

15 Years means NEW LOGO



Special thanks to Board Member Julie Nealey for designing our new logo. In November, OLAE celebrated its' 15th year as a volunteer-based group stewarding the City of Edmonds Off-Leash Area and educating park users. T-Shirts will be available soon for purchase.

We have done many things probably unknown to most. The picture below shows how the dog park used to look. Yes, it was volunteers who removed tons of debris over the course of four years, added dog amenities via Eagle Scout Projects, asked the city to provide concrete pad and water for the dogs and they even provided that BIG concrete tube for the agility course. **Special Thanks goes to Rich Lindsay** from the City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation Dept. as he too has been with us all along representing the City. Now volunteers, like you, help us keep the beach in the current pristine conditions. So, THANK YOU to ALL THE VOLUNTEERS that over the years has helped us. We hope all park users will continue to SCOOP THE POOP as a clean park is a healthy park.



Off-Leash Area Circa 2005

Halloween Howl was Howling good time!



Photo by: Theresa Whipple – My Edmonds News

Our 14th Annual Halloween Howl was a day of woof-festivities and all had a great time. The weather was fantastic and costumes a plenty. The costumes were creative and so many participants this year – so everyone had a really fun time. For a great story of the day, <https://myedmondsnews.com/2018/10/doggone-fun-at-annual-halloween-howl/>.

We wish to thank all that donated this year to our Howl: "Red Twig Bakery and Café"; "Salon Celebrations"; "McDonald-McGarry Insurance"; "Blue Collar Dog House"; "Trader Joe's"; "Hop Jacks"; "Gallaghers' Where U-Brew"; "Walnut Street Coffee"; "Glazed and Amazed"; "Next-to-Natures"; Jolene Otter of "Quilts from the Heart"; "Wash n' Waggon"; "Sarah's Pet Care"; "Puddles Bakery"; Bonnie Klasell; Cathy Boyd; Mary Kathleen and Alina Hagstrom, and Karyn Kellogg, "Lunar Poodle Veterinary Services" and "Open Farm".

Dog Food to Food Bank

Twice a year, Blue Collar Dog House and OLAE partner together to provide dog food to the Food

Bank. This Christmas, we donated a total of 300 pounds to the Edmonds Food Bank.

“Just a Dog”

From time to time people tell me “lighten up, it’s just a dog,” or, “That’s a lot of money for just a dog.” They don’t understand the distance traveled, time spent, or costs involved for “just a dog.” Some of my proudest moments have come about with “Just a dog.” Many hours have passed with my only company being “Just a dog,” and not once have I felt slighted. Some of my saddest moments were brought about by “Just a dog.” In those days of darkness, the gentle touch of “Just a dog” provided comfort and purpose to overcome the day.

If you, too, think its “Just a dog,” you will probably understand phrases like, “Just a friend,” “Just a sunrise,” or “Just a promise.” “Just a dog” brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy. “Just a dog” brings out the compassion and patience that makes me a better person. Because of “Just a dog” I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future.

For me and folks like me, it’s not “Just a dog.” It’s an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment. “Just a dog” brings out what’s good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday people can understand it’s not “Just a dog.” It’s the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being “Just a man or a woman.”

So, the next time you hear the phrase “Just a dog” smile because they “Just Don’t Understand.”
~Author Unknown

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.

We still are accepting donations (your name goes on the website), for our K-9 Veteran Bronze Statue “Rex”. All donations are tax-deductible and checks should be made out to O.L.A.E. at P.O. Box 1562, Edmonds WA 98020 or GoFundMe at <http://www.gofundme.com/29zf2n8>

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.

We now have PAYPAL so you can go to our website

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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
- \$100 Best Friends 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!

Current Yappie Club Sponsors:

Blue Collar Dog House (www.bluecollardoghouse.com)

Edmonds Westgate Vet Hospital (www.evwh.com)

Jolene Otter from Quilts from the Heart

Gallaghers' Where U-Brew (www.whereubrew.com)

Stella and Floyds (www.stellanfloyds.com)

McDonald McGarry Ins. (www.mcdonaldmccgarry.com)

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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.