

O.L.A.E. Newsletter

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New gate entry

Thanks to the ongoing support of Rich Lindsay and Brian McIntosh of the City of Edmonds Parks and Rec. Dept. and the hard work from O.L.A.E. (OLAE) Board Members and volunteers like you, the dog park will remain open during the construction of the second rail by BNSF. The entrance gate has been moved and the blackberry bushes are gone. But overall, we still have a lovely pristine play area for our four legged friends. Remember a clean park is a healthy park.



We're always looking for more help at the park. If you are interested in volunteering and helping out more, please contact us at volunteerdogs@gmail.com. For those who may be too busy to volunteer, please remember to pick up after your pets.

Summer Book Review: The art of racing in the Rain

The Art of Racing in the Rain is a charming book by local Seattle author Garth Stein. For the most part, the book takes place in Seattle and is written from a dog's point of view. Have you ever wondered what your dog is thinking when he/she stares at you?

A dog named Enzo narrates this story about his life with his human family. The story includes all the complex, funny, and dramatic human situations that we all encounter. With all the insights Enzo has to the

human condition, he yearns to someday, in another life, become human.

This book can be read in a weekend and although it is a short and easy read; the story is heart wrenching and serious, and ultimately uplifting. If you are a new dog owner or you've had your dog for many years, and especially if you have gently ushered one of your canine friends to his final day, you will appreciate this story. Enjoy!

New Yappie Club Member

Special thanks to Mark and Alicia Brattin and a matching gift from Microsoft. Remember we are a 501(c)3 organization and love to have matching gifts from large corporations. The money goes to good use and believe it or not, in the summer months, OLAE spends more than \$168 a month just for the plastic bags. So, if your employer can match gifts, think about it.

Summer clean up

A common mission of OLAE is steward and educate. When park users pick up after their dogs it helps keep the beach and the Puget Sound clean. Because of all the construction, this year's work party was pretty small. Special thanks to Alejandro, B.B., Mary and Diane for spending their Saturday morning cleaning the park and putting back up our signs.

Top Ten Pet Poisons in 2009!

The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center has published its Top 10 List of Pet Poisons in 2009.

- 1) Human Medications (45,000 calls) and this should be self explanatory – keep all medications away from pets.
- 2) Insecticides (30,000 calls) with the most common being the misuse of flea and tick products – so talk to your vet about these meds.
- 3) People Food (18,000 calls) with the most common being chocolate.
- 4) Plants (8,000 calls) with most calls in reference to common household plants.
- 5) Veterinary Medications (7,500 calls) with most calls related to misapplication of medicines.

- 6) Rodenticides (6,600 calls) such as rat and mice poisons.
- 7) Household Cleaners (4,400 calls) with most being from inhalation of the toxic cleaners.
- 8) Heavy Metals (3,300 calls) such as paint chips, linoleum and lead dust.
- 9) Garden Products (2,300 calls) such as fertilizers.
- 10) Chemical Hazards (2,500 calls) such as anti-freeze, pool and spa chemicals.

With summer, here is a breakdown of plants: common ornamental plants should be kept out of reach of pets. Dieffenbachia can burn mouth and vocal chords and lead to voice loss. Examples of other known toxic plants are: philodendron, english ivy, jerusalem cherry, and poinsettia. Common bulbs that if ingested can be toxic: tulip, daffodil, jonquil, amaryllis, and iris.

Common garden plants that are toxic to your pet include: azalea, rhododendron, sago palm, lilies, kalanchoe, schefflera, deander, yew, foxglove, lily of the valley, deadly nightshade and skunk cabbage.

Toxic seeds found in fruit contain cyanide. Here's a list of seeds to watch out for: bitter cherry, choke cherry, apricot, apple, and sweet cherry

Remember, prevention is the key to avoiding accidental exposures. If you suspect your pet has ingested something toxic, contact your local veterinarian immediately.



upcoming PET events

Pasado's Bark of Seattle will be held at Seattle Center on Aug. 1st. Local Edmonds store, Cest' la Vie, will be hosting a pet photography event with Bev Sparks, on Aug. 7th. A portion of the proceeds from this event will be donated to O.L.A.E. PAWSwalk 2010, held at Magnuson Park, is on Sept. 11th. ShoreDog Fest, at Shoreline's Off Leash Area is on Sept. 18th. SplashDog's Furry Festival, at Firdale Village is on Sept. 19th. **OLAE's 6th Annual Halloween Howl is on Oct. 16th**. We hope to see you all there!

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 find out more details. If you're interested in becoming more involved and adopting this off-leash area with us, contact us at

volunteerdogs@gmail.com as we are looking for more dedicated volunteers. We have a bunch of fun directors...so think about it.

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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Contact me to help volunteer: ? Yes

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- ? \$ 20 Family
- ? \$ 50 Supporter
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