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The Dapplegray Lane Property Owners Association Newsletter

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## DLPOA Board Meeting

**April 2, 2014**

**RHE Community Center**

**7:30 PM**

Everyone's invited to join our officers and board members on the first Wednesday in April. The Easter Egg Hunt and Animal Parade on April 19 will be on the agenda. Find out what's going on and give your input.

Some renovations and improvements to our own community center should be nearly complete by meeting time. When you attend the Easter Parade you can ooh and ah the expanded kitchen area.

## DLPOA Calendar

Board Meeting	April 2
Easter Egg Hunt & Parade	April 19
Horse Show	??
July 4th Parade	July 4
Chili Cook-Off	??
Summer BBQ & Dance	??
Operation: Santa Claus	December 21

## Easter Egg Hunt & Parade

Howdy neighbors,  
Start practicing your egg & spoon racing skills and mark your calendars for Saturday, April 19th.



I will be looking for volunteers to help out in the following areas:

- \* Pre cleaning crew (Friday morning or afternoon)
- \* 3 Gatekeepers (let all the animal participants in and out of the ring, 2 guys to stand guard before the egg hunt starts at each

end of ring)

- \* Kitchen servers (make coffee and serve baked goods)
- \* Game assistants (help determine the winners in the sea of three legged racers, etc)
- \* After cleanup crew and trash removal (Saturday afternoon)

Food donations:

- Donuts
- Bagels
- Pastries
- Small waters
- Juice boxes

Please RSVP with any donations you'd like to make so I can make sure we don't end up with 78 bagels and nothing to drink.

If you feel the urge to help out with any of the "work" items, let me know now, before I call you!

Looking forward to seeing all of you for this fun event.

-Jeanette Jacobson

## Anticoagulant Rodenticides Kill Far More Than Rodents

There are many casualties of anticoagulant rodenticides beyond targeted “pests.” As the name implies, creatures ingesting these types of poisons suffer uncontrollable bleeding and a horrible death. The poisons are commonly used to kill rats or gophers and the people using them are often unaware that they may be killing their own household pets, their neighbors’ pets or wildlife in the process.

In the last year, five dead owls have been found in our neighborhood by friends of my husband, Kirk, and me. Three were great horned owls. Two were barn owls. South Bay Wildlife volunteers were heartbroken to hear the news. They hand raised several barn owls and released them nearby. Only two of these five owls were necropsied. Both died of poisoning (more than likely secondary poisoning from eating a rat or gopher that was poisoned).



Kirk took my mother’s cat to the veterinary emergency clinic a few weeks ago. A one year-old pregnant cat was brought in by her owners, bleeding profusely from her mouth. The cat could not be saved – another victim of anticoagulant rodenticides.

Several days later, one of our house painters told me that his Chihuahua had gotten out of the house and was missing for a couple of hours. People in his neighborhood commonly use rat poison and his dog ingested some while he was on his two-hour adventure. The dog died an awful death and the family was devastated.

The Humane Society of the United States’ website states that, in addition to owls and household pets, these rodenticides kill hawks, eagles, foxes, raccoons and squirrels. The Environmental Protection Agency has expressed concern about accidental human exposure as well. The American Association of Poison Control receives between 12,000 and 15,000 reports each year of children under the age of six being exposed.

Please think twice before using rodent poison. The Humane Society recommends that homeowners seal up cracks and holes leading into their homes and that live traps be used to relocate pests. Tomahawk Live Traps is a good source for rat and gopher traps. You can order them online at a reasonable price.

-- Linda Retz

## Spring Has Sprung

Q. What do you call a girl with a frog on her head?

A. Lily

Q. What do you get when you pour hot water down a rabbit hole?

A. A hot, cross bunny

Q. What do you call a rabbit with fleas?

A. Bugs Bunny

Q. When do monkeys fall from the sky?

A. During Ape-ril showers!

Q. When do people start using their trampoline?

A. Spring-Time

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## Recent Dog Attack on Sorrel Ln.

I'd like to bring to the communities attention that on Monday February 17, 2014 at 3:40pm my 8 year old chihuahua, Bruno, was attacked and killed by the neighboring pit bull 'Kinsey' residing at 11 Sorrel Lane. This incident was discussed at length during that last DLPOA meeting March 5, 2014. Bruno was pulled off the bridal trail through the large gap in the fence and into the backyard of 11 Sorrel Lane by Kinsey. My 21 month old daughter was only a few feet away and she and I witnessed this horrific event. This is the 5th incident that we are aware of involving Kinsey attacking another neighborhood dog. We feel it's important that all local residents and boarders are aware of this potential danger and use extra caution when using the bridal trail between Sorrel Lane and Dapplegray Lane. The fence where Bruno was pulled through has been improved and is hopefully better able to prevent any future attacks. We would like to avoid any more tragedy! Kinsey remains in her owner's care where she is typically walked on leash without a muzzle or choke chain twice a day on our neighborhood streets often times around 8:30 in the morning and after dark. Be aware when you or your children are walking your dogs to steer clear of this very real danger!

This incident was reported to Animal Control that same night and an Officer came out to obtain statements from us as and from Kinsey's owners. There will be a hearing at the Animal Control office in Long Beach to to determine if Kinsey is a "potentially dangerous dog." The date of the hearing has not yet been determine. For those interested in attending the hearing, contact us so that we can give you the details of the hearing as soon as we get them.

