

The Merrymeeting Dog Park is dedicated to the Memory of Jake Horgan

Jake attended St. John's Catholic School and graduated from Brunswick High School. He attended Green Mountain College in Vermont, then moved to Olympia, Washington to attend and graduate from Evergreen college.

He was very interested in business, especially non-profits and wanted to get involved in sustainable small businesses. He loved sports (especially the Boston Celtics), cats and dogs (especially his Lab Riley), and his many friends. Jake loved the outdoors, especially being around water, and he had an amazingly eclectic range of musical taste for someone his age.



His father, Dr. Matt Horgan of The Veterinary Clinic, says about his son: "Although he played things close to the vest at first, if he became your friend, he was incredibly loyal and supportive. If he felt you were seriously interested in a topic he had knowledge of, he was a terrific teacher, patient and able to explain confusing things to the already confused (first hand knowledge as I tried to learn how to use an iPod!) I would watch him with his brother and friends, and it was amazing to watch him teach. If something interested him, he would pour himself into learning all he could, not just schoolwork but life in general. Although he shared my love of animals, he had no desire to go into Veterinary Medicine. He still wanted to know everything that was going on, the why's, the how's of things he would see while working at the clinic. He could be intense at times, but I could always tell that he put a lot of effort into forming intelligent opinions of the things that mattered to him. He would research topics, listen to pros and cons, and come up with his own opinions, and was willing to defend them. He was just beginning to figure out how things work in the real world (as opposed to academia) and I sorely miss talking to him and listening to his point of view on important matters to him."

We are honored to remember Jake Horgan's spirit and love for animals at the Merrymeeting Dog Park.