



---

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

CONTACT: Amber Arnett-Bequeith President, West Bottoms Entertainment District Assoc. 913.406.7833

LOCATION: 1401 W. 13th St., KCMO 64102

---

## **Lots of Tails Waggin' in Kansas City's West Bottoms First Friday Weekend** **Dogs Welcome at Barks in the Bottoms August 6-8**

**KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, July 27, 2021** – The dog days of summer have arrived, but there are still summer fun times left. The [West Bottoms](#) announces their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Barks in the Bottoms, First Friday Weekend event August 6-8. Visitors are encouraged to bring their leashed furry friends to the district, where many stores will offer water and treats to the four-legged tail-waggers. West Bottoms' organizers will also have drop-off spots where they will be accepting unopened cans and bags of dog and cat food to be collected to donate to [Great Plains SPCA](#) to care for dogs and cats in need. Each donation will be allowed an entry for a chance to win four tickets to the Beast Haunted House opening night, September 10.

A dog-ready retreat space will be available inside participating stores and at the "puppy lounge" under the historic 12<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge to offer shade and a place for pets and their people to mingle. The bridge is adjacent to the food trucks, outdoor bar offerings, and the thirty-plus stores on each side throughout the thirteen blocks surrounding it. The West Bottoms is known for vintage, antiques, and upcycled vintage items that offer function, style, and a story. Other treasures in the district include new apparel for back-to-school or work and contemporary furnishings, dinnerware, and garden items. While the historic nature of the community fits the eclectic options and charm, the district also hosts the Full Moon Escape Rooms and several cafes, coffee shops, and restaurants.

"For many of us, our dogs have been our partners through the pandemic," said Amber Arnett-Bequeith, West Bottoms spokesperson for the district. "Bringing the dogs to the Bottoms is not only fun for dogs, but it brings people together over their shared love for animals. And we'll be accepting donations of dog and cat food that we'll give to Great Plains SPCA."

First Fridays' Festival of the Full Moon is a daytime event that gleams inspiration from the month's moon. And just like August's Blue Moon – Barks in the Bottoms only happens once a year. Upcoming events include:

September 3-5 – *will be an expanded event "Back to the Bottoms" teamed with the [Missouri Life Market Fair](#);*  
October 1-3 – *Boo in the Bottoms*; November 5--867 – *Blessings in the Bottoms*; and December Holiday Weekends – *Bows in the Bottoms*.

### **AUGUST 2021 BARKS IN THE BOTTOMS WEEKEND PLANNER**

- **West Bottom's Shopping – Festival of the Full Moon Weekends**  
August 6-8; Open Friday through Sunday – Most shops open on Fr/Sat at 9 am, closes around 6 pm, and Sunday from 11 am to 4.
- **Great Plains SPCA – Food Donations** drop off at the Full Moon bars located at 12<sup>th</sup> and Hickory and 13<sup>th</sup> and Hickory. Each donation will receive an entry for a chance to win 4 tickets to the [Beast](#) opening night, September 10.



- **Full Moon Bar featuring fun drinks – Pink Poodle, Salty Dog, and Puppy Love**
- **Full Moon Escape Rooms - Beast’s Tool Room & Ghost of Merlin Room** reserve online or walk-ins Wed/Sat noon-8 pm 1401 W. 13th Street. [fullmoonescape.com](http://fullmoonescape.com)
- **Prizes Giveaway** opportunities on each Facebook page.
  - [facebook.com/westbottoms](https://facebook.com/westbottoms) – Vote the cutest doggy retreat featured at the West Bottoms participating stores. A winner will be selected based on comments with their vote and receive 4 tickets to the Full Moon Escape Room of their choice.
  - [facebook.com/kcwestbottoms](https://facebook.com/kcwestbottoms) – Post your “Cutest Mutt Butt” on our post. Show your pet’s tail-wagging for a chance to win 4 tickets to one of the Full Moon Escape Rooms and 4 tickets to Edge of Hell.

**About the West Bottoms Historic Entertainment District:**

The [West Bottoms Historic Entertainment District](http://westbottoms.com), located just off the 12th Street Bridge, has 22 warehouses in a thirteen-block area with approximately 600 vendors and more than thirty stores and restaurants. Many of its large, multi-story buildings have histories starting over 120 years ago. These repurposed, vast spaces form the largest, year-round, indoor vintage entertainment district. The West Bottoms is the destination for interior decorators and designers, collectors, and consumers seeking stylish décor and gift options with history and patina that cannot be replicated. The new [Full Moon Escape Rooms](http://fullmoonescape.com) add another adventure option in the area. [westbottoms.com](http://westbottoms.com)

###