

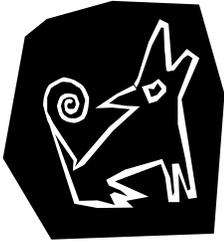
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5TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN HOWL OCTOBER 17TH

Mark your calendar and start planning your dog's costume as the **Fifth Annual Halloween Howl** will be held October 17 from 11am to 2pm at the off-leash area. There will be pet-friendly vendors displaying their products and services, a silent auction, raffles, and of course the popular doggie costume contest (judging at 2pm). Once again, Dr G. of Helping Hands Veterinary Clinic will provide microchipping for your furry friend for a reduced fee of \$30, which includes a registration fee (\$60 value). **If you would like to participate as a vendor or donate to the silent auction or raffle, please email Lori@olae.org.** Donations are tax deductible and donors will be acknowledged at the event and in O.L.A.E.'s Winter newsletter.

If you would like to volunteer at the event, please email volunteerdogs@gmail.com for volunteer opportunities. Plan to come out for a fun day and help support your park by attending the Halloween Howl.

PARK CLEAN UP!

O.L.A.E. Board Members and Volunteers had a park clean-up day on August 9th. We put up our new signs, cut the grass, trimmed some berry bushes, and removed foxtails. **Remember when our park looked like this:**



This park is sustained by volunteers like YOU! So, get involved. Special thanks to Mary Barnes, Glenda Konkol, Dan Kerege, Jennifer Barnes, Corinne Beuchet, B.B. Grande, Diane Buckshnis, Sarah Barnes, and Tall Mike for cleaning up the park. We hope more will get involved next time!

ESTIMATES TO STEWARD OUR PARK

Edmonds P&R does a tremendous job of removing the estimated 5+ tons of dog poop each year and providing us with water for the dogs and gravel to fill the puddles. The remainder of the financial burden lies in the hands of O.L.A.E. members and sponsors. Here is a summary of our estimated expenses each year. Our Beach maintenance has decreased significantly since the City of Edmonds P&R now hauls out the debris. Also, our plastic bag cost has decreased significantly because we buy them at cost through Petosa's Family Grocery.

Expenses	
Beach Maintenance (rental equipment, etc.)	\$ 300
Plastic Bags for poop	\$1,054
Special Projects (boy scout projects, t-shirts)	\$1,280
Prof. Services (new signs, insurance, postage, letters, etc.)	\$ 795
P.O. Box, Web site, Stamps	\$ 149
TOTAL	\$3,578

So, please, get involved either through volunteering or helping us fund maintenance through donations.

PARK VANDALS NO..NO...NO!

The water supply pipe was cut recently and thanks to all the users who notified us. It took a couple weeks to get the pipe fixed, which caused a lot of havoc getting water to the beach for the dogs. Please...if you see anything suspicious going on at the off-leash area, contact the local police at 911. It takes only a few folks to spoil this treasure of ours.

With the summer months, we see a lot of new park users who are from all over the country. Many do not understand that this is a volunteer-based park and that clean-up is up to them. So, if you see a user not paying attention to their dog(s), kindly give them a plastic bag and ask them to pick-up.

“JUST A DOG”

From time to time people tell me “Lighten up, it’s just a dog,” or, “That’s a lot of money for just a dog.” They don’t understand the distance traveled, time spent, or costs involved for “Just a dog.” Some of my proudest moments have come about with “Just a dog.” Many hours have passed with my only company being “Just a dog,” and not once have I felt slighted. Some of my saddest moments were brought about by “Just a dog.” In those days of darkness, the gentle touch of “Just a dog” provided comfort and purpose to overcome the day.

If you, too, think its “Just a dog,” you will probably understand phrases like, “Just a friend,” “Just a sunrise,” or “Just a promise.” “Just a dog” brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy. “Just a dog” brings out the compassion and patience that makes me a better person. Because of “Just a dog” I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future.

For me and folks like me, it’s not “Just a dog.” It’s an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment. “Just a dog” brings out what’s good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday people can understand it’s not “Just a dog.” It’s the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being “Just a man or a woman.”

So, the next time you hear the phrase “Just a dog” smile because they “Just Don’t Understand.”

~Author Unknown

ABOUT US

O.L.A.E. (Off-Leash Area - Edmonds) became a non-profit organization in August 2005, to fulfill our mission to steward and maintain the off-leash dog area in Edmonds. Please visit www.olae.org. We are still looking to expand our base of volunteers. Please let us know at volunteerdogs@gmail.com.

BECOME A MEMBER

There are a lot of good reasons to become a member. Member dues go towards promoting and improving our dog park. Members will receive a subscription to our quarterly newsletter which provides information on upcoming events, news and educational features. All donated funds are TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

Off Leash Area Edmonds (O.L.A.E.) P.O. Box 1562 Edmonds WA 98020 - 1562

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 & newsletter).

Make check payable to **O.L.A.E.** Thanks!

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