

O.L.A.E. Newsletter

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BEACH BEAUTIFICATION

Yes, you are seeing changes at the beach. The City is now helping us pull out the garbage. YEAH! Thank-you City of Edmonds Park and Recreation's Manager Rich Lindsay and Director Brian McIntosh for making this happen! We will be making further changes this spring by removing the large plastic container so we can add more garbage cans. Don't forget...Scoop the Poop, it is the law!

TOUGH ISSUES IN THIS NEWSLETTER

Our off-leash area is becoming very popular and one person told us it was more social than Starbucks! With the increased number of folks and furry friends, we have heard an increased number of complaints. This issue will deal with some of those issues. We will be meeting with the Asst. Chief of Police to go over what we can do as citizens to prevent potential problems and will keep you informed as well. Common sense is the best strategy as dogs live in the moment.

AGGRESSIVE DOGS

We have heard of a few incidents of aggressive dog behavior. YOU ARE responsible for your dog and if your dog is known to be aggressive, please make sure you keep a close eye on his/her behavior.

Under the Dangerous Dog Law of Washington State (enacted in 1987), a dog that bites a human or an animal, unprovoked, is considered to be a Potentially Dangerous Dog. A dog residing in the City of Edmonds involved in such an attack will be deemed "Potentially Dangerous". There is no appeal process for a dog owner in this case. If the same dog bites a second time, the dog will be deemed a "Dangerous Dog".

If your dog has aggressive tendencies and walks away from you, follow the animal. Keep a close eye on your dog at all times. If your dog becomes aggressive, leash him/her, or muzzle him/her until

the dog has calmed down. **Don't rely on the other dog owners to manage your dog's behavior.**

Generally, dog fights happen as a result of owners not paying attention or understanding the breed of their dog or the signals the dog is making prior to his/her attack. Aggressive dogs can all play calmly in an off-leash area if the owners/handlers understand and control their dog(s). Certain dogs are considered "red zone" dogs and therefore, it is IMPORTANT to be aware of your dog's breed and his/her behavior.

It only takes ONE TIME and can happen in a second. Please, manage your dog responsibly.

Lastly, **YOU CANNOT OPEN THE GATE AND LET YOUR DOG RUN FREE WHILE YOU SIT IN THE PARKING LOT OR GO TO THE BATHROOM.** We have had two complaints where a dog is running free disrupting the play of other dogs and no one is around to handle the dog. RESPECT others and keep your dog near you at all times.

CHILDREN RUNNING IN DOG PARK

We all love the beach and we all love to see children having fun at the beach. A CHILD RUNNING IN A DOG PARK IS AN ACCIDENT WAITING TO HAPPEN. Even though your dog is comfortable with your child, not all dogs are raised with children in their households and a *running child may pose as either a threat or a toy* and a dog may charge your child. Educate your child about the potential dangers of running in dog parks or even petting dogs without first asking permission.

MLT SELECTS DOG PARK TASK FORCE

There is good news for dog owners of Mountlake Terrace and neighboring communities. The City Council of Mountlake Terrace has set up a task force to propose an off-leash area within those

city limits. Stay tuned and we will keep you posted on events.

WATER NOW ON

The water at the off-leash dog area and Marina Beach Park is back on. The bowls are for the dogs and are not children's toys! Please turn the faucet off completely. Water conservation starts with you. Enjoy!



ASK DR. G

Question: How can dogs remember scents of places visited long ago (i.e. my old house)?

Answer: If you look at the animal and plant species, all of them have perfected certain traits over many thousands, if not many millions of years. In other words all of us are good at what we do. Dogs have their noses and humans have their intellect.

The evolutionary pressure has selected the canine family (dogs are one of the members, like wolves) with great sense of smell. Dogs have almost 25 thousands more olfactory receptors than humans. Added to this, their olfactory lobe (processing center in the brain) is more than 40 times bigger than human's. They also have a special organ of smell at the roof of the mouth called vomeronasal organ.

Studies have shown that out of the sense of smell, eyesight, and hearing, their memory is mostly linked to their sense of smell. However not all dogs have the same ability of smell and to remember. They also lose some of their sense of smell if they are sick.

According to Dr. Myers, a neurophysiologist and a veterinarian "Several diseases can alter a dog's sense of smell: Para influenza (a kennel-cough virus), distemper, Cushing's syndrome, nasal tumors, head trauma, epilepsy, hypothyroidism, and diabetes mellitus have already been identified, and the list is expected to grow. Even the estrus cycle in females may possibly alter the sense of smell temporarily".

BECOME A MEMBER

There are a lot of great reasons to become a member of O.L.A.E. Member dues go towards

promoting and improving our dog area and providing financial support to maintain the area. 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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