

# Edgerton park goes to the dogs

*Adapted from Edgerton Reporter coverage by Benjamin A. Bovee of the grand opening last fall of the Edgerton Dog Park*

The Edgerton Dog Park opened its gates last fall to a large turnout of mammals on both two legs and four.

On Saturday, Oct. 1, Jenny Salvo and the Friends of Edgerton Dog Park officially opened the city's new dog park, located on Winston Drive, to the public.

Some 100 people turned out to hear Mayor Chris Lund give a short speech and Sparky, the Edgerton Fire Department mascot, cut the ribbon. Then, approximately 40 dogs were allowed in to enjoy their very first romp in the new park.

"It is another community asset supported by community contributions," Chris Lund said. "I want to thank all those who have given donations and a special thanks to Dave and Sandy Kotwitz who got this project started."

According to City Administrator Ramona Flanigan, Salvo deserves a lot of credit for being instrumental in the completion of the dog park project.

"She has really taken the lead in getting everything organized," Flanigan said. "She also organized today's event."

Salvo, however, greatly downplayed her involvement, preferring to give credit to the Friends of Edgerton Dog Park at large, and specifically Kotwitz.

"It was very exciting to

see the park open," she said.

Present at the day's event were the Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin, area dog trainer Bridgette Davies, Friends of Noah, and a Janesville K-9 unit. Chocolate and vanilla cupcakes with a cookie shaped like a dog biscuit were provided by Crowley's Piggly Wiggly, as well as water.

The park features a double-gated entry point, so that owners can leash and unleash their dogs prior to entering the 1.3 acre enclosure, and leash them again before leaving

the area.

"We're very excited to provide this service to the residents and visitors of Edgerton," Salvo said in an interview previewing the grand opening. "Dog parks offer users a variety of benefits, often acting as a community center of activity where neighbors can meet and socialize."

Another feature of the park is the doggie-waste bag dispenser and a receptacle for the disposal of said waste. It is located next to the inner entry gate.

According to Salvo, all the fencing used to create



Community members and their furry friends enjoy the new dog park together. (Photo by Benjamin A. Bovee)

the enclosure for the dog park was reclaimed from Ractrack Park.

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