



Emergency Pet Shelter Update

The Eastham Dog Owners Association has been diligently working with the town of Eastham to provide a pet-friendly shelter in case of a natural disaster or emergency. A place where you and your pet can seek shelter should you need it. Let me assure you, this has been no easy task. A few things for consideration are location, capacity, staffing, admission requirements, and equipment needed to provide a safe environment for pets and their owners. We are pleased to announce that the town has agreed to open the Council on Aging building, located at 1450 Nauset Road in Eastham. Unless otherwise specified, this location is the emergency shelter for Eastham taxpayers. The shelter can accommodate 50-75 people and their pets. Pets are limited to dogs, cats, and other caged mammals, birds, etc. Other

small pets may also be allowed at the shelter manager's discretion. Due to the limited number of pets that can be accommodated, owners should rely on this shelter as a last resort. A regional shelter may be available at Otis Air Base or space may be available in neighboring towns.

All pet owners MUST bring their own appropriate equipment which includes a crate for each dog and/or cat. All birds must be in a lockable cage. Other equipment necessary may include pet crates, food/water dishes, cat litter, litter boxes, medications, collars and leashes. All pet owners are responsible for the care of their pets including feeding, exercise, crate cleaning and walking. In addition, the owner must provide proof of the following: Current **Rabies** vaccinations for dogs and cats, **Ken-**



Photo's with Santa "Paws", held at The Cape Cod Dog, raised \$145 for EDOA

nel Cough vaccination is required for dogs, current **Distemper** for dogs and cats and a current dog **License** tag, as required by the town of Eastham. Animals without necessary equipment may be turned away.

For a complete list,
Please e-mail
edoa_dog@yahoo.com

Rabies Drop in Eastham

Beginning April 28th, the town will be distributing the vaccine to reduce rabies in wildlife. If you find a vaccine/bait package: Use a glove or a towel to pick it up. Throw it into the woods where children and pets will not find it. If no suitable place is available, dispose of the bait in the trash. Wash your hands thoroughly after handling the bait. If your pet has eaten or had contact with the bait, it is not harmful to them, but please report the contact to: Dr. Janet Martin at (774) 230-2210, (508) 887-4761 or (508) 839-7918. Rabies is present in wildlife in all areas of Cape Cod-Do not handle wildlife, report it to your local animal control. Make sure your dogs and cats are currently vaccinated against rabies!

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Poop Pick-Up Party

The Eastham Dog Owners Association is calling on all pet owners to help keep our beaches and parks clean of any pet waste. Please join us at "Wiley Park" Parking Lot this Saturday, March 15th from 10-12 (approx) and on the 2nd Saturday of every month. Bring your bags, buckets, shovels and friends. Other clean-up events:

First Encounter Beach
(far end of parking lot)
Saturday, April 26
10-12 (approx)
Heaviest bag wins a prize!



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