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There has been a lot of discussion, some on list, much off list, of the scheduling of the parade attendees. Currently we feature prior year adoptees during the current year parade. We have been doing this for about ten years now. Our exceptions are that Club members (and now Rescue volunteers) often attend early and then again the following year. This causes no major problem because they don't get an invitation until the correct year. We don't have to keep track and remember who went when. We also invite all current foster dogs to the parade.

We have never asked anyone to come early even though they adopted between Jan and April because 1) a lot of planning is required in Jan/Feb time frame 2) invitations have to go out in early February to catch people before they book the day 3) we have to provide an estimate of numbers so that people know how much to buy for the goodie bags 4) someone has to make the goodie bags 5) the script has to be drafted and updated as we go; a moving target at best without adding complications. Remember, no matter where we set the date, since it is annual, it will be a long wait for some portion of the adopters

Jan does the parade now and she issues the invitations just prior to leaving for Florida. Her son then checks her mail so she knows who has accepted and who has declined.

We have invited Amy and Wesley due to them being asked in error. However, unless someone will volunteer take over the parade duties as a whole, we need to leave things as they are. Maggie would be more than willing to give up her parade duties if someone will take them over but cannot move the cutoff date forward due to her vacation plans.

If someone would like to take over these duties, please contact Maggie or me. Otherwise, please understand that logistics simply won't allow for a change.

Beth