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2010 Annual Meeting Minutes **Thursday, October 21, 2010** **5:30-8:00 P.M.**

The Annual Meeting of the Eastham Dog Owners' Association was held on Thursday, October 21, 2010 at the Chapel in the Pines, Eastham, MA. After a brief meet-and-greet period where current, new, and prospective members had a chance to mingle, Outgoing President Cindy Nicholson called the meeting to order.

Cindy reviewed activities and accomplishments for the past year. Some of the topics discussed included our continuing efforts toward getting our 501c3 Federal Non-Profit Organization status, a review of current Town of Eastham regulations requiring dogs on leash and waste pickup, our first place award for best float in the Windmill Parade (a cooperative effort between EDOA, Cape Cod Dog, and Nauset Kennels), our Bow Wow Bash for members and their pets at First Encounter Beach, and our growing membership. Cindy also thanked the membership, fellow officers, and board members for their support over the last three years.

Lu St. Aubin provided the Treasurer's Report. She discussed various fund raising activities as well as a summary of expenses, our current review of liability insurance, and our beginning and ending account balances for the year.

Ed Daniels discussed the slate of candidates for the open positions of President, Secretary, and Board Membership. He received approval from the membership in attendance to unanimously approve the slate of candidates, including Tom Shea for President, Collene Caswell for Secretary, renewed two year terms for current Board Members Kathy Herrick and Noelle Smith, and new two-year appointments to the Board for Ellen Murray, Richard Brezner and Cindy Nicholson.

We had several guest speakers tonight.

- Eastham Fire Chief Glenn Olsen and EDOA Board Member Kathy Herrick discussed the Regional Emergency Shelter in Eastham. Chief Olsen provided an overview of the Regional Emergency Planning Committee and its approach to emergency management with the designation of six regional shelters on Cape Cod: Nauset Regional High School, Harwich Technical High School, Dennis-Yarmouth High School, Barnstable High School, Mashpee High School, and Sandwich High School. Each of these schools has been approved for a pet shelter component, but these pet shelters cannot be opened without trained volunteers. Kathy is also a Level 1 member of the Cape Cod Disaster Animal Response Team (CCDART) and she gave an overview of CCDART's mission, the need for trained volunteers, and a brief summary of the Level 1 training program that will begin in March 2011.
- Dr. Joan Goffi, an Eastham-based veterinarian, was the main speaker this evening. Dr. Goffi has extensive national and international experience, and is noted for her natural approach to pet health and welfare. She discussed a variety of subjects, including vaccines, flea and tick control, maintaining your pet's weight at a healthy level, how to tell whether the pet food you use is providing your pet with needed nutrients, etc. She also took questions from the audience.

Katrina Boucher presented Cindy Nicholson with a plaque commemorating her years as EDOA President. The plaque is a thank you gift from EDOA officers and board members.

Tom Shea, newly elected EDOA President, closed the meeting after some brief remarks about his enthusiasm to lead this organization, his thanks to Cindy Nicholson for her leadership over the last three years, and his hope to see continued growth in EDOA's membership and the organization's value to the Eastham community