

Eastham Dog Owners' Association EDOA Newsletter Spring 2016

EDOA is a non-profit citizens' group that promotes the welfare of dogs & responsible dog ownership in Eastham, MA

Spring 2016 Reminders

Candidates' Forum

May 9

6:00 PM at Eastham Co-sponsored by EDOA & Eastham Chamber of Commerce

Bow-Wow Bash

May 21

12:00-2:00 PM First Encounter Beach



Better weather on the way means flea and tick season. Now is the time to...

- **start treating your dog to protect against deer & lone star ticks**
- **inoculate for rabies.** (See our website for details about upcoming clinics)

- update the [EDOA website](#) photo gallery! Have a good photo of your pup? Send it along. as an [e-mail attachment](#).



EDOA Lost Dog Network

The Lost Dog Network has already had a busy spring! Several dogs, including Sam, have been happily reunited with their humans.

If you want to report a lost (or found!) dog, here's what to do:

- ✓ Fill out the [on-line form](#) OR Call 508-905-3364 to mobilize the Eastham Lost Dog Network
The power of over 100 local members of EDOA can be mobilized to help you search for your missing dog.

- ✓ Contact the Eastham Police Animal Control

Officer Diana Back at 508-255-0551

- ✓ .If you are interested in being part of the Lost Dog Network please volunteer by [contacting us](#).

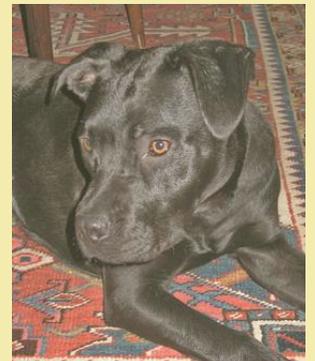
Join the EDOA "pack"! Help your community & get discounts from local businesses. Fill out the membership form on our [website](#) Conveniently donate your membership fee securely with your credit card. Or you can download the form and send it and the \$20 dues to Box 274 Eastham, MA 02642

How Misha Trained Us

Per Bentsen, EDOA Board President

I can feel two big eyes looking at me, but I pretend not to notice our dog Misha next to me. Another minute goes by and something is rubbing against my leg: Misha's nose, and again I try to ignore her. But she is persistent: it must be 2PM, her dinner time.

In the kitchen we keep three containers, each one with different treats for a different purpose. Then there is the barbell and the Kong as well the large milkbones and our smart dog knows exactly what she gets at what time.



How did this all start? We never spoiled our other dogs to such a degree, but two things happened: we retired and became more mellow and then we started to use treats for training, which for us was a new approach. Misha had received some training before we adopted her, but she had a tendency to behave aggressively toward other dogs. We therefore felt that it would be helpful to take her to obedience classes. This was a good experience, she became more tolerant toward other dogs and every time she did good work she got a treat from the trainer. But then this became a pattern and Misha never complained about it!

She is really a creature of habit: She takes her time getting up in the morning and usually we have finished breakfast before she even shows up. She believes that just getting up should be rewarded! For her morning walk, Ruth always has treats in her pocket which Misha of course knows and takes advantage of! Back from the walk and another treat. She is also very good at pretending that we forgot and can double up! I do not carry any treats when we take our afternoon walk, but she knows there will be one when we get home.

By now you are probably thinking: how much does this dog get? Well, it's not over. Around 5pm we will get another "reminder" that now it is time for the "barbell treat" which is her barbell stuffed with pieces of Pup-Peroni. She has a lot of fun trying to get the pieces out by chewing on the barbell or throwing it up in the air so the pieces will (hopefully) fall out when it hits the floor. Then a game takes place, where I will take four or five small treats Misha has to catch as I throw them towards her.

We regularly brush her teeth in the evening. No, she does not like it, but she sits nicely and lets us do it and what does one not do for a real big milkbone?? Hopefully this will also keep her teeth healthy.

This is pretty much our daily routine and you can see what good job Misha has done training us!

TEAMWORK

Thanks to Truro Officer Steven Raneo & K-9 Officer Ella for attending our January board meeting. It was so informative hearing about Ella's training and the hard work that goes into a K-9 team on a daily basis.



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Board meetings are held on the third Thursday every month at 6 pm. Check calendar for location. All are welcome to attend.

