

THE
ENTERTAINING TALES
OF TABBY, PRISSY & PEACHES

You are invited to a
Red, White & Blue
4th of July Celebration
Picnic Supper and Fireworks
at Seven o'clock
The Penthouse
of The McWag Building
Central Park, New Oak City

Polly & Woof Poodle
Prissy & Thomas van Meow

Red, white & blue picnic attire

A PRISSY TALE
FOR JULY

Polly Poodle and Prissy decided to have a 4th of July party for all their friends who were not at their summer homes in the Hamptons. Polly's penthouse would be the perfect place as they could view the fireworks being set off over the East River. Polly called her favorite caterer and arranged for them to provide picnic style food. Prissy would be in charge of the invita-

tions and the decorations. She chose blue & white check tablecloths with lots of tall white wicker containers filled with red flowers.

The morning of the 4th arrived and Prissy was just getting out of bed when she received a call from Polly. Polly was very upset and yipping and yapping all over the place. The caterer had lost electricity over night and would be unable to provide the food for the party. Polly was whimpering about how they would have to cancel the party (Polly was very good at planning a party when she could pick up the phone and call a caterer and put it on her charge card, but was useless when it came to dealing with an emergency and actually doing some work). Prissy decided that she would have to take charge. She told Polly the party would go on and all Polly would have to do is to go

out and buy individual size bottles of root beer and lemonade. Prissy said she would do the rest. She sent her son to the grocer's while she and her daughter started preparing food. (Prissy was always good at having to pick up the slack for everyone else at the last minute.) She sent her daughter to get the large red check napkins out of the linen closet so that everyone could be given a picnic supper tied in a large napkin. Each would have a sandwich, a container of melon balls, a container of potato salad and a plastic fork. In her freezer she had a good supply of homemade strawberry and blueberry tarts which she would serve with whipped cream and that would carry out the red, white & blue theme and they could be served after the fireworks.

She worked all morning and afternoon to get all the food ready and packaged. The family loaded it into the car and drove off to the Poodle Penthouse. Polly was still prancing around predicting disaster for the party but Prissy assured her that all would go well. Instead of setting up in the dining room as Polly had planned Prissy decided that they would have the picnic supper on the large penthouse roof garden. She spread out the blue & white check tablecloths on the floor and set the white wicker containers with the red flowers all around. All was ready when the guests started to arrive. Polly (of course) had to relate her tale of the disaster with no caterer to everyone as they came through the door. Everyone thought she was so brave to continue with the party. The guests were delighted to see they were actually going to have a roof garden picnic in the city. Everyone took a napkin that was tied up with food (Prissy had put a small flag inside the knot of each napkin) and a bottle of root beer or lemonade from the large tubs filled with ice. They all sat down on the tablecloths that were spread out and enjoyed their picnic supper. They commented on how wonderful the food was. They ate just as the sun was going down. The fireworks started and were enjoyed by all. They then were able to select a strawberry or blueberry tart (with lots of whipped cream) for dessert. Everyone declared the city picnic a great success and all told Polly how hard it must have been for her to have to cope with a disaster of not having a caterer. Prissy just stood back knowing from past experiences that the one who does the most work is often the one who receives the least praise.



GRANDMOTHER TABBY'S ETIQUETTE TIP #5

Always be prepared with an alternative plan if things do not go the way you expect them to go. You should always be the relaxed confident hostess (and not whine about how you had to cope with problems that occurred).

Village of Green Valley
Annual

4th of July

Celebration

and

Ice Cream

& Cake Social

Town Square

From 3 p.m. until 10 p.m.

A TABBY & PEACHES TALE FOR JULY

Tobias Whiskers always arranged the annual 4th of July Celebration – games, music and fireworks. The villagers all looked forward to this annual day of celebration. While Tobias was arranging for the school band to play in the town gazebo and baseball games to be organized, Grandmother Tabby was busy organizing the ladies of the village. Her grand-

daughter Peaches always helped her with the arrangements. The ladies all brought their favorite cakes to serve. Peaches and her husband Rufus were in charge of the homemade ice cream and it would be made on their farm and then stored in the big freezer at their organic food business. Every family in the village also signed up to bring food. The Rabbit family always brought their famous roasted carrots on a stick covered with a cornmeal breading. Samantha and Spencer Squirrel bravely brought their newborn twins, Sam and Sally, and bags of mixed nuts, and the Dove family brought bags of popcorn.

July 4th arrived bright and sunny and everything went well. The ice cream & cake social always was a big hit as everyone sampled the cakes with their generous portion of homemade ice cream. Little Billy Goat dropped his portion of Strawberry ice cream (which was his favorite) but was quickly given another scoop. After much eating and baseball playing and visiting and lis-

tening to music it became dark. The fireworks were set off over the river and were enjoyed by one and all. The tired but happy villagers then headed home feeling very patriotic.



GRANDMOTHER TABBY'S ETIQUETTE TIP #6

When giving a very large community party to manage, be sure that everyone has a job to do or something to contribute so they can feel a part of what is going on.

*Coming up in the August issue of Entertaining Tales:
Peaches has a birthday party for her 5-year-old twins,
and Prissy is invited to High Tea by Antoinette Angora.*