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# EDO A focus

*Eastham Dog Owners' Association  
Advocating on issues effecting dogs and dog owners  
in Eastham, Massachusetts*

## Big Stuff and Small Stuff

- a message from Ed Daniels, President

“Don’t sweat the small stuff”. There are so many big things, even in retirement, to bog us down: repairs from the stormy winter, Spring cleaning, taxes, town water, volunteering, and yeah, working for a living. Then there are the “small” things like play, exercise and greeting friends that we too often consider optional.

Isn’t it great to have a dog to help keep our perspectives in order? How does Monty know that sitting at the computer too long is bad for my weight? We HAVE to go for a walk. At other times Monty puts his front paws in my lap and lays his head across my newspaper. Uncanny that he knows that there NEEDS to be a time to put down the newspaper and play – every day. And how fortuitous that Monty has such an unflagging way to flag his pleasure at seeing a canine or human friend. It’s good to show you are happy to see a friend.

Big stuff and small stuff – it’s nice to get a dog’s perspective from time to time.

Speaking of small stuff: the ticks are back. There promises to be a bumper crop this season and reports are that the percentage of deer ticks carrying Lyme disease is higher than ever. It takes 12 - 24 hours for a tick to attach, bite, and

transfer the virus so vigilance is important and effective. The vaccine gives some measure of protection but it is hotly debated as to how effective it is. Repellants and flea and tick treatments like Advantix and Frontline are likewise partially effective. My vet is recommending Advantix at this time. Tick removal methods abound and some just don’t work or work too slowly. It is best to pull them out taking care to get the head. Handy and effective little devices can make that easier.

Sometimes we do have to sweat the small stuff.

Turning to the macroscopic level (the big stuff): along with the good weather and the ticks are the walkers – with and without dogs. Just a few weeks ago the only encounters we had were with intrepid dog walkers. Most had their pups off-lead and Monty lived for the encounters, happily charging dog and owner like long lost relatives.

Yesterday we encountered a dog walker at Wiley Park with his big dogs, which I knew to be gentle and friendly, on leash. The owner reminded me that some people out in nature for a nice walk are not going to interpret a dog’s approach quickly or correctly. To be

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frightened by a “charging” animal is a basic visceral reaction and one that is not going to endear the citizen to the issue of dog owners’ rights.

It is on us – the dog owners to look ahead on the trail and control our playing pups until the passerby has passed by or invited an interaction. It is good, responsible dog control. It is good for our relationship with the community.

Monty’s new doggy Frisbee just arrived and I NEED to go out and see if he likes it. Big stuff or little stuff? I don’t know. But it is the IMPORTANT stuff. This I learn from my dog.

- Ed Daniels, President EDOA



February's Dog of the Month  
Rigby, a Goldenoodle owned  
by EDOA Board Member,  
Tracey Plantier.



Wiley Park's bulletin board got a facelift recently!  
Thanks to Per Bentsen for repairs and Cindy Blum for  
making it pretty.

## LOST DOG NETWORK

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"Beau Barker"  
Male Rat Terrier, Black an

**LOST DOG**



Ruger  
Male German Shepherd missing Sunday 11/11/12  
from Thumpertown Road in Eastham

General appearance - actual photos of Ruger not available

### EMERGENCY SHELTER NEWS!

The Blizzard of 2013 on February 9-10, a.k.a. NEMO, arrived on the Cape and for many on the lower Cape without power, water and life-sustaining heat, there was no choice but to head to an emergency shelter. For the first time in history, they did not have to make the decision to leave the pet behind and had the option of bringing their pet with them. Six volunteer Cape Cod Disaster Animal Response Team (DART) members (4 of whom are also EDOA members) served to set-up, open and staff the emergency pet shelter at Nauset High School: **Wesley Denery**, Team Lead, **Donelle Denery**, Agency Rep., **Vicky Anderson**, **Per Bentsen**, **Joanne Baldauf** and **Cindy Nicholson**. It involved not only long hours on-duty but also training, stocking, funding, mock emergency sessions and countless hours of organization. About 120 people were housed at the shelter, and the CCDART team oversaw 20-22 dogs, 6 cats and 2 birds. The Red Cross provided food, and despite some challenges both people and pets were safely housed until power was restored and they could return to their homes.

Special thanks to CCDART on behalf of EDOA. To find out more on how you can be a volunteer, please go to [www.capecoddart.org](http://www.capecoddart.org).

## NEWS & EVENTS

The Buddy Scholarship is now posted on Nauset High School's Scholarship web page. The award this year will be \$500. Applicants should see their guidance counselor at Nauset High School. This just in! On March 16<sup>th</sup>, the scholarship received \$210 in donations when the Easter Bunny came to the Cape Cod Dog for photos! 20 lucky dogs (and 2 guinea pigs!) got their photos taken with the Mr. Bunny. Special thanks to the folks at Cape Cod Dog!

Our neighbors to the north (er...east) in Wellfleet have formed a dog owner group called W.O.O.F. Watch for them in the future to be another local, positive voice for our dogs. A welcomed abutter!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- EDOA's Bow-Wow Bash; Saturday, May 18, 2013 at First Encounter Beach starting at **noon**.
- Paws for Celebration; Saturday, June 22 from 11am-3pm at Nauset Middle School, Orleans.

Find more on EDOA's calendar at

[www.easthamdog.org](http://www.easthamdog.org)



EDOA board member, **Per Bentsen**, helping out at the Nauset emergency pet shelter during Nemo.

### Special Thanks to:

- Willy's Gym (Eastham) for lending space for our monthly board meetings. EDOA members are welcome to attend. Held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs of every month at 6 pm
- CCDART for providing emergency pet shelter accommodations at Nauset Regional HS.

### EDOA's Board of Directors

Ed Daniels, President; Cindy Nicholson, VP; Lu St. Aubin, Treasurer; Kathy Herrick, Secretary; Cindy Blum; Per Bentsen; Katrina Boucher; Karie Miller; Kathleen Mueller; Ellen Murray; Tracey Plantier and Larry DiBona

The Lost Dog Network "LDN" is ready for the busy season with more trained searchers, organized and networked communications and search plans, and a record to uphold. It is a great public service. **Stay tuned for information about an upcoming LDN meeting in early April.** You can volunteer, too. Go to our web site for more info:

[www.easthamdog.org/id46.html](http://www.easthamdog.org/id46.html)

EDOA helped spread the word about an Eastham dog in need of temporary fostering in February. 8-year-old black Lab, Chance, needed short-term foster care due to a family emergency (now that's responsible dog ownership!). Chance's photo and description was posted to EDOA's Facebook page, and shared by over 30 people. Dozens of willing people came forward, and in the end his family found care for him in a great setting. We are so lucky to be a part of such a caring and giving community.

We are lining up several events before the summer's crazy-busy season begins! EDOA is looking for volunteers to spend an hour (or two) at our booth at these events. No experience necessary. Training will be provided and all new volunteers will be matched with experienced EDOA members while at the booth. This is a great way to get involved in your club and meet lots of nice dog owners.

Click [here](#) for more Lost Dog News!

Check out EDOA's new web site, [here!](#)