

DOG PARK STILL CLOSED

Our dog park remains closed and will be until AT LEAST May 5th if not longer. O.L.A.E. Board Members are supporting keeping the dog park closed and have spoken to the new P&R Director, Angie Feser about our concerns. As we all know, our dog park was called the “Club Med” of Dog parks. We have quite a bit of news and you can see at <http://olae.org/news.html> and our belief is that **let’s wait until other dogs areas are open** and in the interim, you can walk your dog(s) along our wonderful streets and in designated parks. So, let’s all be patient and we will let you know both on our Facebook page and for all you members, via our membership.

New Parks and Recreation Director



We wish to welcome Angie Feser! Angie hit the ground running on April 1st in the midst of the pandemic and we were able to spend just a little time with her updating her about our dog park.

Angie comes from the City of Sammamish but has spent time both as a public servant and in the private sector. She grew up in eastern WA on a large farm where they grew all their own food and had farm animals like cows and horses. She loves dogs but currently only has two cats because of her work schedule. In addition to her extensive work in the public sector, Edmonds is lucky as like Carrie Hite (former P&R Director), Angie was selected four years ago to sit on the RCO (Washington Recreation and Conservation Office) grant funding committee. This Committee administers and evaluates competitive grant proposals for protecting our wildlife habitat,

recovering salmon, etc. (www.rco.wa.gov). For those interested in the conservation of our Edmonds Marsh, her knowledge will be invaluable when the City finally works through the Master Planning of Marina Beach (and our dog park) which is part of the Edmonds Marsh Estuary restoration project.

Covid-19 and dogs!

Many of us have been concerned about the COVID-19 and it has been noted nationally that 1C-19 has infected some cats (big and small). Here is what we were able to obtain from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

Key Points

- Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses. Some cause illness in people, and others cause illness in certain types of animals.
- Some coronaviruses that infect animals can sometimes be spread to people, but this is rare.
- We do not know the exact source of the current outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The first infections were thought to be linked to a live animal market, but the virus is now primarily spreading from person to person.
- At this time, there is no evidence that animals play a significant role in spreading the virus that causes COVID-19.
- Based on the limited information available to date, the risk of animals spreading COVID-19 to people is considered to be low.
- We are still learning about this virus, but it appears that it can spread from people to animals in some situations.
- The first case of an animal testing positive for the virus in the United States was in a tiger that had a respiratory illness at a zoo in New York City.
- CDC is aware of a small number of pets, including cats and dogs have been infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, mostly

after close contact with people with COVID-19.

- Treat pets as you would other human family members – do not let pets interact with people or animals outside the household. If a person inside the household becomes sick, isolate that person from everyone else, including pets.
- Further studies are needed to understand if and how different animals could be affected by the virus that causes COVID-19 and the role animals may play in the spread of COVID-19.
- This is evolving everyday, so for more information, see COVID-19 and Animals Frequently Asked Questions.

Dog Food to Food Bank

Because of the large lines that we were seeing at the Edmonds Food Bank. Board Members decided to go ahead and **spend \$350 for dog food to donate to the Edmonds Food Bank** (no room for picture but four carts full), We want to thank all those that continue to donate to www.olae.org despite being in tough times. You can either snail mail in a payment or use paypal found on our webpage.

Company Matching!

We want to put a big woof to new Yappie Club Member *Brian Albright and dog Kiko (woof)* for his *Yappie Club level donation and sending in information for a company match request*. This park is steward by volunteers like you and is financially sustained from our membership and donations. As you know O.L.A.E. changed to bio-degradable poo bags in 2018 and had issues last year with some folks stealing entire rolls and we had to fixed our kiosk. Due to the popularity of our park, O.L.A.E. spent \$2,315 in 2019, for purchasing poo bags and so every dollar does go to good use.

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.

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.ewvh.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.mcdonaldmcgarry.com)

Red Twig (www.redtwig.com)

Alicia Brattin

Brian Albright and Kiko

Tracy Kilmer-March

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.