

# The Wagging Times

*Spring 2018, Glass City Dog Park*



## Coming Events

### [Park Spring Cleanup](#)

**Saturday May 12**, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. -

Refreshments and Pizza at Earnest Brew Works after. (click link for more details)

### [Glass City Dog Park Open House](#) **Saturday May 19**, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm -

Invite your friends. Vendors and Food Truck, Raffles and Prizes! (click link for more details)

**Volunteers are needed for both the clean-up and the Open House. For more info, email us:**

[volunteer@glasscitydogpark.org](mailto:volunteer@glasscitydogpark.org)



## Wine Event A Great Success!

Many thanks to all who attended the wine tasting event. We had a wonderful time tasting dog themed wines such as Dachshund

## Volunteer Spotlight:

### Glenda Bowman and Bubba



**Glenda and Bubba can often be found at Glass City Dog Park. Glenda graciously**

Cabernet and Riesling, Lab Red Blend, and Chateau La Paws Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and Sweet Red. The evening was a great success and the proceeds have enabled us to purchase the shed that is being installed at the park. Thank you!



### An Egg-cellent Afternoon

A hopping good time was had by one and all (despite the weather) at the Annual Easter Egg Hunt for members and their pups. The Easter Bunny made an appearance and the adorable photos can be viewed on our Facebook page.



### Fun - Raiser

Fun *WAS* had by all who went to the paint fundraiser at Pop It Paint It in Waterville. Everyone got to choose their own project

**donates, plants, and tends the flowers by the front gate of the park. We are so thankful for the beauty it brings to the park. We asked Glenda to tell us a bit about herself, about Bubba, and about her time spent at the park.**

### How long has Bubba been in your family?

My Bubba has been with me since he was 10 weeks old. Now he is 4yrs old.

### Does Bubba ever misbehave?

Bubba has many misbehaving activities. Lately it's been digging holes in the yard to catch one of many moles.

### Tell us about any special adventures, memories, and hard things you've gone through together.

Bubba and I went through many hard things together. The one memory that stands out is when I went into the hospital for double pneumonia. My Metastatic Breast Cancer had weakened my immune system and I contracted a cold. Bubba was very upset and would not eat or drink water. At one point I was video chatting but this made everything worse. A week passed and my vitals started to decline. The nurses heard about my dog. My husband and the nurses arrange for Bubba to see me. After visiting hours were over, my husband would bring Bubba to the hospital for 30 minutes. After two nights my vitals improved greatly. I was discharged four days later. Bubba is my life support system.

### Where does Bubba sleep at night?

Bubba has a bed in every room of my house but at night he sleeps in the bed.

### How did you choose your dog's name?

The name Bubba was a name of a character in the movie Forrest Gump. Bubba was this awkward best friend of Forrest Gump. When he has something on his mind he would speak freely. My favorite part of the movie is when both Bubba and Forrest talk about opening up a Shrimp Restaurant when they got out the Army. Bubba would say his momma can make any kind of shrimp dishes. Forrest asked what kind of dishes. Bubba would say Fried Shrimp, Cold Shrimp, Pineapple Shrimp, Hawaiian Shrimp, Oriental Shrimp, and Garlic Shrimp etc.... To me it was his



and paint it!



### Did You Know About Our Referral Program?

For a limited time, every referral that turns into a paid membership at Glass City Dog Park will get you a \$5 credit off next year's membership up to a FREE MEMBERSHIP FOR THE YEAR. YES! You heard it right - up to ONE FREE MEMBERSHIP!!!

Watch your email for full details.



### Park Tips and Reminders:

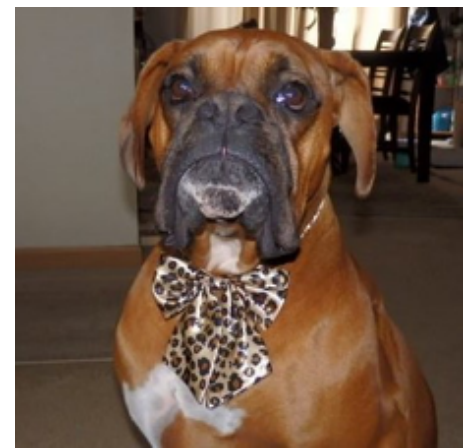
#### Leashes!!

Please keep dogs ON a leash between your vehicle and the park. This keeps dogs and owners safe.

Please take dogs OFF leash once in the second gated area. Leaving dogs on-leash when in the park play area can lead to behavioral problems when meeting other dogs who are off-leash.

