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

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FAITHFUL

A message from Ed Daniels, EDOA President



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Monty, our Labrador retriever, is asleep over my legs on the doggie blanket spread over the couch. This is a snuggling routine he endearingly insists upon after dinner by sitting directly in front of me and “yippping” occasionally until I invite him up. We are as faithful to this routine as we are to providing his dinner at 4:56 PM (give or take 90 seconds).

We had been on a long walk earlier and we both embrace this restful, relaxing contact – he rolls over exposing his belly, legs akimbo. Just two years old today, Monty is in the prime of life. I stroke his legs - tight and thick, long and lean – in direct counterpoint to my own. They carried him helter skelter through the woods in chase of his beloved tennis ball. As much as he loves that ball, he always brings it back and lays it at my feet – trusting that I will toss it again. Monty races off at the sight of another dog along the trail. It’s the only thing he relishes more than that ball. Off they race, playing – chasing each other through the dry leaves. When time to go I whistle and walk off. Monty stands and contemplates his options: stay and play with the dogs or follow me. I never have to look around. I know we will be on the trail together.

“Faithful” and “dog” are words that just go together.

Now that another year has passed it is prime time to reflect. Eastham Dog Owners Association has had many, many faithful volunteers - this year more than ever. Your Officers and Board of Directors (sounds WAY to corporate) are an absolute joy with whom to “work”. They are to a person generous, articulate, talented, reliable, creative, enthusiastic, and of course faithful. When you run across one, be sure to thank them. Two names not appearing on the list are board members Karie Miller and Katrina Boucher who completed their terms this October. All the adjectives certainly apply to them as well. No doubt the service and dedication of these leaders has made EDOA what it is today. These Eastham Dog people are always there for you and if they had them their tails would surely be happily wagging. Thank you.

Member / volunteers who serve your EDOA are increasing every year. Word must be getting out that we are having fun. At the risk of leaving someone off the list I will not attempt to name them. Please know that we value, appreciate and enjoy your participation. These are the faithful volunteers who staff the booth, run the raffles, sell the shirts and hats, send out cards, pick up dog poop, bake and brew refreshments, stuff the Mutt Mitt boxes, donate membership fees, search for lost



EDOA board member Dianne Cullen (left) and a young friend had a barking good time at Eastham Turnip Festival in November.

dogs, volunteer for the Emergency Shelter, donate to the Memorial Scholarship Fund, and generally care about dogs. I never have to look around. I know we will be on the trail together.

This is our Membership Month. You can join / renew your membership on our website <https://www.easthamdog.org> or by responding to one of the reminders you will be receiving in the next few weeks. Your support brings with it some nice discounts from some of our generous local dog-related establishments (details on the website). More importantly membership demonstrates support for a dog friendly Eastham.

“Faithful” and “EDOA members” are words that just go together.



Big pooch meets little pooch at the booth of the Companion Animal Programs Eastham Turnip Festival

Local veterinarian, Dr. Dani Schutzengel, demonstrated general dog care tips at EDOA's annual meeting in October. Thank you Dr. Dani!



LOST DOG NETWORK

LOST DOG



NOVEMBERS DOG OF THE MONTH

is Lab-Shepherd mix, Hobie, a gentle, sweet senior pup who is best friend to EDOA board member Kathy "k2" Mueller.

TIME TO RENEW!

The new year is on our doorstep and that means it's time to renew your EDOA membership if you haven't already signed up at one of our events this fall. Renewals received at the annual EDOA meeting or at Eastham Turnip Festival are valid through the end of 2014. As of the most recent membership report at our board meeting, EDOA had 140 members, and we're proud that this number has remained steady for several years. Membership is just \$20 a year, and members qualify for discounts at many local businesses including Nauset Pet Services and The Cape Cod Dog, to name just two! It's easy to renew online, just click [here](#) and follow the instructions.

NEWS & EVENTS

The board of Eastham Dog Owners' Association wishes all members and their families a very safe and happy holiday season, *and* a prosperous and healthy 2014!

UPCOMING EVENTS

We will keep you informed for updates on spring 2014 events

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

And follow us on [Facebook!](#)

2013 IN REVIEW

The Lost Dog Network (LDN) saw some successful and unsuccessful lost-dog searches with some dogs returning home on their own. Lost Dog Alert signs will now include a photo of the missing pooch to help identify the pet. A meeting will be held soon for current LDN coordinators. Anyone interested in learning more about helping Lost Dog Network is welcome to attend. Click [here](#) for more Lost Dog News!

Cape Cod Disaster Animal Responses Team (CCDART) oversees the pet component at emergency shelters. Several EDOA board members are also CCDART members and assist at the shelter when needed. Anyone interested in learning more about volunteering with CCDART can contact them [here](#).

The Buddy Scholarship is a fund named in memory of EDOA President, Ed Daniels' beloved dog Buddy. Anyone can make a donation in memory of a pet or in honor of a human. All donations are confirmed with an acknowledgement letter to the owners and honorees. In 2013, we awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to UMass student Katie Flanigan who is studying to become a veterinarian.



EDOA board members at the annual meeting, above, and at Eastham Turnip Festival, below.



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- Willy's Gym for providing meeting space to the EDOA board
- Vicky Anderson, Kathy Herrick, Cindy Blum, Dianne Cullen, Ed Daniels, Betsy Foy and Cindy Nicholson for volunteering at the Eastham Turnip Festival.

EDOA's Board of Directors- Ed Daniels, President; Cindy Nicholson, VP; Lu St. Aubin, Treasurer; Kathy Herrick, Secretary; Directors: Vicky Anderson; Cindy Blum; Per Bentsen; Dianne Cullen; Kathleen Mueller; Ellen Murray; Tracey Plantier and Larry DiBona