FIDO in Prospect Park’s commitment is to ensure that Prospect Park is a safe and healthy place for dogs and people; and that responsible supervision of dogs and charitable activities focusing on Prospect Park, will enhance public respect regarding the benefits and responsibilities of dog ownership. It’s all about having control of your dog whether it be on the sidewalk or in the park itself.

One of the most important services that FIDO provides for its members is the lost dog service, run by Bob Ipchar. At any time of day or night, Bob is available to help people find their dogs via fidolostdog@gmail.com. FIDO tags its dogs.

One of FIDO’s Steering Committee members had such an experience a couple of weeks ago. At 9:30 p.m., while walking on Ditmas Avenue approaching Ocean Parkway, an old dog turned the corner walking toward Stuart Siet. As Stuart describes, “It was alone, it was frigid; I cornered him in a courtyard. In the cold, we stood! Panicking, I called Bob Ipchar, who asked me to send a picture immediately. A Lost and Found notice went out to all FIDO members. I stood, for fifteen interminable minutes, Bob’s message hit home. My phone rang, and a woman happily said that it was her dog, Waffle. A friend called and told her that Waffle was on FIDO’s Lost and Found hotline. She added that, about an hour earlier, she discovered that the back door was ajar and seventeen-year-old Waffle was gone.

When the woman picked up Waffle, she remarked how lucky he was to survive his hour-long walk in the cold, crossing heavily-trafficked Ocean Parkway.

I never realized how important FIDO’s service is, and never thought I would ever use it. “Thank you, Bob!” Stuart Siet to further keep dogs out of the cold, a wide variety of dog coats is available to FIDO members at its monthly Coffee Barks, for a small donation. FIDO Sponsors Seminars, this February FIDO held a special First Aid/CPR course, to help people save their pets lives, better understand emergencies, heat stroke and wrap broken bones. If you know what to do, you won’t panic. WWW.fidobrooklyn.org

FIDO in Prospect Park is also proud to donate to animal rescue groups. This year, its Rescue Committee, Pat Mullins, Robert Herskovitz, and Betty Dowling solicited worthy organizations. Shown below does Robert Herskovitz, awarding checks to three deserve local rescue groups.

In a joint effort with Positive Tails (www.positivetails.org), FIDO helped by giving a large donation. They raised approximately $35,000 to fund medical care for animals that need it most, through its partner, VERG. Please go to the Positive Tails website with the consideration that helping them will help FIDO help a dog in need.

Gary Osgood President and membership chair
Lynn Radow Vice President and Calendar Chair
Dave Singer Treasurer
Pat Mullins Secretary, Dog identification and rescue
Robert Herskovitz chair of rescue dog committee. He helps people find dog friendly Real estate and apartments
Deb Siner Membership and FIDO Coffee Barks
Betty Schwarz Dowling Publisher, photographer, special event planner
Stuart Siet Assistant Treasurer and Animal rescue
FIDO News Letter’s Staff
Betty /Schwarz Dowling Editor &chief, Publisher
Paul Kessler editor Pat Mullins editor
Stuart Siet Writer

Sean Casey Animal Rescue  Kodi’”s Club

Mighty Mutt’s
www.mightymutts.org
PROSPECT PARK OFF-LEASE hours:
5 a.m. to 9 a.m. And 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Off-limit Areas:
- the ravine between the Long Meadow and the Nethermead,
- Ball fields. Dogs are not allowed on the ball fields at any time, on-leash or off-leash. This is a new rule from the Parks Department.
- Bridle paths... Please use common sense whenever near a bridle path for horses.
- Wooded areas, so that nesting birds and other wildlife do not feel threatened.
- Dogs are NEVER, EVER allowed off leash in the water after off-leash hours!
- **PLAYGROUNDS**
  Dog owners: Please, don't even think about it!
  It's mandatory that you leash your dog upon request of a person of authority whether it's off-leash hours or not

These rules help us help you have a pleasant experience in Prospect Park.

Dogs don’t pay tickets you do.

**Places that dogs can go off leash.**
- Long Meadow; Nethermead & Peninsula...

**Swimming**
- Swimming is allowed at the dog beach and lake from the off-leash area known as the Peninsula. Only off leash hours.
The areas circled in red are the places that dogs can go off leash
If you need further information about FIDO, its events, Park rules
And how to best help you and your dog have the best experience
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