

O.L.A.E. Newsletter

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LET'S WALK IN THE 4TH OF JULY PARADE

Everyone is welcome to join us and participate in the "2009 Edmonds 4th of July Parade". Our theme is "Patriotic Pooches on Parade" and we are walking with volunteers from Mountlake Terrace (MLT) and Shoreline (Shoredog) off-leash areas. We want to raise awareness about responsible animal care, display our local community support, and demonstrate the value that our off-leash areas provide to the community and commerce.

We will be ready to walk for the parade by 11:00am on the 4th and the parade route is less than a mile long. The parade starts at noon. All members and friends are invited to join and walk with their dogs. If you and your dog are interested in participating, just show up or email us at: volunteerdogs@gmail.com. We hope that parade participants will wear an O.L.A.E. t-shirt; but that is not required. For a minimum donation of \$10.00, we will provide you with a short-sleeve t-shirt (please let us know size). Feel free to dress-up your dog(s) as you see fit! But REMEMBER some dogs are afraid of **loud noises** such as cars backfiring or fire sirens. We will have a decorated Jeep available to hold our stuff.

We will send participants an email update prior to the event with complete details about when and where, to meet and tips on care for your dog before, during, and after the parade. We hope you can join us!

HOT WEATHER TIPS!

O.L.A.E. and ASPCA would like to remind you about some important hot weather tips:

- Never leave your dog alone in a vehicle; hyperthermia can be fatal. Even with the windows open, a parked vehicle can quickly become a furnace. Parking in the shade offers little protection as the sun shifts during the day.
- Always carry water when travelling with your pet or when on a long walk.
- The right time for playtime is in the cool of the early morning or evening, but never after a meal or when the weather is humid.
- A day at the beach is not recommended unless you can guarantee a shaded spot and plenty of fresh water. Salty dogs should be rinsed off after a dip in the ocean.

- Provide fresh, cool water day-round.
- Make sure there is plenty of shade for animals kept outdoors.
- Make sure there are no open, unscreened doors or windows in your home through which an animal can fall or jump through.

AN OUTDOOR SHELTER FOR THE DOG PARK? YOUR OPINION MATTERS, LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK!

O.L.A.E is considering constructing an **outdoor shelter** to provide rain and sun protection for our off-leash area users. The addition of an outdoor structure will not only enhance the existing park amenities, it will provide a central gathering point for park users (rain or shine), and will allow us to post necessary information to educate park users about O.L.A.E rules, expectations about cleaning up after our pets, and provide ad space to our members to promote businesses and activities related to our organization.

O.L.A.E Board Members have dedicated our 2009/2010 volunteering and fundraising efforts towards the design development and construction of an outdoor shelter.

A conceptual design package for the shelter has been developed by volunteers of O.L.A.E.: waterfront viewing will not be impacted. The shelter's conceptual design is a basic rectangular shaped, 4-post structure constructed over a concrete slab. The structure's roof will be clad with a highly durable material (such as a corrugate metal) in order to withstand the constant exposure to the elements. The Board of Directors of O.L.A.E. would prefer to utilize sustainable ("Green") materials for the structure whenever possible.

The optimal location for the shelter is on the shoreline bluff, along the south park boundary line adjacent to the railway line. This location was chosen to make best use of the Puget Sound viewpoints, minimal view blockage, and best vantage point for monitoring canine activity. Volunteers of O.L.A.E. have a preliminary design but are considering alternate design style and dimensions.

We cannot get this outdoor shelter built without the commitment of our members, volunteers, and participants. We need your input and your pledge of support to make this happen. So, please send us your comments about anything of interest to you

regarding this proposal. We have already heard from Dan, one of the first volunteers to start this grass-roots group over nine years ago. So, please don't be shy and email us at volunteerdogs@gmail.com. If you are able to make a donation of your time, construction materials, and/or professional expertise we'd love to hear from you!!

SPECIAL THANKS YAPPIE CLUB MEMBERS

Special thanks to Yappie Club Member **Michael LaFreniere** of LaFreniere Innovations for volunteering to cut the grass. A special thanks to **Eric and Penny Halverson**, and dog Sargent, for joining the Yappie Club! We love to see checks in the mail! Way to go **Jason Jones**, (who doesn't even own a dog) for providing professional and stellar design drawings for our proposed weather safety structure. Paws off to **Mary Barnes**, an O.L.A.E Director, for orchestrating all this work with Jason. And finally, a **Big THANK YOU to J2 Building Consultants** for providing us with the design expertise and mentoring that is necessary for this project.

BARK MITZVAH

Leave it to innovative park user Dr. Richard Senderoff to have a Bark Mitzvah for his dog Tobor who turned thirteen on June 2nd. The party was hosted by Rich along with Dorothy of Dining Dog Café who provided the cake and cupcakes. Everyone, including our four legged friends was having a great time even Tobor despite his traditional and necessary attire. The Beacon even gave them front page picture, so please visit www.olae.org and check under news to see some pictures of this fun event. Also, if you are planning an event at the dog park, YOU MUST let us know at volunteerdogs@gmail.com if you plan on doing an event as there are specific park requirements.

CELEBRATE SHORELINE PARADE

Want to walk in another parade? We do! So join us at noon on August 15th in Shoreline to walk with the off-leash group ShoreDog (<http://www.shoredog.org/>). If you'd like to participate, please email us at volunteerdogs@gmail.com.

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).
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(free advertising on O.L.A.E. website & newsletter).

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

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