



# Irish Setter Club San Diego



Guess who ?

## Meeting Notice

Meetings are the (U.N.O.)  
2nd Wed. of the month at:  
Allied Gardens Rec Center,  
5155 Greenbrier Ave.,  
San Diego.  
Board Mtgs at 7 p.m.,  
followed by a General  
Membership Meeting

Next Meeting is  
Dec 7th at  
Christmas Party  
(see notice pg .7)

## How smart is your Dog?

Ever wonder why some dogs are so intelligent that they can herd sheep, rescue people from avalanches, or sniff out drugs for police, but some can't even seem to master "sit" and "stay"? While there are many ways to define intelligence, your dog's problem-solving abilities are perhaps one of the best ways to determine how mentally adept they really are. Perhaps your dog may not know how to fetch, but do they automatically know that it's time to take a walk whenever you pick up the leash? That shows a kind of intelligence, too

### Are "doggie IQ tests" accurate?

As with the intelligence tests developed for humans, the IQ tests for dogs suffer from limitations. As you go through these tests, remember the results are being evaluated by humans not by other dogs

Intelligence in dogs is also measured differently by different people. If I asked 50 people to describe what a intelligent dog would be, I would probably get 50 different answers. Maybe you think that a dog that can bring you your slippers when you get home is a really smart dog, or perhaps a dog that sneaks socks out of your drawer and chews them up is too smart for their own good. Another thing to keep in mind: Speed is not always a determining factor in intelligence -- persistence is just as important in problem solving techniques. So just because they take a while to solve a problem doesn't mean that those brain cells aren't working! Another thing to remember is that sometimes more intelligent dogs can be more difficult to train because they tend to question authority and see just how much they can get away with (just like intelligent humans).

### Differences in intelligence

Just like in humans, there are different kinds of intelligence. For dogs, there are two basic kinds: Instinctive and adoptive intelligence. Instinctive intelligence comes with the breed and the type of dog, so certain dogs and dog breeds have inherent differences in natural ability. *Continued on pg2*

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## From the President

### Hello Club Members,

This is my last opportunity to greet you as president. Our new slate of officers assumes their duties with the new year. Let me thank all the members for their encouragement and support throughout 2013. It's been a busy year for our club and a learning experience for me. I'm sincerely grateful to everyone!

We are facing other changes in the new year. The Lees-Ian, Therasa, and Connor- will be leaving on December 11<sup>th</sup> for Corpus Christi, Texas, their new duty station. They have been so active in club activities and have won a place in all our hearts in their all-too-short time with us. We will miss you deeply. Please stay connected with us, and do send pictures of Connor (and yourselves!). We will need a "Lee fix" on a regular basis! Vaya con Dios!

The Lees will be making a final appearance at our annual Christmas party on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Jaime and Teresa Rodriguez will host the event. Our traditional gift exchange, always a winner, will take center stage during the festivities. You will receive further details soon.

Those of you who made it to Play Day at Hidden Valley on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, know that we were blessed with a near-perfect day. The pictures in this issue include the fantastic costumes dreamed up by our super creative members. *Continued on pg 11*

## How smart is your Dog?, *continued from pg1*

For example, some dogs like Greyhounds and Russian wolfhounds are sight hounds and will fare better at sight-oriented tests. Other breeds, like bloodhounds and beagles, use their noses to solve problems, and will therefore probably be better at scent-oriented problem solving tests.

But there is also a learning ability, and this can include environmental learning, social learning, language comprehension, and task learning. This is similar to humans - some human beings are better at math or logic questions, and others may fare better at creative solutions to problems or interpersonal relationships.

But these strengths aren't better than the other - they are simply different types of intelligence. The same theory works for different dogs - so while your dog may do well at one kind of test or another, it may not be due to intelligence as much as the dog's natural ability to achieve those results as well as their own way of looking and thinking through a problem.

### Some standard tests

Below are some tests that you can do with your dog, as well as a scoring system to keep track of intelligence. Don't necessarily try to do these tests all in one day - your dog may become overwhelmed and not understand why you're sending them through all these strange and bizarre actions. And the most important thing - don't be negative! Make these tests fun for your dog - treat them like games! And always - no matter how high or low they score - give them lots of love and positive attention afterwards.

