



Bichon Bits & Bash!

May 2014 Bichon FurKids Rescue

*The Bichon Bash is coming
on May 17...
Have you registered?*

We'd Love to Greet You at the 2014 Bichon Bash.

We hope you have received your invitation to the 2014 Bichon Bash. It is the only Bichon Bash this year (we'll be announcing a different get-together for Fall) and we'd really like to see you there!

Invitations were emailed to you by Socializr and look like the photo on the right. By opening your invitation, you can register and pay your registration fee, all from within the invitation. That's important as we want to be sure there is enough food and beverages for everyone who attends - and enough 'goodies' for all FurKids and their Moms and Dads.

If you did not receive (or cannot find) your invitation please email joyce@bichonfurkids.org and she will send you one. Otherwise, please click on your invitation - and register today. We look forward to seeing you, and your FurKid(s) for a day of fun and entertainment.

Location: Irvine Animal Care Center
6443 Oak Canyon
Irvine, CA 92618

Date May 17, 2014
Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Entry fee: \$25 per person, \$75 per family of four. Dogs free.

Fun Activities:

New Carnival-style games, a photo booth, Parade of Rescues, Volunteer Recognition, "Adoption Alley", Vendor Faire, great raffle and auction items and food from Bekkers Catering



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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 offering amazing products, plus new fun activities – like a photo booth and new games for the kids...does "pin the tail on the Bichon" sound like fun? You bet!



There's always yummy food...and cool raffle prizes! This year, catering is provided by award-winning Bekker's Catering, and we have even more raffle prizes than ever!

It's informative, too..."Ask the Trainer" and get a good answer!



Most of all, it's about the FurKids!



Announcing the FurKids and Friends Sanctuary!

At the Spring Bichon Bash, we will be formally announcing our commitment to establish the FurKids and Friends Sanctuary. It's an ambitious goal and a necessary one - a goal that will enable us to help even more bichons and bichon mixes.

The FurKids and Friends Sanctuary will serve many different purposes in support of our mission. It is for FurKids in need of an interim home - or a longer term home. It is for FurKids who need to be rescued immediately from shelters, as well as those who are relinquished to us by their families. All will find themselves in a loving, protected environment.

Those who need a place to recover from medical procedures, as well as those whose owners have passed away and have no family member to protect them, will also find the sanctuary to be a safe haven where the dogs will receive the best care that we can provide. Our sanctuary will act on behalf of the FurKids and, beyond caring for the animals, will also play a role in educating the public. The ultimate goal of FurKids and Friends Sanctuary, as is true with other sanctuaries, will be to change the way that humans think of, and treat, animals.



The funds that we raise through events such as the Bichon Bash, silent auctions and raffles and new events that we will be announcing throughout the year, will help to support our goal of finding a suitable property, then establishing the infrastructure, governing Board and caregivers to handle the needs of these FurKids.

Additionally, the sanctuary will serve as an extension of the Forever Foster program. Established four years ago to provide for the long term care of FurKids whose age, disability or medical condition make it more challenging for them to be adopted, Forever Foster is funded by donations from within our rescue community.

Working together, with the objective of rescuing and rehoming bichons throughout our counties, is an ambitious goal. It is one to which we are committed, about which we are excited and energized.

We invite you to be a part of this exciting adventure upon which we are now embarking.

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 eight years, we have rescued and placed more than 2200 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 a percentage of the sales of vendor merchandise, raffle and auction 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 do not need bring any other money. The entrance fee includes your food and beverage. However, there is an auction, raffle, photo booth and lots of vendors with interesting items to buy - so we encourage you to bring some money and your checkbook.

Are there restrooms at the facility?

Yes, indoor permanent restrooms are available to us in the facility building. For more information about Irvine Animal Care Center, go to: http://www.cityofirvine.org/cityhall/cs/animalcare/contact_us.asp.

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 one, or go to <http://www.bichonfurkids.org/bash2014springhome> to register online.

What is the entrance fee?

\$25 per person or \$75 for a family of four. Dogs enter for free!

Are there special Bichon Bash rates for out-of-towners at any local hotels?

The La Quinta Inn at the Irvine Spectrum is close to the Bichon Bash location and accepts FurKids. The contact information is: La Quinta Inn and Suites, 14792 San Canyon Rd., Irvine, CA, (949) 551-0909.

Win a Quilt at the Bichon Bash!

Bichon Sweetness

We have some very talented and committed volunteers who appreciate the bichons in their lives as we do. This quilt, which is called Bichon Sweetness, has been handmade (!) by one of our very talented volunteers and will be auctioned off at the Spring Bichon Bash.



It measures 53" x 53" and is a beautiful wall hanging - one that will bring joy and smiles to everyone who sees it.

The initial bid for this beautiful wall hanging is \$350.00. Can you imagine how many smiles this will evoke when you walk past this wall-hanging in your home? And remember all donations made to Bichon FurKids, are tax-deductible.

Please remember Bichon Sweetness, help us with our fundraising, and enjoy this beautiful wall hanging for years to come.

