Bichon Bits & Bytes

October 2012 Bichon FurKids Rescue

Special 2012 Fall Bichon Bash Preview Edition

We'd Love to Greet You at The Fall Bichon Bash

Many of you have hopefully received your 'official' invitation to our first-ever Fall Bichon Bash. It looks like the sample shown here.

By opening your invitation you can both register and pay your registration fee, all through the Socializr invitation. That's important as we want to be sure there is enough food and beverage for everyone who attends - and enough 'goodies' for both bichons and their Moms and Dads.

If you did not receive (or cannot find) your invitation please email michele@bichonfurkids.org - and she will send you another one. Otherwise, simply click on the envelope - and register today. We look forward to seeing you, and your FurKids, in Escondido next month!

Location: Hidden Valley Obedience Club
3396 East Valley Parkway,
Escondido, CA 92027

Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Activities: Parade of Rescues, Volunteer Recognition, "Adoption Alley" Pet Adoptions, Vendor Faire, dog contests, great food, and more!

Entry fee: Pre-registration discount through October 6, 2012:
$20 per person / $60 for family of four

From October 7 through the day of the event:
$25 per person

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The Bichon Bash is a wonderful event for families and furkids alike!

It's fun for our fosters, adopters and especially bichon lovers!

We have vendors who have beautiful products for us – and fun 'stuff" for our FurKids.

There's always yummy food...and cool raffle prizes!

We have trainers on-hand to answer your questions.

Most of all, it's about the FurKids!

Fall Bichon Bash FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

Why does BFK put on the Bichon Bash?

The "Bichon Bash" has been the primary fundraising event to support our rescue efforts. Over the last six years, we have rescued and placed nearly 2000 FurKids in loving and responsible forever homes. Medical attention, spaying/neutering and grooming were provided for each FurKid prior to adoption. Thanks to the entry fees, the donations of portions of the sales of vendor merchandise, raffle proceeds, program advertising, and other Bichon Bash-related sources of revenue, we can achieve our mission of helping our FurKids find homes.

Are only bichon dogs permitted at the Bichon Bash?

The focus of the Bichon Bash is on bichons that the BFK community owns and has rescued, but four-legged family members of any breed are welcome to attend, so long as they are up on their shots (we know they are!) and well behaved around children and other dogs.

May I bring a friend or relative?

Friends and family are all welcome! The more the merrier. They may register and pay the entry fee at the door or ahead of time (see "How do I Register?" below).

Should I bring my checkbook or cash?

If you have already registered and paid your entrance fee, you need not bring any other cash. The entrance fee includes your food and beverage. However, you may want to bring some extra cash or checks to shop the variety of doggie-related vendors and to buy raffle tickets.

Are there restrooms at the facility?

Yes, indoor permanent restrooms are available to us in the facility building.

Will the Bichon Bash be held rain or shine?

Yes. There is no rain date. If you think it will rain, please bring an umbrella, ez-up tent, or other personal weather protection as desired. Don't forget to weather-proof your pooches!

How do I register to attend the Bichon Bash?

You may submit and pay your registration fee directly from your Socializr invitation, if you received on, or go to http://www.bichonfurkids.org/bash2012fallhome to register online.

What is the entrance fee?

Special pre-registration fees apply through October 6, 2012 and are $20 per person or $60 for a family of four. Registration beginning October 7, 2012 and at the door is $25 per person. Dogs enter for free!

Are there special Bichon Bash rates at any local hotels?

For those of you from out of town, we are in the process of arranging for special discounted hotel rates. Keep checking the BFK newsletter or http://www.bichonfurkids.org/bash-2012fallhome for updates.

For more information, go to http://www.bichonfurkids.org/bash2012fallhome.

About the Hidden Valley Obedience Club

Hidden Valley Obedience Club of North San Diego County, Inc., was founded in 1986 with a mission to promote responsible ownership of companion dogs and participation in dog obedience sport activities. HVOC advocates positive communication, care and training of companion dogs by promoting maximum physical and mental well-being of the dog with proper fit into the family environment. All levels of classes, from puppy through utility, are taught by the Club's members on a volunteer basis. Most instructors have earned multiple titles in obedience competition and several are members of the National Association of Obedience Instructors (NADOI) and the Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT). The club also provides testing for the AKC's Canine Good Citizenship program on a regular basis.

Directions to HVOC:

From CA-78 East:

CA-78 to I-15 North, exit El Norte Pkwy.

Turn right on El Norte Pkwy continuing to East Valley Pkwy.

Turn left on East Valley Pkwy.

Go past Eureka Springs and turn left at the traffic light at Beven Drive.

From I-15 Southbound:

Exit El Norte Parkway.

Turn left (East) onto El Norte Parkway continiung to East Valley Parkway.

Turn left on East Valley Parkway.

Go past Eureka Springs residential area and turn left at traffic light at Beven Drive.

From I-15 Northbound:

Go north for about 6 miles on Via Rancho which becomes Bear Valley Parkway continuing until it ends at East Valley Parkway.

Turn right onto East Valley Parkway.

Go past Washington Ave/El Norte Pkwy and Eureka Springs residential area and turn left at traffic light at Beven Drive.

For more information about Hidden Valley Obedience Club, go to http://hvoc.org/index.php

Ralph's Rewards Program

Ralphs is committed to helping communities grow and prosper year after year. Bichon FurKids Rescue has been a member organization in this program for the last two years and we encourage each of you to register your Ralphs Rewards Card for Bichon FurKids Rescue.

Please register your Ralphs Club card with the Ralphs Community Contribution Program using our "Non-Profit Organization Number (NPO)" of 91702.

After you successfully register your card online, you will see organization information for Bichon FurKids Rescue on your profile page. Please print this page and keep it for your records.

Individual purchases begin counting towards Bichon FurKids Rescue within 72 hours of registering your rewards card on-line. Every time you shop for groceries and swipe your card, Bichon FurKids Rescue automatically starts earning a rebate. Just look on your receipt and you will see 'At your Request, Ralphs is donating to Bichon FurKids Rescue' within 7 business days of online registration.

Donations are made on almost everything, every time you shop! However, there are specific items that cannot be included such as purchases of alcohol, tobacco, pharmacy, postage stamps, gift cards, gift certificates, lottery and promotional tickets, fluid milk and milk products, fuel, CRV and Sales Tax.

For those of you who are already participating in the program – It's that time again!!!

Each September the Program requires we re-register our Ralphs Club Card. You must re-register every year. Those of you who already participate help us save more FurKids each and every time you shop at Ralphs! Every time you use your Club card, Ralphs will automatically donate up to 4% of your purchase to Bichon FurKids Rescue!

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For more information, visit http://www.bichonfurkids.org/fundraising.