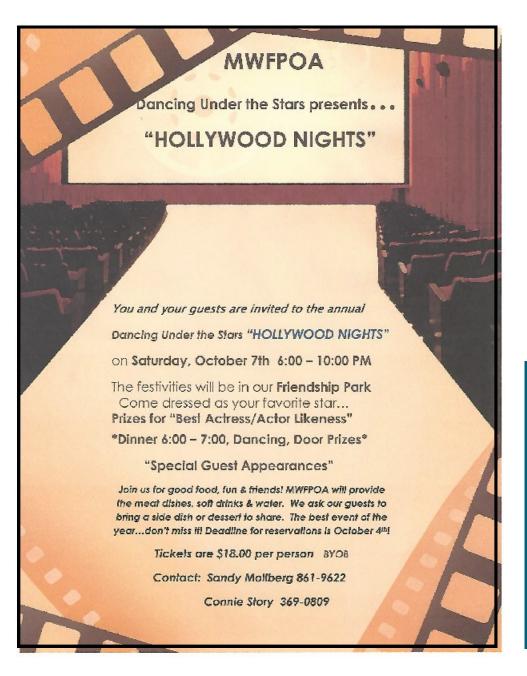
# MEADOW WOOD FARMS NEWSLETTER



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#### **Upcoming Events**

**Next Board Meeting** 

Oct. 12, 2017

**Next Assoc. Meeting** 

Nov. 16, 2017

Agenda: TBD

Welcome Baskets will be available at future meetings for new residents.

Dancing Under the Stars: October 7, 2017

Veteran's & First Responders Appreciation
BBQ and Chili Cook-Off
Sat., November 11, 3-6 pm

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#### **ASSOCIATION INFORMATION**

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



Well, we made it through another messy hurricane. Aren't we lucky we only to get hit every 10 years or so? A professor friend of my family, who has lived in this state "forever", said Hurricanes are natures way of cleansing Florida. The winds clean the debris from the trees allowing for new growth and discarding the tired braches, replenishing our water and aquifer, and in general, gives Florida a good clean sweep. It's a good thing nature doesn't do housecleaning every year. We had quite a debris field here in MWF's, trees down, branches and leaves everywhere, a power line or two (or three or four), and four days without power! What a way to test our patience, but the Community was there for each oth-



er. I heard wonderful "thank you" to the neighbors who stepped up to help neighbors with trees down, debris blocking drives, checking on each other, picking up food, water and gas for those in need.

Our CERT group was also out there checking on our well being. That is what makes Meadow Wood farms a wonderful place to live. So thank you from all of us to those with the tractors and chain saws and big hearts. And a special thank you to our MWF1 moderator who kept the message board going. So another big one out of the way, and as my favorite Florida philosopher, Jimmy Buffet said "Breathe in, Breathe out, Move on".

Leslie Pope-Hall Meadow Wood Farms POA President







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## **Directory Information**

#### **Update Info to Directory:**

The 2017-2018 Meadow Wood Farms Telephone Directory will be delivered to the newspaper box/slot of all MWFPOA members before October 15th. After the initial distribution, the directories will be available at upcoming Association meetings, or you can contact Dick Woodrome at rdw218w@aol.com (861-2364) to find out how to get one. One copy free to members. Non-members can purchase a copy for \$5 and members can purchase additional copies for \$2 each.

#### Welcome To Our New Residents

No new residents this month to introduce.

#### IRMA clean up







#### THANK YOU NEWSLETTER DELIVERY PEOPLE!

A volunteer group of your neighbors delivers your newsletter every month. This saves the association considerable mailing expense and ensures that you get your newsletter in a timely manner.



Thank you to our generous members who contribute delicious goodies to our meetings making them more festive and social.



#### **Sunshine Report**

If you are aware of someone who could benefit from receiving a card, whether due to illness or other reason, please notify: Jennie Adams 854-1914

A sympathy card was sent to- Robert Wolf family

## Membership & Newsletter

The newsletter is ALSO available in **color** on the website. **www.mwfpoa.com** 

The current **membership** year runs from June to the end of May the next year. Please renew your membership ASAP. Your membership supports the monthly Newsletter along with a multitude of events and improvements to our community. We need all of you to participate in keeping Meadow Wood Farms the wonderful place to live that we enjoy. Finally, don't forget that as a member you have a voice and a vote and are encouraged to participate in all aspects of the Association.