Please keep your leash with you at all times when

demeanor on how Bubba look at life, slow and easy. This is how I look at my Bubba. Very easy-going, mild attitude, take things as they come, free spirit and easy going. Bubba has an Old Soul.



### Did you choose your dog based on breed?

My husband always raised boxers so when it came to pick a breed it was no questions. Boxer Only!

### Did you pick your dog or did your dog pick you? (Tell us the story of how you got together.)

My baby Bubba picked me. I would say Bubba waited until all his brothers and sisters ran out of the crate as I tried to see all the pups. The last one out was this awkward side walking pup that tried to jump on my legs and kept falling on his side. His head had a point; his chin was a cold white color like an old man. When I reached down to pick him up all the siblings came running to my legs. My little one stepped aside to allow all of them to jump on my legs. When I look around for my special one he was hiding inside his crate under some towels. I called him Bubba right away and he poked his head up with the towel covering his face. I called out Bubba again and his little body jumped to a stand shaking the towel off his head. My breeder tried to get me to look at the other pups but I was more fascinated with the slower awkward one with bungle head. No questions asked. I had a list of questions and all that went out the door. I truly didn't care what problems he may have or listen to the list of concerns from the breeder. This one is my baby.

### Is Bubba a good boy?

Yes he is better on some days and good most of the time. My Bubba loves to be around me 24/7. I love it but sometimes I have to lock myself in the bathroom to have some alone time.

### Do you have any special stories about Bubba or the park?

in the park. Do not hang leashes/harnesses on the fence.

## Contact Us

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## Trainer's Corner

**Coming soon - training tips from our Board Dog Trainer Jay Barman**

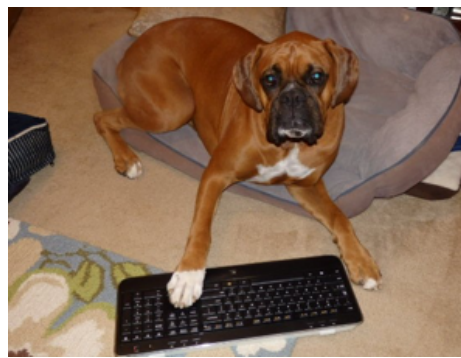


**We will be posting dates for open training sessions at the park. Watch for details on our website and our Facebook pages.**



## Keep in Touch!

Did you know that you can find us on Facebook? We have a public page ([Glass City Dog Park](#)) and a members-only group ([Glass City Dog Park Members Only](#)). If you'd like to keep tabs on volunteer opportunities, you can also join [Friends of the GCDP](#) Facebook



One touching story about Bubba and the park was his first winter. The park was building the shelter on the big dog side and the organization had an orange fence around the area where they were building. Bubba and the other dogs love to run around the fence

chasing each other. Other dog owners and I were standing in a small circle to trying to keep warm jumping up and down. It started to snow very hard and the dogs were having an awesome time. We didn't leave at that time until it was a white out and we couldn't see our dogs playing. I looked at the other owners and said "why are we out in this blizzard snow". Everyone said they wanted to tire their dogs out because they were driving them crazy at home. We just laughed and everyone said what they would do for their fur balls. We started to leave the park and the snow was coming down so fast and heavy that everyone got stuck in the parking lot. At least 8 cars were stuck in the snow. After 30 minutes and many calls we could see several trucks with plows coming towards us clearing the road. We were waving our arms and smiling as if this was the last boat leaving the dock.

## What's your favorite thing about dog ownership?

The companionship you gain owning a dog and how a four-legged child can be good for your health.

## What's your favorite thing about Glass City Dog Park?



My favorite thing about GCDP is the dog owners. They have many resources and wide range of knowledge on

group. These pages are wonderful resources for the latest information, events, photo-sharing, news of the park, and arranging member and pup get-togethers. Join us! You can help us spread the word about GCDP by liking, commenting, and sharing our posts.

You can also find us on Instagram [@glasscitydog park](#).

taking care of their pups. One thing I found out when talking to the dog owners was how to keep your dog smelling fresh. (Use one part vinegar to 3 parts of water in a spray bottle) and spray and wipe your dog down. It's fast and easy and it stops the wet dogs smell. The Bassett Hounds guy told me this and it works very well.

### **Is there anything else you'd like to add about Bubba?**

Yes, Bubba has his own Facebook page and email. You can keep up on what he is doing or how he is driving his mom crazy. Look him up at Bubba Bowman on Facebook or email him at [BubbaBB@bex.net](mailto:BubbaBB@bex.net)

**Thanks, Glenda and Bubba for agreeing to be interviewed, and for helping make Glass City Dog Park a wonderful place to be and to belong.**

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