**Towel test:** Take a large towel or blanket and gently place it over your dog's head.

If he frees himself from the towel in less than 15 seconds, give him 3 points. If it takes 15-30 seconds, 2 points. Longer than 30 seconds earns 1 point.

**Bucket test:** Place a dog treat or a favorite toy under one of three buckets placed next to each other. Let the dog know which bucket the treat is under, then turn the dog away for a few seconds. Then, let her find the treat. If she immediately goes to the correct bucket give her 3 points. If she takes two attempts, score 2 points. If your dog looks under the other two buckets first, score 1 point.

**Favorite spot:** With your dog out of the room, rearrange the furniture. When he re-enters the room, if he goes directly to his favorite spot give him 3 points. If it takes him 30 seconds to investigate before he finds his spot, give him 2 points. If he decides on a new area completely, score 1 point.

**Chair puzzle:** Place a treat under a table or chair low enough so your dog can only fit her paw and cannot fit her head. If your dog figures how to reach the treat within one minute, score 3 points. If she uses her paws and nose, score 2 points. If your dog gives up, score 1 point.

**Go for a walk!** On a day or time you normally don't walk your dog, quietly pick up your keys, and his leash while he's watching you. If he gets excited immediately, score 3 points. If you have to walk to the door before he knows it's time to go out, score 2 points. If he sits and just looks confused give him 1 point.

**Barrier test:** Construct a barrier from cardboard that is 5 feet wide and taller than your dog when she's on two legs, so she can't see over it. Attach two boxes to either side as support structures. In the center of the cardboard, cut a 3 inch-wide rectangular aperture - it should run from about 4 inches from the top to about 4 inches from the bottom. (This way, the dog can see through the barrier but cannot physically get through.) Toss a toy or treat to the other side of the barrier, or have someone stand on the other side. If your dog walks around the barrier within 30 seconds, give her 3 points. If she goes around the barrier between 30 seconds and one minute, give 2 points. If she gets her head stuck in the aperture trying to get through, give her 1 point for effort!

### Scoring and results

16 points or higher - Brilliant!

13 to 16 points - Well above average

9 to twelve points - Average

5 to 8 points - Below average

1 to 4 points - Not the brightest kibble in the bag, but we still love 'em!

This testing can be fun, and can give you a general idea about your dog's intelligence, but wise pet owners maintain their own criteria. Your dog may not win the Nobel Prize, or even first place at a dog trial - he may even lose his favorite ball once in awhile - but when it comes to making us happy and feel good, most of our pets are just downright brilliant!





# Irish Reflections

## Fall Playday



*Second Place: Bunny and Jinx—  
Cheerleaders— Carol & Dan  
Hippert*



*First Place: Phoenix with Conner—A Horse and  
her cowboy—Ian & Theresa Lee*

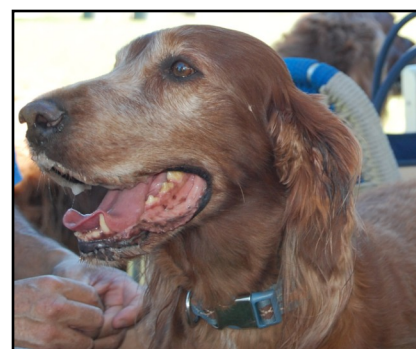


*Fourth Place: Kiwi—Lobster—Tom & Karen  
Sprink*

*Photographs provided by Robert Rez,  
Ian Lee and  
858.344.1450*



*Third Place: Clancy & Sully—  
Leprechaun Brothers with there  
pot of gold—Chris Cohen-Richards*





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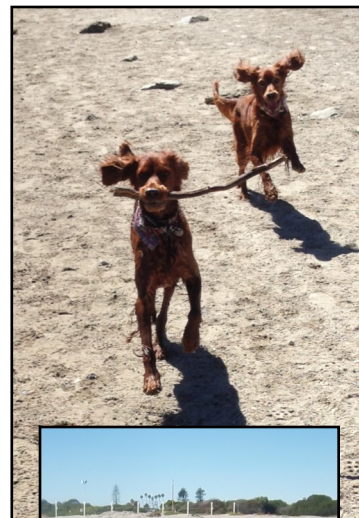
*Thank you to all who  
provided food for the picnic.  
Looks like the doggie treats  
provided by Val Mahoney  
were delicious too!*



