**FIDO in Prospect Park**’s commitment is to ensure that Prospect Park is a safe and healthy environment for dogs and their owners. Responsible supervision of dogs and charitable activities make Prospect Park a haven for dogs and their owners. Visit [www.fidobrooklyn.org](http://www.fidobrooklyn.org) for info.

Last summer, other than the coffee barks, FIDO sponsored seminars. The September seminar dealt with rescue. The October seminar was held in Blue Pearl Animal Hospital, and was a full course on life-saving techniques for dogs, including C.P.R. All attendees received a certificate.

**FIDO Contributes to Local Animal Rescue Groups.**

FIDO is pleased to announce the beginning of a program allocating grants to rescue groups that service the Prospect Park community and its surrounding area. These are groups sorely in need of funds to continue their work rescuing, rehabilitating, and finding homes for the abandoned, neglected, and abused animals.

**FIDO presented its first donation to Sean Casey Animal Rescue** ([www.nyanimalrescue.org](http://www.nyanimalrescue.org)).

L to R: FIDO Steering Committee members, Patricia Mullins, Garry Osgood & Robert Herskovitz and Betty Dowling (taking picture) allocated $3,000 to: Sean Casey, Founder of Sean Casey Animal Rescue.

Rescue Committee of the FIDO Steering Committee will shortly begin to formally solicit and accept further grant requests. In the meantime, please forward all initial inquiries to rescue@fidobrooklynmembership.org. Please label your email “FIDO Rescue Donation Request”. Requirements are as follows: must be 501c3 TAX EXEMPT organization. All grant requests must include documentation to support the request.

**Calendar of Events**

December 1, 2012     The Coffee Bark will take place above the long meadow next to the picnic house, at the picnic tables.

Special Event     Bark the Herald Angels Sing
Dec 8, 7:30-10 AM...This is a free family event. Sing-along. Have pictures taken with Santa, presents for your dog, food and drinks for all. With the terrible problems people in our borough have faced because of Hurricane Sandy, FIDO would like to welcome all people and their dogs, to have a wonderful time. FIDO IS GIVING DOG COATS TO PEOPLE WHO JOIN OR RENEW. ANY PERSON WHO ADOPTS A DOG FROM A RESCUE GROUP AND BRINGS THE PROOF GETS A FREE MEMBERSHIP AND TAG.

**FIDO presenting a donation of $1,000 to Mighty Mutts** (pictured (L-R) Steering Committee member Patricia Mullins, Mighty Mutt “Pedro”, Mighty Mutts’ Executive Director Michelle Marlowe, Steering Committee member Robert Herskovitz, with Betty Schwartz Dowling taking the photo. For more information on the dog in the picture go to the Mighty Mutts website, [www.mightymutts.org](http://www.mightymutts.org)/. SCAR supporter Jessie Streich-Kest and her friend Jacob Vogelman were tragically killed during Sandy. Their dog, Max, was seriously injured by the same falling tree. Honour them by going to her Face book page. [https://www.facebook.com/JessieStreichKestMemorial](https://www.facebook.com/JessieStreichKestMemorial)

**FIDO in Prospect Park**, in cooperation with Pet Smart located at 8725 Avenue D, Brooklyn N.Y. 11236, donated two truckloads of dog food, cat food and dog treats. We thank the Pet Smart Operations team (Stacy Diaz, Luis Flores, Sal Glibbery and Daniel Burton) and Betty Dowling for coordinating this effort; Elisa Saunders helped with distribution. The goods where distributed to Bobbi and the Strays, Sean Casey Animal Rescue, and Brooklyn Bark food pantry, which is located at the child development center on Classon Ave. They are in conjunction with Cynthia King Dance Studio, 1256 Prospect Ave., telephone 718-437-0101. FIDO is continuing its effort to help by accepting animal food donations at the coffee barks. [https://www.fidobrooklyn.org](https://www.fidobrooklyn.org)

**FIDO Lecture Series** takes place on the second Thursday of every month.

December, 13th Thursday, 7 – 9 PM is the date for the next Lecture- Therapy Dogs; does your dog have what it takes to become a Therapy Dog?

It is being held at the Brooklyn Society of Ethical Culture 2nd floor library, 53 Prospect Park West at 1st Street.

Members & Barkers who donate $5.00 for admission counts as a renewal or initial dues for those joining FIDO. $10.00 admission for people who don’t join.

Remember to watch out for salted streets and hot spots where electric currents run. Keep yourself and dogs warm for the winter. Keep your dog away from radiator fluid; it kills.

**2013 Calendar is now available.**

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FIDO asks:

Help Can The Crap!
Forgotten feces is just plain bad: unpleasant to step on, unhealthy for children. Sure, we forget. And sure, sometimes it's a real mystery where Pooch goes. But in an increasingly busy park, forgotten feces sends the wrong message, making off-leash harder to preserve. Pick up, whether it's yours or not. And if you see someone forgetting, give 'em a cheerful reminder! Thank you from Parks and FIDO!

Join FIDO
We have a limited number of baggie dispensers - packed with baggies! - for just those unforgettable moments. Screw cap. Ring clasp so you can hook it to the leash, your belt. Stop by the membership table to renew or join, or if you're desperate, just get a dispenser! We'd rather you pick up than worry about the nickels and dimes. Thanks again from FIDO!