Need to check if you've paid? Contact Dick Woodrome at 861 -2364 or email him at rdw218w@aol.com. You can have the good feeling that comes from being an involved and contributing member of your community.

The NEWSLETTER will be delivered to everyone in MWF who requested it. Mailing tubes have been attached to your mailbox stand in order to make these deliveries legal in the eyes of the USPS. If you're not getting one and/or need a tube, contact Dick Woodrome at 861-2364 or email him at rdw218w@aol.com

\*\*NOTICE: Residents who summer outside of Meadow Wood Farms please advise Dick Woodrome to update your subscription from home delivery to the mailing list.\*\*



#### **Recycle Your Aluminum Cans**

A Portion to Benefit MWFPOA Treasury

#### Thank you Rachael and Lillian Workman!

The recycle point for your aluminum cans is at the front entrance to the Friendship Park on Lake View Drive East. Barrels are provided for that purpose. Cans that are rinsed, tab tops removed and crushed are our favorites. Tab tops may go to any charity you know or bring them to meetings to go to Shands Juvenile Kidney foundation.

#### ALUMINUM CANS ONLY PLEASE!



# Come to the Meeting and Win \$100

The 'It Pays to Come to Meetings' jackpot is up to \$100. A drawing will be held at the next MWFPOA General Meeting for \$100.00, adding \$25 each meeting until a name of a present resident is drawn. It REALLY pays to come to the meetings.

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

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**Control Committee** 

**Community Matters** 

#### **SIGNS**

And the sign says, "Anybody caught trespassing will be shot on sight"

So I jumped on the fence and I yelled at the house,

"Hey! What gives you the right...? To put up a fence to keep me out,

Or to keep Mother Nature in?"

Well, according to the By-Laws, that sign is allowed (fencing will be addressed in a future newsletter). The By-Laws state "Posted, no trespassing, and signs of warning shall be approved"

The Deed Restrictions state that no signs shall be placed on this property (meaning MWF) without written permission of the control committee.

However, the following signs may be displayed on the residents' property having been incorporated into the By-Laws.

#### Temporary Signs:

- A. Candidate/election signs shall be approved during any election. The sign may be displayed 30 days in advance of the election to which they pertain. The signs must be removed after such election and shall not be larger than 4 square feet.
- B. House for sale/rent signs shall be approved for the duration of the sale/rent and must be removed after the sale/rent of the residence.
  - C. Garage/yard sale signs shall be approved and must be removed after the sale.
  - D. Seasonal and holiday signs shall be approved and those signs must be removed 2 weeks after the holiday.
  - E. All signs required by legal proceedings may be displayed for as long as required.
  - f. (Warning, trespass, see above)
  - g. All contractor/work signs shall be approved and must be removed at the conclusion of the said work being performed.

#### **Permanent Signs:**

- A. Only signs for the name of the residence/owner/farm shall be approved and must be no larger than 16 square feet in size.
- B. Any such sign shall be made of wood, plastic, or metal and shall be maintained in good repair, free of faded or peeling paint or general deterioration.
  - C. Signs shall be permanently placed on the property.

Signs, Signs, Everywhere there's signs.

Blocking out the scenery. Breaking my mind.

Do this! Don't do that! Can't you read the signs?

Five Man Electrical Band—1970

**Control Committee** 

Robert Zachary

#### **CLUBS & ACTIVITIES**

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Do you know of a Meadow Wood Farms neighbor in need? The Meadow Wood Farms Angels is a group of anonymous volunteers who are ready to help with those small, one-time projects that our neighbors cannot do by themselves by reason of age, illness, disability, or lack of funds.

To submit a request for assistance, email: MWFAngels@gmail.com or call Elizabeth Waller. The Angels will contact you and obtain additional information in order to evaluate the request.

#### MEADOW WOOD MEMORY WALKERS 2017

Most of us imagine our later years as a time to relax, to let go of anxiety and uncertainty and to enjoy reflecting on what we have learned, what we have earned, and what kind of mark we will leave on others. The sad truth is that for quite a few of us, the future looks very different. Imagine forgetting everything you've learned, spending every penny you've earned, and leaving a legacy of heartache and hardship for the ones you love. That's what Alzheimer's Disease looks like, and one out of every ten of us over 65 will be diagnosed as having it in our lifetime.