*"If you are a dog and your owner suggests that you wear a costume . . suggest that he wear a tail."*



## Summer Fun comes to an End

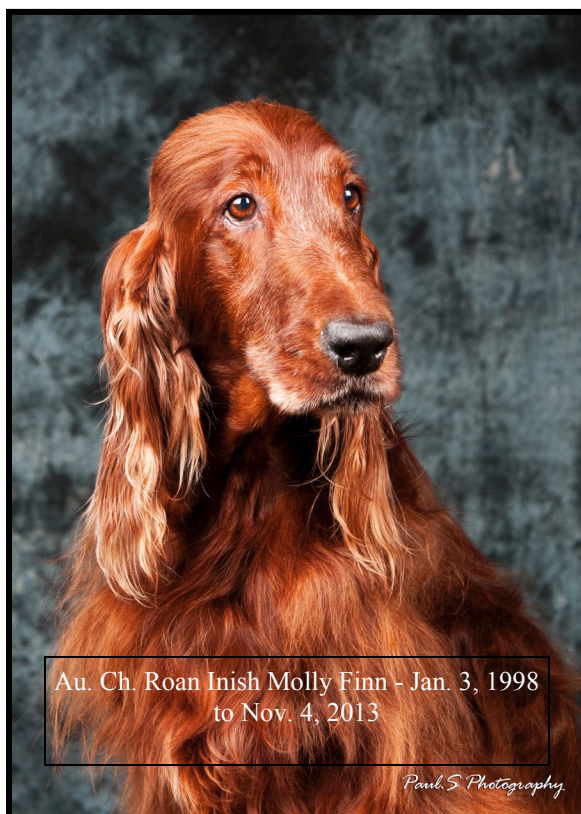


Editor's dogs Clancy & Sully



## CONDOLENCES

It is with a sad heart that Au Ch Roan Inish Molly Finn, has gone to the rainbow bridge, Monday the 4th of November. She had been having a difficult time with the hind quarters for some time. But started to loose quite a lot of weight. And I finally had to let her go. She was the last of 4 Irish that came over with myself and Carl to Australia I now have lost the whole family from the move, Carl included.



Au. Ch. Roan Inish Molly Finn - Jan. 3, 1998  
to Nov. 4, 2013

*Paul S. Photography*

## FROM ISCS

I have Molly's kids Rusty and Wendy, and grand kids Willow, Brandy and Sunny here with me along with Carl's Dalmatian Woody, and most have their titles. Molly was such a sweet girl and is so missed by myself and Woody. Rest in peace my beautiful girl.

Lorna Pedersen

## Trophy Donations Needed by February 9, 2014

With the new year, comes our Specialty Show . We are soliciting for trophy donations. Listed below are the trophies still available. We hope, if you haven't already donated, you will step up and help support our club and make this specialty one of our best yet! Let us know your 1st and 2nd choice of trophies, just in case your 1st choice has been taken. If you would like to make a monetary donation to the general trophy fund, that is fine too! All donations are greatly appreciated. I know we are all feeling the crunch of our slow economy, but hopefully with all of us helping out, we can make this specialty happen. Thanks for your support and help in making our club a success!!

Please make your checks payable to the Irish Setter Club of San Diego and send to:

Alexis Heath  
1457 Blue Lilac Lane  
Alpine, CA 91901

Thank you so much for your continuing support  
and we hope to see you at the show!

### Available Trophies:

Winners Dog - \$35	American Bred Dog—\$20
Winners Bitch - \$35	Open Dog—\$20
6-9 Puppy Dog - \$20	6-9 Puppy Bitch—\$20
9-12 Puppy Dog - \$20	9-12 Puppy Bitch—\$20
12-18 Junior Dog - \$20	American Breed Bitch—\$20
Novice Dog - \$20	Veteran Dog—\$20
Amateur Owner Handler Dog - \$20	Field Trial Dog—\$20
Field Trial Bitch—\$20	

## Make Plans for 2014

We hope you will join us for our spring specialties  
Del Mar Fairgrounds  
Partnering with Silver Bay Kennel Club of San Diego  
Make it a 4 show weekend!!

