

O.L.A.E. Newsletter

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FREE SEMINAR FOR DOG BEHAVIOR on MAY 4th

Applied Animal Behaviorist Corey McLennan will offer a free class on May 4th from 1 pm to 3 pm at the Library room at the Edmonds Senior Center. He has been training dogs since 1982 and will be speaking on "The Total Recall" or off-leash control and reliable "Come Here" strategies. He specializes in aggression problems and hard to handle dogs. This event is for dog owners only and admission is a dog food donation for our local food bank. The Edmonds Senior Center is located at 220 Railroad Avenue and the Library is the first room to the right as you enter the main doors.

We will have t-shirts and posters available for sale and hopefully a few dog bones from Celtic Cowboy. If you have any questions, contact us at o.l.a.e@comcast.net.

YELLOW DOG PROJECT!!!

The Directors of O.L.A.E. are looking into the **Yellow Dog Project** which is a grass-roots international program that is geared to creating awareness for dogs that may need some space while being walked. If you have one of these dogs, you would tie a yellow ribbon on the leash which would signal others that are walking along your same route that your dog needs some distance. There are many reasons why a dog may need space: health issues, in-training, being rehabilitated or scared and/or reactive around other dogs.

We are looking into this educational tool. For more information on this project, you can go to the following website TheYellowDogProject.com

STAINLESS STEEL BOWLS AT DOG PARK

It is embarrassing to MAKE this statement but every year the dog park has two or three stainless steel bowls taken. While some of us hope the bowls are taken to be cleaned, they never seem to return. This last year, some folks brought plastic bowls to the park and we really appreciate the spirit of giving, but plastic bowls can be problematic.

Plastic bowls are porous and prone to scratching and can harbor bacteria. Depending on the type of plastic, it may emit some toxins. These toxins can create all types of problems for your dog such as dermatitis of the nose or illness from toxins in the water. So, if possible, let's stick to stainless steel.

WHAT IS KENNEL COUGH?

We had someone notify us that their puppy had contacted kennel cough at the dog park. Kennel Cough is a term loosely used to describe a complex of infections—both viral and bacterial—that causes inflammation of a dog's voice box and windpipe. It's a form of bronchitis and is similar to a chest cold in humans.

Kennel Cough is a persistent dry cough with a "honking" sound is the main clue your dog's caught kennel cough. In most cases, your dog will appear healthy except for the cough. Appetite and activity level usually won't change, but maybe a gag or cough of white, foamy phlegm might occur after exercise.

Dogs can catch kennel cough in several ways. It can spread through aerosols in the air, directly from dog to dog, or through germs on contaminated objects. Kennel cough is often spread in enclosed areas with poor air circulation—while boarding in a kennel or an animal shelter, for example, or through direct contact while sitting in a vaccination clinic, training class or dog-grooming facility.

Though ASPCA states that kennel cough can clear up on its own, since it is highly contagious to other dogs and can be contracted easily, we don't recommend you letting the disease run its course. Dogs should immediately be isolated and if possible, a trip to the veterinary office for anti-biotic.

If you are worried about Kennel Cough and your dog seems to be exhibiting those signs, please consult your veterinarian and get an anti-biotic or a booster shot. MOST IMPORTANTLY, please keep them away from the dog beach, doggie day-care or any other social settings until the dog is over the illness (usually two weeks with anti-biotic) as this is the best protection for both them, and the other furry friends in our community. Let us know at o.l.a.e@comcast.net.

NEW OFFICERS SWORN IN

Our new officers were sworn in at our Annual Meeting last year. We now meet the second Thursdays of every month at Gallagher's U-Brew which is located in Harbor Square. Our meeting starts at 7 and are generally over in an hour. We meet in the Wine Room. Here is a list of our officers. We are always looking for volunteers so please contact us at o.l.a.e@comcast.net if you are interested.

President - Julie Nealey (Park Manager)
President Pro Tem - Chris Dafore (Park Manager)
Lori Parsons - Secretary (Halloween Howl Director)
Diane Buckshnis - Treasurer (P&R Liaison)
Shay Hastler - Vice President (Membership and Scout Projects Leader)
Glenda Konkol - Halloween Howl Chair
President Emeritus - B.B. Granda (Historian)
Alicia Brattin - Web Designer and Coordinator

7th EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT ON THE AGENDA

Due to the popular demand of the agility course, we will be updating and improving this venue. The City of Edmonds Public Works Department will be donating a large cement culvert that will be used as a tunnel. Our Scout Master Shay Hastler will be working with Edmonds P&R Manager Rich Lindsay on this project slated for this summer. We will also be replacing the carpet and making the "steeple" less steep.

THANK YOU TED WILKINS FOR WINTER WATER

All of us should give Ted Wilkins a big thank you as he managed the "water" for the off-leash area once the water was turned off. So, all those containers of water...they came from Ted. Thanks a Bunch - (WOOF) Ted.

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 to learn more about us and our mission.

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 Sassy Supporter (name on website)
- ? \$100 Barking Lounge
(free advertising on O.L.A.E. website).
- ? \$200 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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Alicia Brattin

Jennifer Susan Lill and Eric Johnson.

Shay, Dean Hastler and Kyle

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look under rules and responsibilities.

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