

Bulldog Bash welcomes four-legged friends

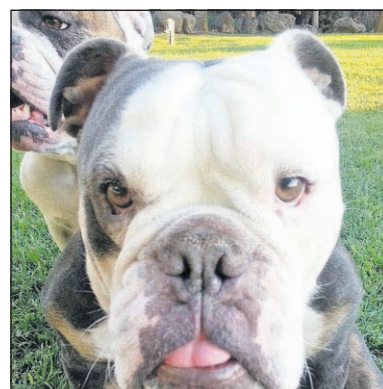
By **TAMMY MALGESINI**
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Mylee and Tucker, a couple of bulldogs owned by John and Jordawn Wambeke, are hoping to meet more of their kind. Jordawn Wambeke, who is organizing the event, is hoping her canine kids can meet some new puppy pals this weekend during the Bulldog Bash. All types of bulldogs are welcome to the meet and greet, which is Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at McKenzie Park, 320

S. First St., Hermiston. The event is being held during Hermiston's Own Saturday Market. Characterized by a large head, boxy build and shortened muzzles, bulldogs may look ferocious. Although, the American Kennel Club reports their personalities are generally calm, courageous and friendly, as well as dignified, but amusing. Wambeke has had German shepherds, dachshunds, Newfoundland dogs, a blue heeler and


mutts. She has always wanted a bulldog, and now has two. Tucker, who is 2, joined the Wambeke pack as a re-homed special needs dog. He initially needed a lot of tender loving care, Wambeke said. He's now quite the sweetheart. Mylee, who is 4, is deaf and knows sign language. "They are so lovable and have so much character," Wambeke said about bulldogs. "But you get out of a dog what you put into a dog. It's important to have the time

to do so." Known to strike up conversations with other bulldog owners, Wambeke recently met Bella, who was happily riding in a red pick-up with her owners. She invited them and is looking forward to seeing lots of bulldogs during the event — maybe even expanding the social network of her pooches. "Although, Tucker and Mylee pretty much keep up with their social status at the park regularly," Wambeke said.





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Tucker and Mylee can't wait to meet other bulldogs during the Bulldog Bash during this weekend's Hermiston's Own Saturday Market.



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