We are reaching out to the Dapplegray Lanes residents to not only inform them of the tragic event that

took place and to use caution with your children and pets but also to present the opportunity to anyone who witnessed the event to come forward and provide any additional information. Also, if you have any personal experience with the dog behaving threateningly to your dog or even more importantly to any humans please get in touch with us. Please forward this information on to your boarders as well as they use the trails frequently and could be at risk if not made aware. There is an investigation taking place at this time and all pertinent information is being gathered in preparation for the upcoming hearing. If you have any information or just feel concerned please feel free to contact us [7sorrel@gmail.com](mailto:7sorrel@gmail.com).

---Gina Pham

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## Technical Puns.

People who plug their computer keyboards into hi-fi systems aren't idiots. That would be stereotyping.

He dropped a computer on his toes and had megahertz.

I got angry when my cell phone battery died. My counselor suggested I find an outlet.

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## Braised Ox Tongue With Star Anise

Serves/Makes: 6 | Difficulty Level: 3 | Ready In:  
2-5 hrs

### Ingredients:

- 1 tongue -- simmered for 1 hour
- 6 lardons (strips of pork fat from the belly), 1 1/2-inch size long and the thickness of a pencil
- 1 small onion -- chopped into small dice
- 1 small carrot -- chopped into small dice
- 1 stalk celery -- chopped into small dice
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- olive oil
- 2 pieces pork skin from the belly -- 4 x 2 inches or thereabouts (optional)
- 1 cup red wine
- 4 cups chicken or beef stock
- 2 whole cloves
- 3 star anise



### Directions:

Strip the partly cooked tongue of its membrane. Cut six holes at random and insert the lardons (a round and pointed object will help).

In a heavy-based pan sauté the onion, carrot, celery and garlic in a little oil and the pork skin, if using, until they are soft. Add the tongue and the red wine. Cook gently until the wine is almost gone. Add the cloves.

Add the stock, cover with a lid and cook gently for 2 hours, turning the tongue from time to time. Do not let the tongue dry out. Add water if you have to.

When it is soft - and the pork skin is so soft you can eat it with a spoon - remove the pot from the fire

and add the star anise: the spice will infuse the sauce with its exotic aroma without actually overpowering it.

As the tongue is resting skim the fat as it rises to the top. Do this well and systematically and you will not need to chill the sauce. This dish can be made ahead in which case the fat will set in the fridge. Skim off before reheating gently.

---CDKitchen <http://www.cdktichen.com>

## Is It Time To Diet?

If you answer "yes" to eight or more of these questions, you may want to consider restricting your future calorie intake:

- \* Has your neighborhood grocery store ever offered to send for you with a limo?
- \* Within the last month, have you burned out more than two refrigerator bulbs?
- \* Do people often decide to follow you up on the next elevator?
- \* Has your fork ever suddenly come up missing?
- \* Have you ever broken out in a cold sweat when you realized you were more than a mile from the nearest Taco Bell?
- \* Is there a restraining order against you from the Association of All- You-Can-Eat Restaurants?
- \* On a recent Caribbean cruise, did the captain order you to stay in the center of the ship?
- \* Do your picnics in the country involve renting a U-Haul?
- \* Does the left side of your car seem to bottom out a lot?
- \* Does your street always seem to have more potholes than other streets?

## Taco Trivia

After he got out of the Marines in 1946, Glen W. Bell sold his refrigerator for \$500 and used the money to start Bell's Drive-In in San Bernardino, Calif. San Bernardino is also the birthplace of McDonald's, so instead of competing directly, Bell switched to Mexican food.

His first restaurants were called Taco Tia. But after awhile he renamed them Taco Bell, after himself.



**DLPOA ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT & ANIMAL PARADE  
SATURDAY, April 19th AT 10 AM.**



- For all children coming - please drop off one dozen, filled plastic eggs at the Jacobson's house: 11 Dapplegray. Please label your bag and put your eggs in the appropriate age bin. This needs to be done no later than Friday evening 8 pm.

Age categories are 0-2, 3-6, 7-9, 10 and above

- For all animals participating in the Parade, please have your entry form completed and dropped off in the box on the swing, by Friday evening 8 pm.
- We will hide the eggs Saturday morning at 8 am. WE NEED HELP!!!!
- We will meet at the top of Buckskin at 10 am. The Easter Bunny will lead all children down to the community center to watch the Parade.



All animals need to be in the ring by 9:45. This is your chance to dress up your favorite horse, dog, cat, hamster, iguana, goat or any other family member to celebrate Easter.



Each child will be able to hunt for a dozen eggs in their age group. Please make sure your child (children) only hunt for the amount of eggs you put on my door step! We will have sad faces, when there's not enough eggs to go around..

*The child who finds the Golden Egg will receive a special prize!!!*

There will be coffee, snacks, face painting and the usual wild hair station and fun family games with prizes.

**Don't forget your Easter basket and your cameras for a fun filled Easter Celebration in the Lanes.**

Questions or to volunteer: Jeanette Jacobson 257-0174

***COME OUT AND HAVE A GREAT TIME AND ENJOY THIS  
WONDERFUL NEIGHBORHOOD TRADITION!!***