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Barktoberfest: Gemütlichkeit for Dogs & Their Owners

Milwaukee, WI (Sep. 6th, 2013) –*Gemütlichkeit* includes good friends, good beer, good food—and, at Barktoberfest, good dogs. The public is invited to the family-friendly event in Estabrook Park, Saturday, Sept. 28, from 1-6 p.m. The park is located between Hampton Avenue and Capital Drive on the Estabrook Parkway. The event will take place at the athletic field just southeast of the beer garden.

Organized by Residents for Off-Leash Milwaukee Parks (ROMP), Barktoberfest promises an afternoon of “tail-waggin’ fun.” An agility and lure course, dog costume contest, and pet-related information booths are among the attractions. ROMP will be selling commemorative beer mugs that include \$1 off the price of a beer from the Estabrook Park Beer Garden. During the event, all dogs must be on leash; however, the off-leash dog exercise area is just southeast of the event.

Families are allowed to bring their own picnic lunches or suppers and non-alcoholic beverages; however, carry-in alcoholic beverages and grilling are prohibited.

Live music, food, and beverages are available at the Estabrook Park Beer Garden. Beers imported from the Munich Hofbräuhaus are served in half- and full-liter heavy glass mugs. Selections from Shorewood’s Big Bay Brewing Company and Miller Lite complete the beer offerings. Food items include bratwurst, hot dogs, and giant-sized fresh-baked pretzels. Only cash is accepted for food or beverage purchases and the deposit on the glass mugs.

Overlooking the Milwaukee River, Estabrook Beer Garden brings to mind the “biergartens” popularized by Milwaukee’s German immigrants prior to prohibition. The operation and design of the Estabrook Beer Garden is modeled after those currently found in Munich. Communal, shared-table seating encourages families to meet and to make new friends.

For more information on Barktoberfest, visit the ROMP website at milwaukeedogparks.org/barktoberfest/

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