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*Eastham Dog Owners' Association
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in Eastham, Massachusetts*

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First Aid A message from Ed Daniels, EDOA President

I have been adopted by a dog. Given any opportunity this white faced, spotted tongued pup wanders next door to my house and stays at my side through my chores, and walks, and ball games with my own Monty. Bear is my faithful companion. He loves me. And he is the \$15,000 dog. A top competition champion? No. Specialized service dog? Nope. Award winning show dog? Wrong again. Bear is a fluffy, 5 year old golden retriever and a family's pet. And, no, they did not pay \$15,000 to get him but paid that much to keep him alive. Yikes!

It sure got me to thinking about what I'd be willing to spend to keep Monty alive. One thing for sure it would be a lot cheaper to do whatever I could to make sure he doesn't get sick.

Next best is to provide fast and effective first aid. Unlike Bear who has a medical condition Monty's greatest threat is accidents.

Unfortunately neither Monty nor I practice perfect preemptive care. Monty, you see, is a 1 year old Labrador retriever, my free strolling, water loving, trash diving, morsel picking, puppy playing, curious "son".

Like every other lab I know he is relentlessly scrounging for scraps (though he is never offered them). As we walk, he sniffs cigarette butts and seagull guano. He is attracted to every discarded beer and soda bottle, every fish bone, crab leg, and burger wrapper. Monty is a first aid patient in waiting. Believing that it is better in the long run to train Monty to stay away from these dangers Monty is seldom confined. That also means that we better be ready if he makes "bad choices" or we relax vigilance. How many M & Ms is too many? What are the signs of distress? Will that barbeque soaked paper towel pass? When? What is he eating NOW?

For Monty and our financial future we are looking forward to hearing the keynote speaker at the EDOA Annual Meeting. Dr. Daniella Schutzengel of Ark Angel Animal Hospital will speak about first aid for our dogs.

Needless to say, the time to be prepared for an emergency is BEFORE the time you need it. But we all know that. The trick is to take the time and make the effort to get the knowledge before it is needed.

My list of questions for Dr. Schutzengel grows by the moment.



EDOA's Tracey Plantier, Larry DiBona & Claire Bransfield with visitors at Windmill Weekend

How do you find a dog's pulse? What should a dog's temperature be? Can you give a dog meds intended for people? Where and when do we need to get emergency help? What diseases can be passed between dogs and what do we do about it? How much dog-toy-fiberfill is too much?

Whether your dog has some health problems like Bear or trainer problems like Monty it is on us to know when it is time to act and what to do for first aide. I'll be there paying attention. You bring your own questions.

See you at the Annual Meeting.

Ed Daniels



Brand-new raffle items and prizes await, at EDOA's annual meeting, October 17th.

EDOA had a great turnout at Windmill Weekend with 8 new memberships, bringing our current total to 138!



LOST DOG NETWORK



NEWS & EVENTS

Heartfelt condolences go out to Katrina Boucher, EDOA board member and owner of The Cape Cod Dog on the loss of her beloved mother, Noreen Belair in August. Donations in Noreen's memory may be made to The Animal Rescue League of Boston, Brewster Shelter, 3981 Main St, East Brewster, MA 02631.

UPCOMING EVENTS

EDOA's Annual Meeting October 17th

*Eastham Council on Aging
1405 Nauset Rd, Eastham.*

Doors open at 6 pm.

We welcome guest speaker
**Dr. Daniella Schutzensgel of
Ark Angel Animal Hospital**

Refreshments, door prizes and more!
Bonus raffle ticket for new members & renewals! All Welcome – Bring a friend!

Find out more on EDOA's website
www.easthamdog.org



EDOA member **Kathleen Muldoon &** her dog, Smokey, enjoying the fun at Windmill Weekend

SEPTEMBER'S DOG OF THE MONTH

is Southern belle, Priscilla, a Shih Tzu rescued from Alabama and adored by EDOA board member (and LDN coordinator) Larry DiBona

STORM TEAM UPDATE!

Last winter's storms that caused such erosion and damage to our beloved Cape Cod are not yet a distant memory. Summer seemed much too short, but thankfully no hurricanes threatened the East coast. Winter is coming, and it's never too early to prepare for storm emergencies. [Are you and your pet prepared for a storm emergency?](#) Click on the link for a brief disaster preparedness quiz designed by the ASPCA. Locally, contact www.capecoddart.org for information on becoming a member of the Cape Cod *Disaster Animal Response Team* or join them December 22nd at the Eastham Police Station (12:30-4:30) to learn more.
(must be 18 or over)

Our great success this summer in locating all of the missing dogs reported to the Lost Dog Network continued into September. After a car accident on Route 6, an injured driver was taken to the hospital, but her dog ran from the scene and was missing all day, only to turn up at home late that night. Both driver and pup are fine now! If you are an EDOA member and would like to be involved with the search team, please [contact us through our website](#) for more information.

Wiley Park was recently closed to swimming, fishing and boating for a week, to allow authorities to treat Great Pond with alum to lower sediment phosphorous levels which are known to create poor conditions in ponds.

Colder weather and the holidays are almost here. Both events pose special challenges for Fido. [Here's a great article](#) on making sure your canine pal is safe and well cared for in the fall.

Are you the proud parent of a mixed breed? Well, you're not alone! [Read all about "the 75%"!](#)

If things don't quite go as planned, then what happens to the family pet? Some courts are having to make some tough calls and create [New Rules About the Family Pet](#) in divorce cases; and lots of folks are [making sure Fido is taken care of in estate planning.](#)

Click [here](#) for more Lost Dog News!
Check out EDOA's web site [here!](#)

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- The EDOA members who volunteered at Windmill Weekend
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