There is currently no way to prevent, treat, or cure Alzheimer's Disease. While heart disease related deaths have declined by 14% since 2000, deaths attributed to dementia have risen 89%. Alzheimer's kills more people in the US than breast and prostate cancer COMBINED. And it's not only the patient who suffers. Caregivers and family members are deeply affected by Alzheimer's as well; the financial and emotional toll is overwhelming.

So what can be done? Research into preventing, treating, and finding a cure is essential, but so are lobbying efforts for increased support for at-home and long-term care. Unlike certain other life-threatening conditions, care for Alzheimer's patients involves no expensive drugs, machines, or surgeries. Alzheimer's is just the beginning of a long, slow, but inevitable decline requiring full-time personal care and a secure environment. Many families are at a loss as to how to properly care for an Alzheimer's patient at home, but cannot afford an appropriate placement in a memory care facility without additional help.

The Alzheimer's Association is the only patient advocacy group in the US that sees these needs and addresses them: funding for research, lobbying for better government and insurance support, education for the general public, and direct help for families and patients. Their main fundraising event is the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's, and once again our neighborhood is sponsoring a team, the Meadow Wood Memory Walkers. Our goal is to raise money and awareness—can you help? We are in need of both team members to walk and fundraise with us, and donations from generous supporters like you. Below you will find the names of our current team members. Please contact any of us for more information, or donate directly online by looking up our team on the Association web site: www.act.alz.org (click on the Walk icon to find our team and walkers).

This year's Ocala walk is on Saturday, October 21st at 9:30 a.m. in Tuscawilla Park downtown. It's only a 3-mile route, with shorter alternatives for slower walkers J. Well-behaved dogs, goats, miniature horses and children on leashes are welcome. Please join our team or just come along for the walk. Remember: THE END OF ALZHEIMER'S BEGINS WITH YOU.

2017 Meadow Wood Memory Walkers:

Elizabeth Waller, Captain: 304-8871

Bob Coveney, Leslie Pope-Hall, Don Vance (friend of Bob Coveney's), Deb & Dave Kane, Bud & Dorothy Henry

# LINE DANCING —— Sandy Mollberg

Line dancing is performed by a number of people all facing in the same direction and moving in lines. Partners are not needed to enjoy this style of dance.

Regular line dancing starting again Monday, October 2nd. 7 pm. Friendship Park.



Everyone invited to join in as we have been on a "Hurricane break", we will be reviewing dances. Beginners classes will start Wednesday, October 4th. 7 p.m. Friendship Park. Everyone invited to join in and learn to line dance.

# Calling All Meadow Wood Farms Families SUPPORT OUR VETERANS, ACTIVE SERVICE MEMBERS AND 1<sup>ST</sup> RESPONDERS

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meadow Wood Farms

Veterans and 1st Responders Appreciation
BBO and Chili Cook-off

Will be held on

Saturday, November 11th, 2017,

3:00 until 6:00

at Friendship Park.

Tickets are free for Vets, Active Service Members
And 1<sup>st</sup> Responders – past and present
\$5 for all others for this family event.

Join us in Honoring our MWF Veterans and Active Service Members.

Tickets are available by contacting Dave Kane
at: 509-7754 or dck945@yahoo.com.





# MEADOW WOOD EQUINE CLUB —Carol Shockey

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**MWEC** - Meadow Wood Equine Club Inc. (not affiliated with MWFPOA) is a social group of horse oriented people. Join us for discussions, find someone to ride with, camaraderie, potlucks, store discounts, etc.. Guests are always welcome. Membership is open to anyone – you do not have to live in Meadow Wood Farms or even own a horse to join. Membership is \$5.00 a year 1/1 to 12/31. Members receive a 10% discount off "most in store items" at Seminole, Tack Shack and J & J Tack. - some restrictions apply – some items are not discounted, such as feed, hay, shavings, and warehouse items. Ask store for their details. You must show your membership card to receive the discount.

For more information, please call: Secretary-Treasurer Kathy Rohlwing at 895-9977, or Vice-President Carol Shockey at 873-4719, or President Leroy Conro at 873-2153.

