



# County of Fairfax, Virginia

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### **Second Ides of Bark Dog Festival**

*Join us as we celebrate responsible dog ownership March 26*

Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck and the Fairfax County Park Authority will host the **Second Ides of Bark Dog Festival** on Sunday, March 26, 2017 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Grist Mill Park located at 4710 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Alexandria, VA.

“If you love dogs or people or both, join us for a barking good time this Sunday,” said Dan Storck, Supervisor for the Mount Vernon District of Fairfax County. “It is a wonderful way to meet new best friends, and people too, all while meeting local vendors and other dog experts.”

With the help of many dog owners and pet-friendly vendors throughout Fairfax County, the first Ides of Bark event was hugely successful – with over 2,000 people and 400 dogs in attendance. Community leaders and volunteers hope that the return of the Ides of Bark will keep this incredible tradition going.

This year, participants will have a chance to win prizes, watch the Fairfax County Police K-9 showcase their amazing capabilities, and pet technicians will demonstrate proper pet care, CPR, and First Aid techniques. In addition, many local dog businesses will have vendor booths and giveaways.

Enjoy an exciting demonstration by the Fairfax County Police Department K9 Unit, and meet Moose, explosive detective canine and social media sensation (~~#MondaysWithMoose~~).

To request this information in an alternate format, call 703-780-7518, TTY 711.

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Officer Moose is a four-legged friend with a badge – and carries an official ID card. Moose is also a cancer survivor so he attended the Fairfax County Breast Cancer Proclamation at the Government Center in Fairfax. He has also attended Honor Flights at Dulles welcoming the WWII & Korean War veterans. His handler is Motor Patrol Officer Tom Eggers.

For more information, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/idesofbark/>. Call the Mount Vernon District Office at 703-780-7518, TTY 711. Send your questions/comments to Tae Choi at [Theodore.Choi@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Theodore.Choi@fairfaxcounty.gov) or [mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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