**Morning Specialty: Friday, February 21, 2014**

**Judge: Mr. Thomas J. Feneis**  
**Sweepstakes: Kristy Hanes**

**Afternoon Specialty: Friday, February 21, 2014**

**Judge: Mrs Terry M. Depietro**

**Show Secretary: Carolyn Sisson (619) 466-9792**  
**[PrimaECS@aol.com](mailto:PrimaECS@aol.com)**

**Supported Entry: Saturday, February 22, 2014**  
**Silver Bay Kennel Club of San Diego**  
**Judge: Ms Wendy L. Paquette**

**Supported Entry: Sunday, February 23, 2014**  
**Silver Bay Kennel Club of San Diego**  
**Judge: Mr. Henry (Hank) J. Williams**

**Superintendent: Jack Bradshaw (323) 727-0136**  
**[mail@jbradshaw.com](mailto:mail@jbradshaw.com)**

## Nine Holiday Tips

During the holiday season it is important to keep your dog in mind

1. Tire your dog out before visiting or receiving holiday guests.
2. Don't forget rules boundaries and limitations just because it's the holidays!
3. Protect your dog from the cold.
4. Let your dog check the weather.
5. Be cautious around the fireplace.
6. Be aware of dangerous holiday items.
7. Protect your presents and decorations.
8. Don't give a puppy as a holiday gift.





## ISCSD Annual Christmas Party



We hope you will join us on  
Saturday, December 7th, 6:00 p.m.  
for a pot luck dinner  
at the home of

Jamie & Teresa Velasquez  
1546 Dublin Lane  
Escondido, CA 92027  
**RSVP** 760.747.4057  
[jaimevelasquez@cox.net](mailto:jaimevelasquez@cox.net)

*We're going to have our fabulous gift  
exchange, so bring a doggie related  
gift limited to a \$25 value.  
Remember, you may get to 'steal' the  
gift you really want!!*

A General and Board Meeting will be held during  
the party

### **DIRECTIONS:**

#### **North Bound:**

HWY 15 North to 78 East towards Ramona.

On 78, move to the far left lane as soon as possible.

Go straight pass Broadway. HWY 78 turns into Lincoln Ave.

Continue straight on Lincoln (old neighborhood)

Street ends at a T intersection (El Norte Parkway)

Turn left on El Norte Parkway, then turn right at the first street called (La Honda Dr.) Signs next to it say Daley Ranch and Dixon Lake. Follow windy road up the hill. Go past McNaughton Ln. The next street is Dublin Ln. Look for 1546 Dublin Ln. Third two story house on the right side.



#### **South Bound:**

HWY 15 South to El Norte Parkway. Turn left and go under freeway.

Go straight for about two miles past Midway Ave. Road curbs.

Second Street on left (La Honda Dr) turn left, signs say Dixon Lake and Daley Ranch. Follow windy road up the hill.

Go past McNaughton Ln. The next street is Dublin Ln. Turn right on Dublin Ln. Look for 1546 Dublin Ln. Third two story house on the right side.



Need anything else call 760.747.4057 or email @ [jaimevelasquez@cox.net](mailto:jaimevelasquez@cox.net)



**BOARD & GENERAL Meeting Minutes 9/11/2013****Irish Setter Club of San Diego**

**Board Meeting:** called to order at 7:07 pm.

Board Members present: Therasa Lee, Kathy Whiteis, Chris Cohen-Richards, Valerie Mahoney, Madelon McGowan, Alexis Heath, and Lynne Aung.

Motion to close with no business made by Valerie Mahoney, seconded by Kathy Whiteis.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

**General Meeting:** called to order at 7:08 pm.

Members present: Therasa Lee, Ian Lee, Connor Lee, Kathy Whiteis, Chris Cohen-Richards, Valerie Mahoney, Madelon McGowan, Robert Rez, Sherry Rez, Alexis Heath, Rick Borg, Alice Borg, Cathy Dever, and Lynne Aung.

Minutes of August meeting read and approved. Motion by Valerie Mahoney, seconded by Kathy Whiteis.

**Reports:**

President NTR

Vice-President NTR

Secretary Received brochure for ribbons and trophies. Kathy Whiteis indicated that Barb Scott may be interested. Therasa Lee will forward it to Barb Scott.

Treasurer August report read. See attached.

