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## Friends of Lighthouse Field Holds “Wet Your Whistle” Event to Raise Funds for New Human and Dog-Friendly Water Fountain at Lighthouse Field

**SANTA CRUZ, Calif., August 24, 2006** – Friends of Lighthouse Field (FOLF) invites Santa Cruz dog lovers and their well-behaved canine friends to attend the “Wet Your Whistle and Your Dog’s Whistle” fundraiser at Pelican Ranch Winery at the Swift Street Courtyard on Friday, September 15 from 6 to 8 pm. The event, a wine-tasting, networking social will raise funds for the installation of a new human/pet water fountain in Lighthouse Field. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

**Who:** Friends of Lighthouse Field, a grassroots group supporting continued off-leash recreation at Lighthouse Field State Beach is waging an ongoing campaign to preserve and maintain Lighthouse Field State Beach for off-leash access by responsible pet owners and their best friends.

**What:** Dog lovers raise a glass of Pelican Ranch’s fine wine, enjoy finger foods and contribute to a new dog-friendly water fountain at Lighthouse Field. Dogs on leash are welcome.

**When:** Friday, September 15, 6 pm to 8 pm

**Where:** Pelican Ranch Winery, Swift Street Courtyard, Westside Santa Cruz

**Why:** In merry old England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim or handle of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. Wet your whistle, is the phrase inspired by this practice. Now, Friends of Lighthouse Field is whistling up support for a new human and pet-friendly water fountain at the new restroom facility at Lighthouse Field, including a plaque dedicating the fountain on behalf of Friends of Lighthouse Field for the dog lovers of Santa Cruz and their canine friends. Come prepared to have a great evening and get involved to protect our quality of life!

**For Ticket Information: Call John McGuire at 831-425-4744 or Matt Cocchi at 831-423-4784 – visit [www.folf.org](http://www.folf.org)**

### **About Friends of Lighthouse Field**

Friends of Lighthouse Field was formed in 2002 to support off-leash recreation at Lighthouse Field State Beach through park cleanups and other stewardship activities. Off-leash access for dogs is currently maintained in just two percent of Santa Cruz park areas – primarily at Lighthouse Beach and Its Beach during limited hours, however, acting with no notice and no public hearing, a State mandate ordered the City of Santa Cruz to terminate access for people with off-leash dogs by November 2007. For more information, visit [www.folf.org](http://www.folf.org).

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