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▶ A PLACE FOR RECREATION FOR DOGS AND PEOPLE

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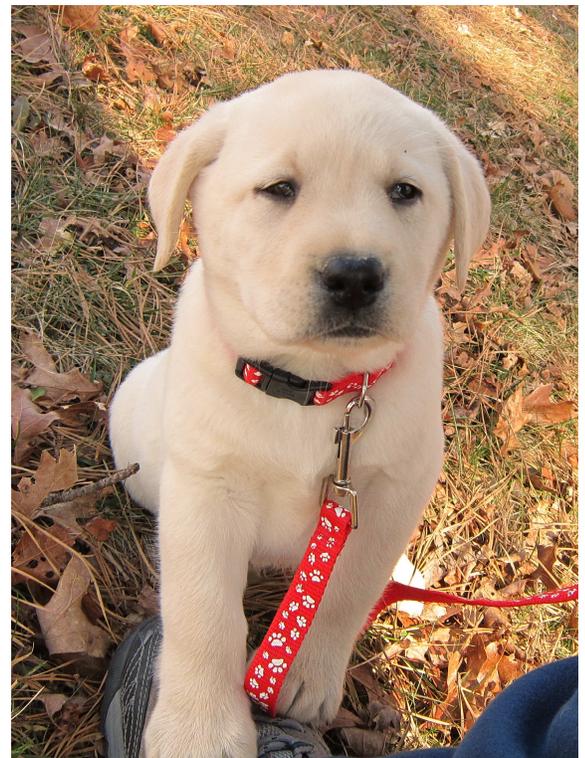
EASTHAM DOG OWNERS' ASSOCIATION
ADDRESSING ISSUES EFFECTING
DOGS AND DOG OWNERS

2012 Membership Drive - Please sign up NOW!

Helping Achieve Our Goals for Eastham Dogs

Among the events, issues and activities EDOA members support are:

- **Hot Dog Bash:** our Spring social event. Free to all. More popular each year.
- **Windmill Weekend:** float and booth on the Village Green.
- **Emergency Shelter Training:** supporting Cape Cod D.A.R.T.
- **Poop Pick-Up Parties:** more fun that you would imagine.
- **Lost Dog Network:** organized, prepared and dedicated. No dog left behind.
- **Buddy Scholarship:** supporting the education of local dog handling students and professionals
- **The Rules:** educating the public about the town by-laws and regulations
- **Owner's Rights:** monitoring concerns before they become issues requiring official intervention.



Ed and Nancy Daniels' and EDOA's newest member—Montana (Monty)

EDO A Receives Grant

Eastham's Community Conservation Board has awarded EDOA a grant to provide a parking area near the recently acquired town property along Sandy Neck Rd. near N. Sunken Meadow. Details are being worked out. More to come.

SHELTER WATCH

There is renewed focus on getting the Regional Emergency Shelter at Nauset High School open for pets. Our frustration over the pace of progress in this regard has been channeled into resolve. Deputy Chief Mark Foley has met with EDOA members and assures us that the pet component of the shelter will go forward. A recent meeting attracted 25 potential volunteers. Not all will be able to serve so more volunteers are sought. If you think that you might be able to serve with the emergency shelter, please contact us for more info. E-mail: info@easthamdog.org



Eastham dogs socializing on the town's bay-side beach near Rock Harbor

Learning from Others' Mistakes

Communities try to adjust to more dogs and more people and the places they love but don't always want to share.

We continue to see other cape towns struggling with issues related to public access and dog owners' rights. As populations increase (dogs too) there are more complaints and more public officials feeling the pressure to respond.

Drummer Boy Park in Brewster is one example. The area is so loved and so popular that some citizens have been feeling put upon by the large number of dogs there. We love to hear about dogs and owners socializing and exercising yet we are sympathetic to those offended by feces left behind and those startled by over-enthusiastic approaches. It seems that education of dogs and owners would go a long way toward mitigating such problems.

The Town of Brewster has had contentious meetings and changes in the planned response to the issues. A ban on dogs, creating a fenced area to run dogs, and restricting dogs to another site, have all been offered as "solutions".

No one seemed to be happy. There seems to be no compromise acceptable to both "sides". Passions run high. This is not good for the town

and not good for dog owners or dogs. We hear of several other towns contemplating further restrictions as well.

Eastham experienced a somewhat similar situation over the Rock Harbor Area. Access for dogs ended up being further restricted. We have to learn from our experience and that of others. We have to be "intelligent". We certainly do not want to see this happening elsewhere in Eastham.

But what can we Eastham Dog Owners do?

First, we can join together.

"Intelligence is learning from other people's mistakes. Any damn fool can learn from his own mistakes"

Being part of the Association is a sign that Eastham's dog owners will serve the cause of responsible dog ownership. We will stand up and we will be heard.

Here in Eastham we dog owners enjoy the town's many conservation and public areas. The National Seashore allows summer visitors access to extensive beach areas. The town's Rock Harbor area and tidal flats are available with restrictions that included time of day, parking stickers and an attendant. It was reported that this past summer there was less visitor pressure and fewer complaints. This is an issue that EDOA continues to watch.

At Rock Harbor and other popular areas in town EDOA has been posting and tending Mutts dispensensers. We will continue to do that. The Town, EDOA and community vendors have generously contributed the mits. Please continue to use them. It is the right thing to do. We would hate for their poop to be the impression Eastham's dogs leave on the town.

- Ed Daniels, President EDOA

THE BUDDY SCHOLARSHIP

Provide a Memorial gift in the name of your beloved pet



What can you do when your buddy is gone? My dog taught me by example about companionship and loyalty and empathy. He had his favorite tricks (mine too). He selected his friends—one of which I was honored to be. Now that he is gone, I'd like to have a good way to honor him.

We on the EDOA Board of Directors have talked often of doing something in memory of the pets that have gone before us. Those wonderful benches with the memorial plaques were very expensive—and dogs don't even get to sit on them.

We came up with a scholarship. This would support a local student training for a career in pet care.

A committee is working on the details. In the mean time keep the Buddy Scholarship in mind when considering memorializing your dear departed companion



EDOA vice president Cindy Nicholson with her lab Sophie and Jessie. Sadly, Jessie died after a brief illness this January. Donations have been received for the Memorial Scholarship Fund in Jessie's name. You can donate as well—in Jessie's name or any other pet you would like to remember in this way.
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Cindy has found space in her heart and home for another lucky bird—Elwood. Best wishes to all at the Nicholson's home.