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

Achieving Our Goals for Eastham Dogs

- a message from Ed Daniels, President

There is a recurring comment about EDOA that is being heard more this year than ever. "I wish we had something like EDOA in our town." It is reassuring that our little dog owners' group has grown and is making itself known. Membership support is solid and volunteerism is growing. Our list of activities and services is vibrant.

Among our efforts are:

- Lost Dog Network
- Windmill Weekend
- Bow Wow Bash
- Annual meeting
- Coordinating with town departments

- Community clean-up
- Support of Nauset Emergency Shelter
- Buddy Scholarship

A wonderful, generous and talented board of directors makes up the backbone of our volunteer corps. Be sure to thank them when you run into them.

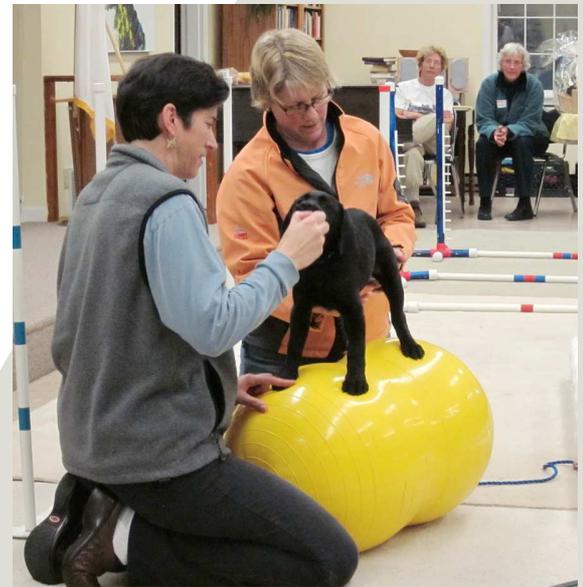
Their service starts with our monthly meetings (3rd Thursday of the month). Meetings are open and all members are invited to join us. Details are always posted on our website. www.easthamdog.org Support EDOA as much as you can. Your membership and your service are what make us effective.

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Fans:
270



ANNUAL MEETING: Our October meeting may have been our most interesting yet. Our featured presenters were entertaining and provocative. **Nancy Bishop** returned with friends both human and canine to demonstrate agility training. Three of her adult dogs went through their paces to the delight and awe of the 50 + in attendance. But the real star was a lab pup that showed us how we might get our pups started with agility. Thank you, Nancy, for another delightful demonstration. Our keynote speaker, educator and author Peter Trull, presented an



Edie and Ernie
EDOA's newest members
from Penny and Gordon Allen

Chief Kulhawik Reports

Chief Ed Kulhawik of the Eastham Police Department reported at the EDOA Annual Meeting that he was pleased and impressed with the service of EDOA to the community. There were no serious problems or developments related to dogs recently or through the summer. He credited EDOA members' education and involvement as a positive influence. Chief also singled out the Lost Dog Network as a very positive and professional effort in service to residents and visitors of Eastham.



The Kaplan's enjoying
the demonstrations

Achieving Goals (cont.)

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engaging and animated discussion of the Cape Cod coyote aka coywolf. Peter shared the results of his long term research on the population describing it as smaller, smarter, and less dangerous and aggressive than most realize. This hybrid of Eastern coyote and western wolf is a well adapted wild animal presenting no particular danger to humans. Pets, with reasonable care are at no particular danger of attack. With plenty of native prey, confrontation is rare, according to Trull. "Attacks from coywolves are nearly nonexistent. They just do what wild animals do – look for easy meals and protect themselves. If your small dog charges after a coywolf, the coywolf takes care of both needs at once." Despite the collective cringe of the audience at the prospect of such a scene, Trull insisted that coywolves are worthy of our fascination and delight. They are wild animals who fit well into our environment and provide service in the balance of nature. Still, they need to be respected, but not feared. Take reasonable caution and "If you see one, enjoy the encounter."

SPECIAL THANKS:

- A raffle consisting of 10 prizes totaling over \$1000 in merchandise and services took place at the Annual Meeting. That's right – over \$1000. Thanks to Richard Brezner for organizing the event and to all the generous contributors – too many to list here but they are posted on the website. www.easthamdog.org
- Thank you to our outgoing board members for your service, time, talents, and friendship. Your service to EDOA has made us what we are today. Few know of the time and energy you have donated to the dog owners of our town but all have benefited from your service. **Richard Brezner, Noelle Smith, Doug Meyer**, you are the best.

Election Results

- Our general election resulted in three new members of the board of directors. Kathy (K2) Mueller, Tracey Plantier, and Larry DiBona, joined incumbent Ellen Murray, secretary Kathy Herrick and president Ed Daniels on the successful slate.

LOST DOG NETWORK

LOST DOG



"Beau Barker"
Male Rat Terrier, Black and Wh

LOST DOG



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

This year has been the busiest yet for EDOA's Lost Dog Network. So far, we've received 17 lost dog alerts (11 from Eastham, 6 from other towns), and while our efforts focus in the Town of Eastham, some of our volunteers have assisted with searches in bordering towns. Many of the dogs reported lost returned home shortly after the alerts were issued, but LDN volunteers participated in 7 searches where we were able to assist in returning 5 of those dogs to their thankful owners. Unfortunately, two dogs were never found.

Our active volunteer base grew this year, and several of these volunteers received additional training to become search coordinators who act as the liaison between the owner and EDOA during active searches. Not only do we inform our 140+ EDOA members of lost dog activity, but we partner with the Eastham Police Department, Neighborhood Watch, and our local pet businesses to ensure that as many people as possible are keeping their eyes open for the missing dog.

EDOA members interested in learning more about joining the Lost Dog Network can email us at LostDog@easthamdog.org for further information.

- Kathy Herrick, LDN
Committee Chair and EDOA
Secretary