.**
- **Clean up after your pet.**
- **Seek good help when needed. Check out your local SPCA and other groups.**

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