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Understanding Dog Behavior

Charleston County Parks Present Bark Busters Dog Training Seminars

[CHARLESTON] – Lowcountry dog owners are invited to their local county parks this spring to learn more about their loyal companions and how they see the world. Throughout the spring, Charleston County Parks will be hosting local dog experts from **Bark Busters Home Dog Training** for **free seminars**. Open to the public and presented within the three county dog parks, these programs will aim to teach dog owners about their pet's behavior as well as some recommended "dos" and "don'ts" during park trips.

Professional dog behavioral therapists and trainers James and Michelle Rodriguez, owners of Charleston's Bark Busters, will show participants ways to understand their dog's body language and how to play safely at the dog parks. The seminars are intended to educate owners on how to socialize their pooch through a safe and fun experience at the dog park.



These free drop-in seminars will **begin at 11 a.m. and run through 1 p.m.** Seminars take place within the dog parks Palmetto Islands County Park in Mount Pleasant on April 30, Wannamaker County Park in North Charleston on May 21, and James Island County Park on June 4. These programs are free and open to the public, but regular park admission fees of \$1 per person still apply.

These upcoming programs follow other dog behavior training sessions that were conducted at the parks earlier this spring. In March, Bark Busters offered two public informational sessions at James Island County Park and at Isle of Palms County Park, as well as a training session for Charleston County Park and Recreation staff.

For information on Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission, call 795-4386 or visit www.ccprc.com.

Training Locations and Dates:

- Palmetto Islands County Park dog park – April 30
- Wannamaker County Park dog park – May 21
- James Island County Park dog park – June 4

High-resolution photos available upon request.

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