

MISSION STATEMENT

Eastham Dog Owners Association (EDOJA) promotes the welfare of dogs, responsible dog ownership and equitable town ordinances relating to dog ownership in the town of Eastham in a spirit of neighborly regard and in a manner that will maintain the unique beauty of Cape Cod.



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Eastham Dog Owners
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DOG LOVERS! BEWARE OF HB 5092

HB 5092 is a draconian, anti-dog law being considered for enactment by the Massachusetts Legislature. It is not possible to describe all of the egregious facets of this legislative bill in the space available. Dangerous dogs and "nuisance" dogs are subject to exactly the same penalties, which range from warning, fine, banishment to destruction of the offending animal. The animal control officer is not afforded the ability to require the most effective, non-lethal remedy (i.e. behavior modification) for these situations. This bill will require vaccinations that override the professional judgment of veterinarians and that are contrary to good veterinary practice. This bill will require that all dogs (except for health exceptions) over the age of 12 months that live in Massachusetts be spayed or neutered. In order for a dog to be able to participate in dog shows, regardless of whether or not it is ever used for breeding, the owner would have to obtain a permit and pay an annual fee up to a \$500 for each dog. The list goes on.

What should you do? First, become informed, read the bill. The bill can be viewed at http://www.adoa.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=359&Itemid=80. Second; HB 5092 is currently in committee and will be the subject of a public hearing, tentatively scheduled for October 23, 2008. Contact the members of the Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government and state your opinions. The members of this committee are listed at <http://www.mass.gov/legis/comm/j10.htm>

Fundraiser for Eastham Dog Owners Assoc.

3rd Annual Halloween Party
and Fundraiser at
The Cape Cod Dog
Saturday, October 25
Noon-2:00 p.m.

Party is held downstairs!

Refreshments for pets and people.

Trick-or-Treat bags for pets in costume.

Costume judging at 1:00 p.m.

Spooky Pet Photo's during event for a donation to

Eastham Dog Owners Association

All Dogs must be on a leash-Thank You!

E.D.O.A. Board Members
President-Cindy Nicholson
Vice-President-Ed Daniels
Secretary-Lu St.Aubin
Treasurer-Mary Beth O'Shea
Bernie Kaplan
Katrina Boucher
Erin Shupenis
Martin Haspel
Noel Smith
Kirsten Davis

We meet at the Eastham Council
on aging the third Thursday of
every month



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Windmill Weekend Update

The 2008 Windmill Weekend dog booth on the green was a great success. Thank you to the EDOA volunteers who made this happen; Lu St. Aubin, Katrina Boucher, Ed Daniels, Fred Fenlon, Bernie Kaplan, Karie Miller, Cindy Nicholson, Bill & Marybeth O'Shea and to all of you who stopped by to say hello.

We would also like to express our gratitude to the EDOA raffle contributors for their generous donations. The winners of the raffle prizes are as follows:

Rosalie Acinapora of Wellfleet-Dog Basket from The Cape Cod Dog valued at \$65.00

Jim Nicholson of Eastham-Nauset Kennel gift certificate valued at \$50.00

Claire Bransfield of Eastham-Inn at the Oaks Gift Certificate valued at \$40.00

James Whalen of Eastham-Cat Gift Basket from The Cape Cod Dog valued at \$35.00

The Silent Auction consisted of a three night stay generously donated by St. Aubin's Bayside Cottages Resort of Eastham, valued at \$500.00. Congratulations to Janna and Ian Drake of Eastham.

We look forward to doing it again next year!

NEW T-SHIRTS

Are In!

Featuring our updated
logo with Nauset Light
Adult Small-XXL

Youth sizes also available

Interested in joining our board?

Our annual meeting includes election for the following two-year term positions: President, Secretary, and three board member openings.

If you or anyone you know may be interested in being nominated or would like more information, please contact us at info@easthamdog.org

Welcome New Members

Marion Alexander, Janet Amaral, Erik Anderson, Jean Brillhart, Randy Chow, Joseph & Karen D'Attilo, Roz Diamond, Mary Dickinson, David & Martha Domke, Janna Drake, Donna & Rich, Gosselin, Kathy Herrick, Ellen Murray, Jamie Rivers, Kathy Salzberg, Carole Anne St. Aubin, Stef Stendardo, Raegan Vaughan, Donald Vickery, Wendy Yelle



Rosalie Acinapora of Wellfleet . Winner of Dog gift basket