October 7 & 8, 2017 - Hunt Country Horse Show - Hunters & Jumpers soar over fences and other obstacles. 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at several different arenas. Free admission, spectators welcome. at Grand Oaks Resort & Carriage Museum, 3000 Marion County Rd, Weirsdale. (352)750-5500. For more information, map & directions - http://thegrandoaks.com/newsevents/ and www.horseshowsinthepark.com

October 10, 2017 - OBS Selected Yearling Sale - 12:00 Noon - at Ocala Breeders' Sales Co - 1701 Southwest 60th Avenue. (352) 237-2154. http://www.obssales.com/

October 11, 2017 - OBS Open Yearling Sale - 9:00 a.m. - at Ocala Breeders' Sales Co - 1701 Southwest 60th Avenue. (352) 237-2154. http://www.obssales.com/

October 14, 2017 - Tractor Supply Farm Swap - Saturday - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm - (RAIN OR SHINE) - Buy-Sell-Trade Anything and Everything Poultry, Livestock or Farm related (NO yard sale items). Bring your own setup - tables, cages, corrals, etc. at Dunnellon Tractor Supply, 11242 N Williams St aka US41

October 14 & 15, 2017 - Southern Baroque Association Fall Classic - The Southern Baroque Association is a club that provides for the gathering and showing of Fresians, Gypsy Vanners, and Andalusians. The Fall Classic event will have dressage, carriage driving, and more. Free admission, spectators welcome. at The Grand Oaks Equestrian Resort, 3000 North Marion County Road, Weirsdale (just south of Ocala, in The Villages) for information, map & directions http://thegrandoaks.com/events/. For Class List and times https://www.facebook.com/NorthAmericanBaroqueHorseShowEvents/

October 28 & 29, 2017 - Hunt Country Horse Show - Hunters & Jumpers soar over fences and other obstacles. 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at several different arenas. Free admission, spectators welcome. at Grand Oaks Resort & Carriage Museum, 3000 Marion County Rd, Weirsdale. (352)750-5500. For more information, map & directions - http://thegrandoaks.com/newsevents/ and www.horseshowsinthepark.com

#### The 2017 4th Annual Veteran's BBQ and Chili Cook-Off!

This year's premier family event, the 4th Annual Veteran's and First Responders BBQ and Chili Cook-Off is scheduled for Saturday afternoon, November 11 from 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm. (See flyer elsewhere in Newsletter) Once again we have requested the vintage military vehicles be present to help honor our veterans. Not only are our Veterans and Active Service Members being honored, but we are also honoring our First Responders, past and present.

All of those being honored get a complimentary meal to thank them for their service and for helping keep America and the communities they have served safe. Meals for others are only \$5 each. Bring your children or grandchildren so they can see the vehicles and learn a little history from those who have served.

It is important we get a count of those attending so we can plan for the main course of the meal. This year we are going to provide pulled pork as our main course, with buns and water and iced tea. Once again we are asking our wonderful neighborhood cooks to contribute something, either a side dish or a dessert to help make the event another great success. To obtain your tickets, please contact me directly at 509-7754, or by email at dck945@yahoo.com and I'll bring them to you. You can also pick them up at line dancing. Last year we had over 100 folks attend and I know Meadow Wood Farms families can match that this year.

If you are interested in helping me with the tickets, or organizing the Chili Cook-Off, please contact me. As many of you know, I can use all the help I can get. If you have an idea on how to make the event even better, I'd love to hear your ideas.

Dave Kane

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Support Your Local Merchants. They're Supporting Us.

Our Newsletter is distributed to Meadow Wood Farms Residents both in Paper Format & Online!

#### St John's United Methodist Church Cotton Plant

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Sunday Worship & Children's Sunday School 10:30 am

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# Dorothy Henry

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#### A NOTE FROM THE MWFPOA PARTY COMMITTEE

It's been a rough several days for all of us in MWF post Irma but it's time for a "Fun" break!

Saturday, October 7th 6:00 -10:00 pm in Friendship Park MWFPOA will host the annual Dancing Under the Stars (DUTS) "Hollywood Nights". As advertised, there will be dinner, dancing, door prizes, a DJ and more. This event has been MWF's premier adult party for singles, couples or groups of friends. It's a fun filled evening that allows us a chance to gather with neighbors, meet and make new friends. The tickets are \$18 per person but are a great value for such an enjoyable experience.

