

2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

Freedom Barks, Inc.

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2025 was another productive year for Freedom Barks, Inc. due to the continued support from our field sponsors: Champ's Dog House, Village Veterinary Hospital, Lower Forge Brewery, and Scafidi, Cranston & Associates. With their generosity, Freedom Barks, Inc. can afford to have the dog waste receptacles serviced weekly by Big Business Scoopers.



As part of our year-round volunteer efforts, we kept the waste bag stations stocked. Freedom Barks, Inc. also hosted our Spring and Fall Clean-Up events where we worked in stewardship of Freedom Barks Dog Park. Our clean-up day to-do lists consisted of the following: picking up litter, trimming along the trails, filling in holes, and making repairs as needed.

In 2025, two major improvements were funded by donations that have been made to Freedom Barks, Inc. Starting with tearing down and rebuilding the bridge on Roxy Trail.



Next, we replaced 5 of the dog park's waste bag dispensers.

This has proven to be an excellent upgrade for our park patrons! We are excited to announce we have purchased 5 more new bag dispensers that are ready to be installed.



Throughout the year, volunteers of Freedom Barks, Inc. also dedicated time to cleaning up firework debris in Squirrel Field on July 3rd and planting 3 river birch trees.



As a small, volunteer-led nonprofit organization, Freedom Barks, Inc. is grateful for the tremendous amount of support we continue to receive from our park patrons and surrounding community. We recognize and appreciate the following for their support in 2025:



-Thank you to Jeff Carll Real Estate, the Farmstead at Medford, King's Road Brewing Company, Advocare South Jersey Orthopedic Associates, Sports Paradise, and Cornerstone PEO for supporting the ongoing maintenance of the dog park through our Friends of Freedom Barks program! Stop by the fenced-in dog runs to check out their signs the next time you are at the park.



-Thank you to Peewee's Ice Cream for donating the proceeds from their third annual doggie ice cream eating contest to Freedom Barks Dog Park!



-Thank you to park patron and local artist, Faith Branstetter, for supporting our fundraising efforts by creating the custom designs featured on our apparel since 2020.



-Thank you to Sports Paradise for supporting our fundraising efforts by managing our apparel store, along with our hat and beanie orders.



-Many thanks to all who helped us earn our 4th free TREX bench by collecting 1,000 pounds of non-recyclable plastic film. We reached our goal in 3 months!

From Medford's Environmental Affairs Advisory Committee to our park patrons, nearby residents, and our drop-off locations:

Lower Forge Brewery,
Love Thy Nature Refillery, A Wild
Bird Oasis, Binkley's 5 & 10,
Medford's Senior Center, Town Hall,
and EMS Building.

This program continues to be a wonderful way for our community to work together.

-Thank you to the Raley Family for donating a beautiful park bench in loving memory of Kimberly Raley and her beloved pup, Molly.



-We also appreciate Pola's help with weighing and storing all the plastic film for us at Lower Forge Brewery.



-Thank you to the Kirkpatrick, Marcus, and Chasen families for their monthly donations throughout the year. We are grateful for your continued support!



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-Thank you to the following volunteers who worked together to refurbish the bridge on Roxy Trail:



Brian from Repair & Replace LLC, Jim, Mark, Rob, Andy, and Trevor.

-Thank you to Eagle Scout Jack Radwell for his collaboration with Medford Township to install interpretive signs along Shiloh, Daisy, and Rex Trail.



-Thank you to Brian at Repair & Replace LLC for his work on restoring the Frog Pond and Main Entrance signs.

-We also want to recognize Medford Township for their support. In accordance with our Memorandum of Understanding, the Township reimbursed Freedom Barks, Inc. for the cost of replacing the damaged/vandalized signs.

-Thank you to Landvisions for donating their time and services to enhance the area around the Main Entrance sign. This is a work in progress- stay tuned for the end result!



-Thank you to the vendors who made this year's events extra special for our park patrons and their pups: Pawtrait Pop-Up, Cawfee, and Saint Rocco's Treats. In addition to Champ's Dog House, Out of the Woods Rescue, and 4 Paws Handcrafters who joined us for Santa's visit. Plus, Jenni's Goodies who kindly donated desserts to our first volunteer open house event.

-Thank you to Char & Whiskers for leading 3 Paint Your Pet workshops at Lower Forge Brewery. This has been an exciting addition to our fundraising events, and we cannot wait for the next one.



-Thank you to Rolling Thunder Inc. Chapter 4 for inviting us to K9 Veterans Day at Freedom Park. We were proud to support their donation drive benefiting the US War Dogs Association.



Most importantly, a huge thank you goes to every park patron who supported Freedom Barks, Inc. in 2025. We are looking forward to another wonderful year where we will continue making Freedom Barks Dog Park your dog's happy place!

