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6th Annual HALLOWEEN howl - october 16th

Mark your calendars and start planning your dog's costume, as O.L.A.E.'s Sixth **Annual Halloween Howl** will be held on October 16, from 11am to 2pm at the off-leash area. There will be pet-friendly vendors displaying their products and services, a silent auction, raffle drawings, and of course the popular doggie costume contest (judging at 1pm).

If you would like to participate as a vendor or donate a silent auction item or raffle prize, 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 are interested in volunteering for 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.

New signage!



O.L.A.E. recently received comments from a new park user regarding safety concerns about the lack of fencing past the plateau over the hill where the fencing ends. The park user indicated they would never come back to the park due to the lack of notice about the fencing.

Thanks to the swift response from the Edmonds Parks and Recreation Department, we now have a new WARNING sign WARNING dog owners to please keep an eye on their dog at all times.

Traveling with dogs

Most dogs like to travel by car but there are some things you should be aware of to keep your pet safe and happy;

Get to the vet. Before a road trip get a bona fide health certificate and proof of an updated rabies vaccine. Both are necessary if you plan to board your pet at your destination.

Tags aren't just for luggage. Your dog should have a sturdy collar with home address and telephone number on a tag. Also, carry a current photograph of your dog that can be copied.

Pack and plan for your pet. Pets like the comfort of home: their own bedding and toys, even their own dishes. Most important, though, is bring your pet's own food and water. This is not the time to get experimental with your pet's digestive tract. Start with a gallon of water from home, and "water your dog" along the route, topping off the gallon from a local water source at each stop thereby gradually introducing the change to a new municipal water system.

Use some restraint. Pet *barriers* which merely separate your pet from the rear of the seat don't do much to protect animals. Pet *carriers*, however, do as long as they are secured to the car. In an accident unsecured carriers can become a projectile, injuring both your pet and the car's occupants.

Dogs love trucks, but ... it's estimated that more than 100,000 dogs die from falls from pickup trucks each year and according to the Humane Society of the US, there is no harness or leash that will keep a dog safe in the back of a pickup truck.

No doggy in the window. Dogs absolutely love to stick their heads out the window and smell the air but many dogs are injured when road debris or insects fly into their eyes, nostrils or windpipe. They can also become ill by having cold air forced into their lungs.

ESTABLISHING YOURSELF AS A PACK LEADER

Professional trainers know that it is a waste of time to try to train a dog without first establishing themselves as alpha to the dog. If you do not take the role, your dog will be forced to take the role himself.

Always praise your dog as if you own it. Put your hands firmly on the dog. Hug him and pat him so that your hand gets warm from the contact. Do not praise him in a timid way.

Reprimand fairly and quickly, then forgive. Don't hold a grudge. When you put your hands on your dog, do it with authority. Hands on may mean a collar shake, a leash correction, a surprising assist into a sit or down. Do it quickly and with authority. Then when you have made the dog do exactly what you want, give him a hug.

Make the dog obey on the first command. Don't repeat yourself. A dog's hearing is better than yours and you can bet he heard you the first time.

Give commands only if you can follow through. If the dog is running across the park to greet another dog, do not yell come. If he decides not to obey, you have no means of correcting him.

Give permission. Say OK when your dog is about to get into the car, eat the food in his bowl, or go out with you for a walk. You are teaching him to look at you for approval and permission instead of making decisions on his own.

Do a sit and stay. Put the dog in a sit-stay for five to ten minutes. When he breaks ... and he will ... put him back. If he breaks 14 times, put him back 14 times. At the end of 10 minutes, the dog knows you're the alpha.

If you have more than one dog in your home, you decide the "pecking order" within the dog pack by routinely feeding the "top" dog first, giving that dog bones first, etc. Make the others wait for their turn. This is another means of exerting your authority.

Firm, loving training will keep you and your dog happy – and keep you together.

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.

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Please print clearly:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

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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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