

O.L.A.E. Newsletter

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EARTH DAY POT LUCK!

O.L.A.E. will host its 1st Annual Earth Day potluck (April 22nd) for all members and potential members. If you are interested in meeting our directors and fellow volunteers and hearing what we have planned, please email volunteerdogs@gmail.com or reply to the EVITE from Mary Barnes. It will be a fun evening dedicated to our passion of keeping the off-leash area going strong. Being Earth Day, we will be going Green. We hope you can join us!

NEW OFFICERS AND SPECIAL THANKS

The following members will be your 2009 O.L.A.E. Board of Directors: Corinne Beuchet, Julie Bjorland, Diane Buckshnis, Dr. G., B.B. Granda, Glenda Konkol, and Lori Parsons. **Lori Parsons** will be the new secretary; any questions regarding meetings can be addressed via email at Lori@OLAE.org. Special thanks to **Diane Buckshnis** who has been the secretary for the past four years. Lori Parsons will also remain director in charge of Halloween Howl (HH). **Glenda Konkol** and **Mary Barnes** will be new directors responsible for volunteers, director development, and volunteer events other than HH. Please email volunteerdogs@gmail.com and let us know if you have any questions. Again, special thanks to **Diane Buckshnis** who has worked on these areas for the past four years. All information regarding our officers and Directors can be found at <http://www.olae.org> under Helpful Information.

LET'S REMEMBER COMMON SENSE!

O.L.A.E. recently received complaints from two park users regarding a family who'd taken their dog to the beach who was still "in season". **Edmonds Municipal Code (EMC 5.05.080)** addressing **the confinement of dogs in season** requires that *"the owner or person having charge of any unspayed female dog shall confine such dog in a building or enclosed area during the period such dog is in season."* Female dogs remain "in season" up to three weeks and therefore should remain confined during that time. If at the beach, should you encounter any issues that can't be solved as individuals, call Edmonds Animal Control at 911. The off-leash area address is 498 Admiral Way. Animal Control will be

able to issue a ticket and ask the violator to leave the park. If the person leaves before Animal Control arrives, obtain the license plate number of the offending party and follow-through by filing a Police report. The best way to keep an orderly and safe park is to be kind in your communication, but be firm on the rules. Remember this is YOUR park and maintained by volunteers like you! For more information about off-leash area rules and proper behavior, refer to our website at www.olae.org and look under Rule and Responsibilities.

NEW YAPPIE CLUB MEMBERS

Let's give a big hand to **Heather Revell and Microsoft**. Since O.L.A.E. is an IRS designated 501(c)3 organization, Microsoft matched Heather's contribution. Another new Yappie Club member is The PETCO Foundation. Finding those checks in the mail was a fantastic way to end the year. O.L.A.E. is an IRS designated 501(c)(3) organization and so all contributions are tax deductible.

For more information relating to all of our Yappie Club members go to www.olae.org/sponsors.htm. Please try to utilize our sponsors whenever possible.

OLAE BOOK CLUB

Spring Review: **"The Cruellest Miles: The Heroic Story of Dogs and Men in a Race Against an Epidemic"**, by [Gay Salisbury](#) and [Laney Salisbury](#) is a breathtaking read and beautifully captures an exciting bit of American history.

It's the story of the deadly diphtheria epidemic that threatened Nome, Alaska, in the winter of 1925, and the life saving serum was 800 miles away in Anchorage. Town leaders knew that without the fresh batch of antitoxin, many lives would be lost. Nome, Alaska was ice-bound in winter: The port was frozen, there was no road travel, and airplanes of that day did not have the ability to fly in blizzard conditions. The town's only hope was a 21-team dog sled relay to deliver the precious medicine. Those heroic dog teams inspired the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race and immortalized Balto, the lead dog of the last team. Balto's bronze statue still stands in New York City's Central Park.

The Cruellest Miles beautifully describes the importance of dog teams in the development of the Alaska wilderness, the intimacy mushers developed with their lead dogs, and the character, courage, and intelligence it takes to be a lead dog. The book is the well-researched and well-told story of the heroic dogsled rescue and makes you feel as if you are there with them in 60 degree-below weather. This is an excellent book for adventure and dog lovers.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Doesn't the beach look fabulous with the pier gone? **Remember to keep your dog on the south side of Marina Beach as there will be no extended fence to the water. So watch your dog!** Please continue to be patient with all the construction workers. O.L.A.E. currently does not have updates on the status of the second railway or the status and size of the parking lot. There are all kinds of markings throughout the off leash area, but we are assured that the off-leash area will still exist. We need to be patient with all the construction activities underway.

FIGHT PREVENTION

We have also had complaints about aggressive dogs and the lack of owner understanding on the signs of dog aggression. Just remember the **4P's**:

- **Posture:** A dog's body language can communicate fear, hostility or submission.
- **Packing:** More than 4 or 5 dogs packed together can lead to trouble. Break it up by asking owners to lead their dogs to other places in the park (at least 30 feet away).
- **Possession:** It may be the owner, a ball or a treat, but most dogs will protect what is theirs.
- **Provoking:** If a dog is continuously annoying another dog or dogs, or provoking attention, kindly ask owner to move to another area of remove the dog.

Again, if things get out of hand, call 911 and be ready to file a report. Make sure you have another witness as generally it becomes one person's word against another. We always hope most dog issues are corrected by self-regulating. ALWAYS watch your dog, especially when the park is crowded.

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.

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 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).

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

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Note: O.L.A.E. is not responsible for any illness or injury incurred during park visit. For information, please visit www.olae.org and look under rules and responsibilities.