To help those who are unfamiliar with the MWFPOA's position for hosting events in our park, the goal has been to create a sense of "community" and friendship within a large, spread out neighborhood. As the host of Meet & Greet, a free family and new resident event, MWFPOA pays for the meat dish, soft drinks, ice & water and all supplies related to the set up for dinner.

Dancing Under the Stars is different in that there has always been a charge for tickets. In the last nine years or so, the ticket price has not gone up even though the retail cost of food & supplies has greatly increased in that time. MWFPOA still provides the meat dishes, supplies, door prizes, DJ and a porta-potty plus electronic insect repellers surround the pavilion (they really work!!) for our attendees comfort. MWF By-Laws permit an expense allowance for these parties. Over all the years DUTS has NOT used the \$250 allowance and most years, actually made a small profit for MWFPOA to use for operational expenses that the Association encounters. With dues being a voluntary \$55 and only half of MWF residents paying, MWFPOA can be applied for its generosity to its entire community. The Party Committee: Connie Story, Sandy Mollberg, Pam Hebert, Linda Lemisch and Allison Carnell, guard the goal of MWFPOA, use diligence in the purchase of merchandise, food, & supplies for each party while always keeping cost in mind. Great effort goes into having an event in the Park: months of planning, shopping, pre party cleanup, cooking, the setup/breakdown and cleaning post party. This is all voluntary and makes events possible. Positive and complimentary comments have always followed this event.

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#### **MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS**

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## IRMA— Allison and Sandy

#### An Unusual way to --- MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

While Sandy and I were getting our schedule ready for another Meet Your Neighbor interview, a very interesting stranger arrived in MWF. Her name was Irma Hurricane. She didn't stay long, we guess she didn't like it here, but long enough to wreak havoc on all the lovely people living here! She didn't have any special talent; just scaring people and ruining their settled lives.

Irma was born in the Atlantic Ocean near South Africa and the Cape Verde Islands. Her main talents were turning somersaults in the air and sucking up water from the Atlantic. As she grew fatter from all the water and air, she started moving westward to explore and see if there was a nice place to live. She bumped over a few small islands in the Caribbean Sea, but then her windy and wet side spun out of control and blew her away from them. Next, she saw Florida and thought that might be a lovely place to settle. She had gotten so big she couldn't steer herself anymore and just plowed into any piece of land she could find, starting with the beautiful Florida Keys, which destroyed them. Then she got wobbly and headed to the Naples area, moving on to Ocala and Jacksonville, as they looked like fun places to be. She roared into Ocala and MWF, and tried to land but was too fat and wet and windy. his made her mad and she let loose with her wind and rain, pouring 12 inches or so on the ground and blowing hundreds of trees down to make room for her house. That didn't work, so, thankfully, she blew herself away from MWF, before she could damage anything more.

Irma eventually went North, no one knows where, but she is one visitor, we in MWF, are happy to see leave and not settle here. While she left a trail of destruction behind her, there was a positive outcome from her visit. Neighbors met neighbors that they sometimes rarely see, due to work commitments or whatever, and helped each other by cleaning up debris, or with food and hot meals, or other ways as needed. Despite the mess that was left from Irma, her destruction resulted in a closeness and camaraderie among us all, and a way to meet our neighbor.

Goodbye Irma, Hello Neighbors.

#### **Dunkirk Spirit.!!**

We moved into MWF just over two years ago from England and Irma has been our first serious hurricane. We want to thank our neighbors for their concern and help for us, a true Dunkirk spirit. The Carters charged the phone, ran a hose to fill water tanks for the horses and invited us to supper. The Kanes drove past and saw me hand sawing on the front lawn, they returned with their saw and tractor and made short work of the tree. Dean Anderson came and boarded two large windows and after the storm he and Wayne Foley came and cleared the arena and repaired fences. Dear Sandy Mollberg came up twice with a giant flask of coffee!. All this kindness makes us glad we chose to buy here. Fortunately the humans, the house, the horses and the stable all were unharmed.

A big THANK YOU to all friends, Kind Regards, Bill and Allison Carnell in Nashua Way.