**Committees:**

Newsletter NTR

Membership NTR

Rescue Sherry Rez reported Parker is now in the custody of the lady in Victorville and, although some undesirable behavior was noted, seems to be settling in well. The previous owners were notified of his wellbeing. Sherry Rez attended the animal services meeting where she learned of a new lost pet program utilizing the I-Phone called Finding Rover. A picture of your dog can be taken and forwarded to a bang list. It will be added to android phones in the future. It is free and more information can be found at [www.findingrover.com](http://www.findingrover.com).

Facebook NTR

Legislative  
Liaison NTR

Rec Center Due to a problem of obtaining a quorum for the September meeting, a special meeting will be held on October 7.





**BOARD & GENERAL Meeting Minutes 9/11/2013, *continued from page 8*****Irish Setter Club of San Diego**

It was discussed that those using the grounds are not permitted to stake anything down and that their activities cannot disrupt the flow of the park.

Old Business

## Show Discussion:

Myrna Burleigh has been in contact with Megan Spencer. There had been some difficulty due to an incorrect email address. They are determining which designs will work with Myrna's machine. However, Myrna is not concerned that time is an issue at this point. Kathy Whiteis informed Myrna that approximately 30 towels would need to be completed and 2 captain's chairs. Valerie Mahoney spoke with Barb Scott regarding the versatility test. Barb will approach the morning judge and submit the paperwork. Valerie has not heard back from Barb as to any problems with holding the test.

New Business

Lynne Aung will be the nominating committee chair. The slate will be reported at the October meeting. Nominations from the floor will be taken in November. Voting will be completed in December.

Madelon McGowan will be starting an informal book exchange/trade. Many members have already begun sharing dog related books and she wanted to invite all members to participate.

Chris Cohen-Richards motioned to place the ISCSO logo on the Canine Park at the Trails website and Facebook page. ISCSO will be endorsing the building of a dog park in the Mission Trails Regional Park. Seconded by Cathy Dever. Approved unanimously. Chris will also be bringing the petition to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm. Motion, Alexis Heath, second, Alice Borg.

**BOARD & GENERAL Meeting Minutes 10/9/2013**

**Board Meeting:** called to order at 7:09 pm.

Board Members present: Therasa Lee, Kathy Whiteis, Chris Cohen-Richards, Valerie Mahoney, Madelon McGowan, and Alexis Heath.

No business to pass.

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

**General Meeting:** called to order at 7:09 pm.

Members present: Therasa Lee, Madelon McGowan, Kathy Whiteis, Chris Cohen-Richards, Alice Borg, Rick Borg, Robert Rez, Sherry Rez, Alexis Heath, Linda Kenan, and Valerie Mahoney.

Reports:

President Gary Weitzman is releasing a new book titled "How to Speak to a Dog."

Vice-President NTR

Secretary A postcard was received for training sessions in Southern California by Dr. Ian Dunbar. Postcard was passed around.

**BOARD & GENERAL Meeting Minutes 10/11/2013**, *continued from page 9***Irish Setter Club of San Diego**

Treasurer                September report read. See attached.  
                                  The renewal for club insurance will need to be paid during October. It is around \$600 and will need to be paid in order to obtain the certificate of insurance to give to Silver Bay for the show in February.

Committees:

Newsletter              Will push back the release of the newsletter in order to add photos from the play day. Will need President's Message by the 5<sup>th</sup> of November.  
                                  Chris Cohen Richards will send out the play day flyer one more time towards the end of October.

Membership            NTR

Rescue                   Parker continues to thrive and the rescue money was given to the treasurer.

Facebook               NTR

Legislative            NTR

Liaison  
 Rec Center             Kathy Whiteis will attend the November meeting.

Old BusinessShow Discussion:

Megan Spencer sent a show stacked Irish Setter with ISCS patterns to Myrna Burleigh in a 3" and 5". She did state that these patterns are to be used for this show only. We discussed placing a thank you in the catalogue. Kathy Whiteis will attempt to get an example of the pattern for the club to see. Kathy informed Myrna to call Valerie Mahoney when she purchases the thread for reimbursement.

Kathy found towels at Costco in tan and ivory. The club agreed the ivory would be the better choice. The bath towels are \$6-7 and the hand towels come in packs of two with two washcloths for \$10. There was discussion on how to use the washcloths but it was determined that the prizes will remain as bath and hand towels as previously discussed. Use of the washcloths will be determined in the future. She believes the cost will be around \$221. Kathy expects to be able to roll the towels and tie them in the appropriate colored ribbon.

