

# O.L.A.E. Newsletter

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## ABOUT O.L.A.E.

Off-Leash Area - Edmonds (O.L.A.E.) is a non-profit organization founded in August 2005 in order to fulfill our mission to steward, maintain, and operate the off-leash dog area in Edmonds. Please visit [www.olae.org](http://www.olae.org) for all the latest O.L.A.E. news.

## MEET OUR MASCOTT



O.L.A.E would like to introduce Sir Edmond, a new member and our official mascot. Sir Edmond was first presented at our Dog Days of Summer Event in July. He will help us with promoting our organization and fund-raising. We wish to give a very big thank you to Rachelle Erickson for donating her time and skills to create our mascot and the O.L.A.E. logo.

## SECOND ANNUAL HALLOWEEN HOWL

Mark your calendars for October 22nd when O.L.A.E. will present the 2nd Annual Halloween Howl from noon until 4pm. There will be a dog costume contest at 3:00. Prizes will be awarded for four categories plus "Best in Show", so start planning your dog's costume now! There will also be reduced-fee micro-chipping by Dr. G. of Helping Hands Veterinary Clinic, raffles with wonderful prizes, and local businesses displaying their pet-friendly products and services. Check the O.L.A.E. website [www.olae.org](http://www.olae.org) to view pictures of last year's costume contest participants (look under Archives). You don't want to miss the fun and let's start thinking sunny thoughts for that day!

## DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

A fun time was had by all who came to *Dog Days of Summer* July 29th! Eleven pet-friendly businesses were on hand to offer free samples, advice, and comments regarding their products and services. Local sponsors contributed wonderful prizes for the raffles! Over thirty dogs received reduced-fee micro-chipping from Dr. G. of Helping Hands Veterinary Clinic.

We would like to thank the following businesses for providing booths at the event:

- Bill Milton of Companion for Life Pet Care
- Dining Dog Cafe and Bakery
- Helping Hands Veterinary Clinic
- Ginger's Pet Rescue
- PetsEnergy
- Precious Life Animal Sanctuary
- Scrub A Pup
- Shore Dog
- SplashDog
- The Whole Pup
- Walkin' The Dogs and Pet Services

We would like to thank the following businesses for their generous raffle prize donations:

- Ahimsa Dog Training
- Coco Beuchet of the Hair Company
- Dining Dog Cafe and Bakery
- Etta Says!
- Mud Bay in Lake Forest Park Towne Center
- Scrub A Pup
- SplashDog
- Tallgrass Animal Acupressure
- The Whole Pup
- Walkin' The Dogs and Pet Services

Website links for these businesses can be found at [www.olae.org](http://www.olae.org) under News or Sponsors. We also want to thank everyone who attended and especially those who joined O.L.A.E. Your continued support helps fund all the necessary expenditures for maintenance of our off-leash dog area. We hope to see you all again at the Halloween Howl on October 22nd!

## O.L.A.E. ANNUAL MEETING

The O.L.A.E. Annual Meeting will be held on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 7:30 pm at Helping Hands Vet Clinic in Lynnwood. If you are interested in becoming an Officer, contact [Diane@olae.org](mailto:Diane@olae.org) and all necessary information will be sent to you.

## T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

We have T-shirts for sale with our mascot, Sir Edmond, proudly featured on the front. The T-shirts are 100% cotton and come in sizes medium through xx-large. Shirts are \$12 or 2 for \$20 (includes postage). Make checks payable to O.L.A.E and mail to: O.L.A.E P.O. Box 1562 Edmonds WA 98020 – 1562



## ASK DR. G

**Question:** I just read that in addition to chocolate, dogs should not eat raisins or grapes? Is this true? What other foods are on the "off-list"?

**Answer:** There have been few reports of grapes and raisins causing acute nephrotoxicity (damages the kidney). ASPCA poison control center considers grapes and raisins to be toxic; however, there has never been a controlled study verifying these claims. In general, it is believed that the toxicity is not due to the pesticide on grapes. I have several clients who have been giving grapes to their dogs for a long time without any known adverse effect. But, to be safe, I recommend staying away from grapes and raisins.

Other common foods like onion and garlic have been implicated in causing red blood cell damage. The study on garlic published in the *Journal of American Veterinary Medical Association* is rather faulty in my opinion. I do not see any harm in giving dogs a small amount of garlic with home cooked food. However, it really does not work to keep fleas down. Some insurance companies tell pet owners to avoid avocado. I am unaware of any scientific studies evaluating avocado use and dogs. However, if you have pet insurance by one of these companies, it would be good to avoid avocado. I do not have pet insurance and both my puppies get avocado every evening with their salad. Be sure to discuss this topic with your veterinarian and get his or her advice on feeding your dog.

## BECOME A MEMBER

There are a lot of great reasons to become a member of O.L.A.E. Your efforts will ensure that the off-leash dog area at Edmonds continues! Member dues go towards promoting and improving our dog area and communicating with our supporters. In addition to providing financial support to O.L.A.E., members will receive a subscription to our quarterly newsletter. This newsletter provides information on past and upcoming events, park clean-up parties, educational features, and more.

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Please check one:  New Member  Renewal

**Please print clearly:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog(s) names: \_\_\_\_\_

Can we email you the newsletter:  Yes

Contact me to help volunteer:  Yes

Annual Membership

\$ 10 Individual

\$ 20 Family

\$ 50 Supporter

\$100 Barking Business Lounge (free advertising on O.L.A.E. website).

\$250 Yappie Club Level (free advertising on O.L.A.E. website and newsletter).

Remember to make check payable to O.L.A.E.

Thank you.

Current Yappie Club Sponsors:

Scrub-A-Pup: [www.edmondsscrubapup.com](http://www.edmondsscrubapup.com)

Helping Hands Vet Clinic: [www.helpinghandsvet.com](http://www.helpinghandsvet.com)

B.B. Granda

Coco Beuchet of Hair Company on Greenwood at 84<sup>th</sup>

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