

BONE APPETIT

Pup-friendly bistro in Cannon Beach

The Bistro offers fine dining for Fido and friends

By Brenna Visser
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It may not be the Vietnamese-style caramel chicken or the pear-brined pork chop, but at The Bistro, dogs can now get more than table scraps.

Jack Stevenson has introduced a gourmet dinner option for dogs to his upscale menu. The “Bistro Dog Food Offering” lists an entree of chicken, brown rice, sweet potatoes, carrots, peas, tomatoes, olive oil and salt all garnished with a sprig of parsley for \$4.50.

Cannon Beach is already known as dog-friendly, the restaurant owner said, but he thought he would take it a step further.

“What can we do for dogs? Businesses around here all have snacks, so I decided to do what I hadn’t seen yet: to make dog food,” he said.

Stevenson said he has been surprised by the buzz the new menu item has created since he unveiled it last week. Already he has had 30 dogs order the meal, with more emails and calls coming in every day asking about it.

“I’ve gotten a lot comments like, ‘Are you kidding?’ and, ‘Oh, my gosh!’ from customers when they see



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Patrons of The Bistro restaurant in Cannon Beach who bring their dogs with them now have a new menu to choose from after owner/chef Jack Stevenson decided to offer gourmet dog food as an option in the already canine-friendly community.

the menu,” he laughed. “But so far it has been very well received. People who love their dogs really love them, so they like the idea of feeding them healthy, nutritious food.”

Gary Hayes brought his Wheaten terrier mix, Gracie, to try the new dish when it was first introduced. He’s a regular at The Bistro, partly because there is dog-friendly outdoor seating, so the idea his dog could join him for dinner as well was exciting.

“It’s the only restaurant that I know of that actually offers a meal for a dog,” Hayes said. “It was great. I came down right from work and didn’t have to worry about feeding Gracie.”

With popularity growing, Stevenson said he plans to expand by working with local dog shops to sell his dog dinner to-go in refrigerated, compostable cups.

“When people go to the beach, they aren’t thinking

about bringing dog food. So owners could benefit from the convenience of having an on-the-go dog meal they can buy,” Stevenson said.

Stevenson hopes to research more dog-friendly dishes to diversify the menu. But, for now, it seems like the dogs are loving everything about the dish except for one thing.

“Gracie cleaned the bowl,” Hayes said, “but she left the parsley garnish.”

A lesson in the eclipse

Kids prepare for once-in-lifetime experience

By Katherine Lacaze
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“I see it! I see it!” several children exclaimed, peering skyward through special glasses at the sun from the parking lot outside the Seaside Public Library.

The kindergarten through fifth-grade children, as well as their parents and guardians, were gearing up for the impending Aug. 21 solar eclipse through a series of games and activities hosted by the library July 27.

Through June and July, as part of its 2017 summer reading program, the library offered preschool story times on Wednesdays; a handful of special performances and events for families; Teen Tuesday events; and six Thursday afternoon events for elementary-aged children. The most recent, and final, was themed “Solar Eclipse: Moon and Sun Experiments,” and about 60 people attended.

During the event, students decorated cookies with frosting and sprinkles to resemble suns, watched informational videos, and explored how far away the moon is from the sun to cast an umbral shadow, considering the significant size difference.

During a question-and-answer period led by youth services librarian Marian Rose, one young attendee accurately noted how a solar eclipse involves the moon’s shadow passing over the planet. Rose further informed listeners the North Coast does not fall in the path of totality — in which the sun will be completely obscured by the moon — but rather the path of a partial eclipse. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration estimates viewers in Seaside will experience the sun being covered about



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During an event at the Seaside Public Library, about 60 children, parents and guardians attended the event, Solar Eclipse: Moon and Sun Experiments, which was put on in conjunction with the 2017 Summer Reading program.

96 to 98 percent, according to an online map.

“We will see the moon pass over the sun,” Rose told the students. “It’ll be pretty cool.”

Observers within the path of totality, she said, will be able to see the sun’s corona, the outermost part of the sun’s atmosphere that normally is hidden by the bright light of the sun’s surface. In all phases of the eclipse besides totality, however, viewers need to wear special eclipse glasses when looking directly at the sun.

“Only when the moon has completely blocked the sun is it safe to look,” Rose said.

The last time a total solar eclipse passed across the continental U.S. from coast to coast was June 1918. After the 2017 solar eclipse, the next total eclipse visible over the continental U.S. will be April 8, 2024, according to NASA. As the library’s event drew to conclusion, each attendee was given a pair of eclipse glasses and led outdoors to experiment looking through them at the sun, much to the delight of the young observers.

Picnic at the barn with the land conservancy

Pack a picnic and join friends and supporters of North Coast Land Conservancy at Circle Creek Conservation Center in Seaside on Thursday, Aug. 24, for the 2017 Summer Picnic at the Barn. The first summer pic-

nic was held last year to commemorate the conservancy’s 30th anniversary; it was such a success that staff and volunteers decided to make it an annual event. No admission fee; everyone is welcome.

Guided walks on the trails

at Circle Creek will begin at 4 p.m. Bring chairs or a blanket to relax on the lawn outside the big barn and listen to live music beginning at 5 p.m., while a silent auction with lodging, wine, fine art and other offerings is held inside the barn.

Bring a pie or other dessert for the dessert table. The picnic will wrap up around 7 p.m. Circle Creek Conservation Center is at the end of Rippet Road in Seaside; look for it on the west side of U.S. 101, north of the junction with U.S. 26.

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