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THE YELLOW DOG PROJECT ~ LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

The Directors of O.L.A.E. are moving forward on **The Yellow Dog Project**, a grass-roots international (48 Countries and counting) program that is creating awareness for dogs that may need some space while being walked. So, here are a few questions to think about:

- 1) Is your dog unsure around other dogs?
- 2) Does it take additional time for your dog to warm up to other dogs or people while being walked?
- 3) Is your dog aggressive and embarrassing when other dogs approach?
- 4) Is your dog recovering from an injury?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you will want to know about **The Yellow Dog Project** which is to bring awareness to the general public about dogs who need space while training, recovering from surgery, or being rehabilitated.

If you own a dog that needs more time to warm up to people, situations, or other dogs, simply tie a yellow ribbon on their leash, this is a signal to the public that this dog needs it's space respected and is a safety measure. The principle here is if you see a dog with a yellow ribbon tied to their leash or collar, you need to maintain greater than a 6 foot distance from the dog and his/her owner at all times. This allows the dog and his/her owner to get out of the way and go about their business without incident.

There are many reasons that dogs may need extra space, and of course, this does not mean the dog is bad or inherently dangerous, it simply means that the owner is being responsible. Possible reasons are that dogs are in training, have health issues, are being rehabilitated, or are scared and reactive around other dogs.

AWARENESS & EDUCATION is a crucial component to making this program nationally successful. Please educate your friends, neighbors and family members of **The Yellow Dog Project**. This program can radically cut down on the number of dog bites and dog fights in our communities and public places.

O.L.A.E. is partnering with All the Best Pet Care to provide awareness on this program and hand out some "starter" yellow ribbons for you to hand out or use! The date is yet to be determined, but we will email you and let you know, in the meantime, **SPREAD THE YELLOW DOG PROJECT WORD!!!!** For more information on this project, you can go to the following website **TheYellowDogProject.com**.

DOG ABUSE CASE UPDATE FROM CHIEF COMPAAN

Recently, Edmonds was highlighted in local and national news due to a situation of dog abuse. While we know that all of you as park users, understand the importance of proper training and care of your canine companions, we received many inquiries and actual videos were sent to our FACEBOOK page. So, we asked Edmonds' Police Chief Al Compaan to provide us with the details and possible action that a citizen could take if they suspect animal cruelty issues.

Here is Chief Compaan's update: Two suspects have been charged in this case. Charges against defendant Adams consist of animal cruelty and possession of dogs in excess of that number (five) allowed by city code; and against defendant Beutler of animal cruelty. Secondly, the dogs (fourteen of them) are still in police custody. Ultimate disposition of the dogs will be determined by the Court. The defendants are being prosecuted to the full extent of the law and the Police Department has no intention of turning the dogs over to anyone outside of Police Department control pending legal process of these cases. The Police Department and the City Prosecutor's Office have literally been in daily contact with each other on this regarding aggressive prosecution of these cases.

In addition to both of the defendants having been arraigned, Ms. Adams has also been served with notice of a bonding requirement under section 5.05.124 of city code. This requires her to secure a bond within five business days in an amount sufficient to provide for the animals care for a minimum of 60 days from when the animals were seized. Failure to post such a bond will, in essence, cause a forfeiture of the animals to the city. In other words, the Court can find a failure to post the bond and then can order the animals to NOT be returned to her and the animals made available for adoption.

As far as what can happen in other cases going forward, the main pieces we need to help us do our job, if you suspect animal cruelty, are: 1) timely information regarding suspect(s) conduct that constitutes violation of the law; 2) documentation of that information with signed statements; 3) video and/or audio is helpful, but we need to know who captured the video/audio, when it was captured, and it must be done legally under the law. Single party consent to record private audio conversations is not allowed here in Washington State. Typically, however, if a neighbor is making a video/audio recording from one's own property of something that is occurring next door (i.e. you are sitting on your deck and looking over to the neighbor's property and happen to make a recording), that would very likely be acceptable under state law and would be admissible in court. But again, we would need to be able to show the where/when and who it was making the recording for best admissibility.

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 COREY MCLENNAN

Applied Animal Behaviorist Corey McLennan spent more than four hours talking to seminar participants about dogs, dog behaviors, and training techniques. We will be inviting Corey back for an evening seminar as many could not attend due to the timing of it. We donated over 20 pounds of dog food to the food bank!

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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