

# O.L.A.E. Newsletter

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## Happy Anniversary to O.L.A.E.

This park is sustained by volunteers like YOU! We celebrated our 9<sup>th</sup> year in August and held our Annual meeting in December. We are always looking for new volunteers or Board Members. We meet once a month at Gallaghers' U-Brew and our main event is the Halloween Howl. We also hold t-shirt sale events in summer. Our Annual O.L.A.E. Board Meeting was held in December; our new Board Members can be found on our website.

If you have any comments or are interested in becoming more active with O.L.A.E. contact [o.l.a.e@comcast.net](mailto:o.l.a.e@comcast.net).



## The 9th Annual Halloween Howl was grrrrrawesome!

Our Halloween Howl was a perfect day despite the fog. Costumes were awesome and very imaginative. We made over \$1,000 and everyone seemed to enjoy the vendors, raffles and silent auction items. Once again, a special thanks to Animal Control Officer Tabatha Shoemake for spending the day with us and helping educate our users, supporting our group, and selling animal licenses to new dog owners courtesy of O.L.A.E.

We would like to thank the following vendors and sponsors for helping us make this event a great success: "All the Best Pet Care"; "Aussie Pet Mobile of Edmonds" "Ballard Mailbox"; "Dining Dog Café and Bakery"; "Wash'n'Wag'n Moblie Pet Care"; "Blue Collar Dog House"; Stella & Floyds Professional Pet Care Services"; "Celtic Cowboy"; "Positive Points"; "Himalayan Dog Chew"; "Dmarie's Doggie Boutique"; Gail Sarvis and "Salon 512"; Jolene Otter and "Quilts from the Heart"; Marcus Chui of "Proformance, Massage" and Truffles; Kizzie Jones; Dr. Tracy Wayman; Bonnie Klasell and Maggie; Cathy Boyd; Mary Kathleen and Alina Hagstrom, and Karyn Kellogg in memory of Bobbi, Dylan and Miss Fat Kitty.

We also want to thank judges Doug Purcell, and Jessica Haunami. Also, Bruce Lindeke, Steve Tholl, Diane Buckshnis, Alicia Brattin, Lori Parsons, Glenda Konkol and Shay, Dean and Kyle Hastler, for helping organize, promote and host the Halloween Howl.

## "Just a Dog"

The "Just a Dog" story was in a newsletter back in Fall of 2009; but since this year was a tough year for almost ALL of us who volunteer for OLAE. This "Just a Dog" is in memoriam to: Buster, Mozart, Annika, Dakota, Ante, and Sparky. We miss them everyday....they were members of OUR family. So, read on and you will understand:

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

## OLAE donates 200 pounds of food to food bank

Because Petso Grocery was closing last year, we decided to help them and the food bank out and we purchased 300 pounds of dog food at a discount. We received a lovely thank you from the food bank saying that sometimes donor's don't realize that dogs are part of the family too. So, this year, with generous donations from folks like you, we donated 200 pounds to the food bank. Blue Collar Dog House was so touched by our generosity, that they too also donated some dog food. Happy Holidays!

## Matching Oppurtunies

We already have a wonderful matching gift matching donations Microsoft for volunteer work from our awesome webmaster, Alicia Brattin.

Monetary gift matching can also occur and special thanks to Dr. Alan Magill and Janiine Babcock. Janiine was at the dog park during the Halloween Howl and couldn't stay so she took our EIN number and information and sure enough a letter came from the Gates Foundation asking for verification of our status. If you company does provide gift matching, just let us know and we will do all the paperwork.

## Water is OFF

The water remains off until February or so and our outstanding volunteer, Ted Wilkins has a pack in pack out container at the front gate. Please DO NOT LEAVE EMPTY PLASTIC CONTAINERS AT THE WATER LOCATION as they will fly away. Pack it in and pack it out.

## 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. We always need volunteers and financial donors. Please visit [www.olae.org](http://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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Dog(s) names: \_\_\_\_\_

Can we email you the newsletter:  Yes

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- \$ 10 Individual
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