#### A NOTE FROM THE MWFPOA PARTY COMMITTEE continued from page 9

Your Party Committee has a great time planned for you at "Hollywood Nights" and feel this is a great opportunity to get out and enjoy an evening with friends and neighbors. In theme, we would love to see guests come as their favorite actor/actress. A prize will be awarded the Best Likeness of an Actor & Actress.

Dinner is served 6:00 – 7:00 pm with dancing, door prize give away & other surprises to follow. As is the custom for MWF, we greatly appreciate our attendees bringing a side dish or dessert (we have fantastic cooks & bakers in our midst). BYOB. NEW residents....come see what DUTS is all about! This event has actually been the nucleus of many long established friend-ships in MWF!

To purchase tickets contact: Sandy Mollberg 861-8622 lenelew@aol.com. Or Connie Story 369-0809 constancestory@man.com. We will be happy to deliver the tickets to you. Please note: Deadline for reservations is October 4th!

We have a plethora of interesting and creative people among us. We thought you would like to meet them or get to know them better. Likewise if you have someone you think we should feature, let us know at mwfpoanewsletter@gmail.com

## JOIN MEADOW WOOD FARMS ASSOCIATION

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# Membership Form & Information to Access Our Website, etc.

Please send or email items to be published to:
Dorothy Henry
email: mwfpoanewsletter@gmail.com

Send payment for ads to
Dick Woodrome

<u>MWFPOA,</u> P.O. Box 771896, Ocala, FL 34477

Annual membership dues for the MWFPOA are June through May. If you aren't a member, we would love for you to join us. The MWFPOA provides all kinds of services for your neighborhood (including this newsletter). Please use the form below to accompany your check. **Need to check if you've paid?** Contact Dick Woodrome at 861-2364 or email him at rdw218w@aol.com.

To Join The Meadow Wood Farms Email Blasts and Conversation, go to Meadowwoodfarms1@aol.com and ask the site master to add your email address. Please respect the rules...no politics, or religion or any attachments or offensive material. This site is offered by a private member of the association. It is an extremely useful tool and we are grateful to that person.

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www.mwfpoa.com

From main page, click on Neighbor to Neighbor-Neighbor to Neighbor Directory

From main page, click on Newsletter - and then the month.—Newsletters

## Please Join

#### MEADOW WOOD FARMS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Life is complicated for the Pet Safety "Committee" ——-Stevie Gordon

I share my home with three cats. Each began life in a feral situation, but they are now more than satisfied to accept the indulgences that come with being a well loved domestic feline. I am learning that the challenge of domesticating a "feral" dog may be beyond my patience and abilities.



"Sherlock" has been living in my back yard since late August. He was spotted several times before that wandering the roads of Meadow Wood Farms. So how does one "catch" an unapproachable dog? I don't – but the Anderson's Border Collie provided the service and I'm not sure I'm grateful for her prowess.

Sherlock is a small to medium size dog, an intact male with a brown and white smooth coat. He may be a mix of Basenji with anyone's guess. His most defining characteristic is his ears, which stand straight up and are humongous. He is athletic and although adult, seems to be fairly young. Behaviorally, he is alert and watchful,

and playful with other dogs. I have never seen any sign of aggression from him. He practices avoidance with humans – will watch from a distance and any effort to approach him results in him moving out of reach.

I have provided him with daily food and water and shelter on my pergola – although he sleeps there at night, he spends much of the day in a shaded corner of the yard where he can observe, but not interact, with the creatures that walk on 2 legs.

There has been some progress. He will get close to me when he is playing with Frazier or when I have a treat for him. David Ulloa has shared his expertise and worked with him on two occasions. I have gotten advice from some animal behaviorists. Organizations I have called are either full or don't call back. I have considered euthanasia as I can't just "turn him loose", but this dog is not "shut down" – his playful nature shows that he is very much alive and curious. I watched him "play" with a snake until the serpent gave up and died – Sherlock seemed disappointed that the game was over. I also expected him to be afraid of the lawn tractor – instead he bounced around in a rousing game of "chicken".

So neighbors – does anyone have advice or know an organization that might be able to arrange a foster situation?

The only consistent advice I've gotten from several sources is that "it takes a long time"!

Sherlock at 26 Carry Back Road