Supported entries need to be in by the 18<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately Natalie Gaylord who would be providing some of the entries was not able to attend. Kathy Whiteis will be going out of town but believes that she will be able to meet with Natalie to get them in by the deadline.

Play Day:

Valerie Mahoney reported that some of the prizes are on backorder but she believes she will be able to get them in time.  
 Chris Cohen-Richards will obtain a 50 piece chicken from Vons or Albertsons in a mix of white and dark but separated to easily choose at the play day.  
 We will be doing 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> instead of the themed awards for the costume contest.

Linda Kenan read the officer slate as follows:

President: Lynne Aung

Vice President: Chris Cohen-Richards

Treasurer: Valerie Mahoney

Secretary: Therasa Lee/Madelon McGowan

Board: Natalie Gaylord, Alexis Heath, Alice Borg, Linda Kenan, Teresa Velasquez

The next meeting will be at the play day.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm. Motion, Therasa Lee, second, Sherry Rez.





## Announcements



### Dog Runs

at Coronado Dog Beach on the second Saturday morning and  
Fiesta Isle Dog Park the fourth Saturday of each month starting  
at 8:30am

mark your calendars.

Contact

Chris Cohen-Richards @ [ccohenr1@san.rr.com](mailto:ccohenr1@san.rr.com)  
if you are attending.



## Club Store

Hats: \$12.00

One size fits all

Stars & Strips & Denim

T-Shirts: \$12.00

Small thru XXXL

Dark Green, Medium Green, Light Green

Long Sleeved Shirts: \$18.00

Medium, Large & XXL

Long Sleeved "Setter" Shirts: \$18.00

XXL

Beige

Order thru: [checkersmom@cox.net](mailto:checkersmom@cox.net)

Polo Shirts: \$20.00

Dark Green - XXL

Black - Large & XXL

Sweat Shirts: \$25.00

Small thru XXL

Jackets: \$25.00

Medium thru XXL

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## From the President, *continued from page 1*

Congratulations to the winners and all entries in the contest!

Check them out!

Don't forget—our annual shows at Del Mar are coming up in February. Preparations have been underway behind the scenes, but early in January, these pick up speed. Be ready to contribute your time and talent when asked—or volunteer to lend a hand. It's lots of fun!

Lastly, may each of you enjoy a wonderful, inspiring holiday season; and may I be one of the first to wish you a Happy 2014!

*Madelon*

## Dues notice

### Dues are Due January 1, 2014

Family Membership - \$25

Single Membership - \$20

Junior Membership - \$10

*A membership is considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 30 days after the first day of the fiscal year. (January 1, 2014)*

*Send to: Valerie Mahoney, 9585 Marilla Drive, Lakeside, CA 92040*

Check out the **Monthly Calendar** on the Website at [www.iscsd.org](http://www.iscsd.org). Click on the Events tab on the left sidebar. Each month can be printed by simply clicking on the month you want and pressing print. Send in any updates to: [ccohenr1@san.rr.com](mailto:ccohenr1@san.rr.com)

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*"An old dog, even more than an old spouse,  
always feels like doing what you feel like  
doing"*

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Playday,  
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Fiesta Isle  
Dog Park  
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Chanukah  
begins

Thanksgiving







# Dec 2013

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 ISCSD Christmas Party& Bd Mtg Notice pg 7
8	9	9	11	12	13	14 Dog Run Coronado Dog Beach 8:30am
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 First day of Winter
22	23	24	25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa begins	27	28 Dog Run Fiesta Isle Dog Park 8:30am
29	30	31 New Years Eve				



Happy Holidays and have a safe New Years from ISCSD

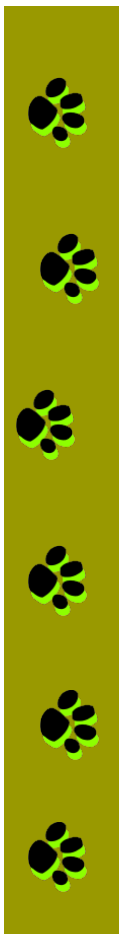
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