

## EASTER FUN

# Pets delight in KP Easter egg Hunt

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Saturday found a sun-blessed Key Peninsula Volunteer Park swarming with Easter-motif costume clad dogs, the Easter Bunny and assorted other pets, some winged.

They and their owners came from all around the Puget Sound and as far away as Poulsbo. Everyone, four or two-legged or winged, was flushed with fun in the sun.

Much of the park's parking lot was festooned with colorful booths and a very large covered area to protect visitors from too much sun or, heaven forbid, rain. Among booths were the Humane Society and the Olympic Bird Fanciers.

In charge of the fifth annual event was Key Pen Parks' Jessica Smeall who appeared to many to be several people all at once. She was everywhere.

A large number of "PALS" from Key Peninsula Middle School professionally handled a plethora of tasks to ensure



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Port Orchard second grader, Lana Bruhn, shows off her bunny, "Saturday," and dogs, "Peaches" and "Rosie" at KP's Volunteer Park.

the event's success. Asked, Smeall translated PALS to "People who All Love to Serve." One of the PALS, KPMS 6th grader, Erica Schafer, comfortably, but warmly, filled the big "Bunny Rabbit" role to the delight of many youngsters whose parents' cameras made sure to record the bunny's embrace of their happy children.

Early in the proceedings, dogs on leashes of varying lengths, sniffed the pathways and fields of the park collecting plastic eggs each of which contained something yummy for dogs. One, a "golden" egg, held what was heralded as a "special prize" but it hadn't been found before this reporter had to leave for another engagement.



PALS volunteer Leila Vanderban, a KPMS 7th grader, and Jessica Smeall of KP Pen Parks hug the "Easter Bunny" played by KPMS 6th grader, Erica Schafer.

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