



Hi «FNAME», «Add'l Names»,
EDOA Summer Edition

Increased Summer Population Brings Usual Issues with Dogs

Take this quiz:

1. (T or F) Dogs are allowed on the town's beaches.
2. (T or F) Dogs must be on lead on public areas.
3. What is the number 1 complaint regarding dogs made to the town?
4. (T or F) Dogs must be on a leash in the Summer.
5. Calls made to Eastham Police annually re. dogs. A) ~50—100 B) ~300 - 500 C) ~ 750—1000.

Answers below.

Best "doggone" Articles on the Web

[Rabies vaccines helicopter dropped on Cape Cod](#) This follows the discovery of a rabid raccoon in Hyannis. Virus is still extremely rare but dangerous. Did you know that there was no rabies on the Cape before 2004?

[Dogs genetically wired to communicate with humans.](#) And they call humans the compulsive communicators. Ha.

- Thanks Roz D.

"Dog Talk" — A Special Educational Feature

Tony Cantore, EDOA Vice President and director of Education Programs provides us with this Dog Health News. Regular meetings having been restricted. Tony will be providing educational articles in this News Blurb.

Thinking about getting a new dog?

- edited by Tony Cantore

Dogs are a huge commitment; they can live from 6 years for very large breeds to almost 20 years for a small breed. You will want to carefully consider your decision so that you will have a dog that enriches your life.

Are there children in your home? Some dogs are better with kids than others, and some children may be frightened of a certain type of dog.

Allergies? There are breeds considered hypoallergenic, which means that they have hair rather than fur.

Grooming: Some dogs are best groomed by a professional while some look great after a bath. Long haired dogs require brushing almost daily, while short haired need only occasional brushing.

Do you want to vacuum daily? Dogs with straight fur shed much more than a dog with curly fur or hair.

Age of dog? Do you want a puppy, adult, or older dog? How much training would be involved?

Your home: Do you rent or own, house or condo? Check for restrictions in a condo or neighborhood association. Do you have a fenced in yard or will you walk the dog? If you're getting a breed that barks this can be a huge concern.

Exercise: Some dogs require almost no exercise, while others are highly energetic and need hours activity. A bored dog can be a destructive dog, so giving the appropriate amount of exercise is important!

Pure breed, Mix: A pure breed dog gives you a puppy, with predictable lifetime behaviors. Most mixes are great dogs, you can get an idea of their behavior if you know their major breed.

Shelter, Breeder or Rescue: Most breeders are very reputable, but be sure to check out their reputation. Shelters and rescues are great, there are breed specific rescues. Petfinder gathers information on available dogs through both shelters and rescues, it is a great place to look at dogs (and cats) to see what may appeal to you. You can enter your location, age of dog, and find available animals. They identify the major breed of the dog so you can get an idea of the predicted behaviors.

Petfinder has listings of breeds and their characteristics. You can find out the breed size, energy level, exercise requirements, playfulness, affection level, dog friendly or not, if the dog is good with strangers, watchfulness, ease of training, heat sensitivity, vocality and grooming requirements. There is also a page www.petfinder.com/dog-breeds/ that has choices by dog size.

Bringing the dog home!

Supplies that are necessary include:

Pet Carrier or Travel Harness	Collar	Harness	Leash
Dog brush	Dog nail clippers	Dog poop bags	Food and water bowls
Water fountain	Bed	Pee Pads	Crate
Gate	Dog approved toys	Surface Cleaner	Paper Towels

[Have a suggestion for a future Dog Talk topic?](#)

The Animal Rescue League has a very detailed page on introducing your dog to your home. Their recommendations include:

Gather up the supplies and have them ready for when the dog arrives. Dog proof the house, removing hazardous items, valuables that can be chewed, and anything the dog could chew that may get stuck in their throat. Decide upon the best area in your house for the dog, and set up the bed, crate and bowls. Figure out a set schedule for the dog to go out, play, walk, feed, and "potty time".

Elsa makes a pass at Eastham

- [Kathy Herrick, w notes from Ed Daniels](#)

Eastham received its personal reminder that hurricane season is upon us. The remnants of hurricane Elsa left a little rain and pushed in on 45 mph winds in Eastham. EDOA's Lower Cape Animal Shelter Team (LCAST) leader Kathy recently attended a meeting of the county emergency team.

As you've likely read in recent newspaper articles or in the article I wrote for last EDOA newsletter, forecasts call for up to 20 named storms, 6-10 that are expected to be hurricanes, and 3-5 that could be Category 3 or higher with sustained winds of 111 mph+. You can find much more detail from NOAA by clicking the link below.

<https://www.noaa.gov/news-release/noaa-predicts-another-active-atlantic-hurricane-season>

One issue of concern for Eastham is the danger of flooding. Based on high tide, worst storm and ground elevation, there are 195 areas identified in Eastham that would experience flooding if history repeated itself. If the storm surge was just 12 inches higher than anything we've experienced in the past, there would be an additional 21 new areas flooded covering 53 acres, and this would involve flooding on Route 6 to block access to the Eastham/Orleans rotary. Granted, models are estimates but having this kind of technology offers town emergency managers and others the opportunity to plan for worst case scenarios.

Sheltering with your pets is what LCAST is charged with handling for the Nauset HS shelter. The time to be prepared is pre-storm. [Check out the recommendations on our website.](#)

Dog ID Gets More Options

New technology is ramping up the quest for lost dogs. As if the EDOA's Lost Dog Network needed help (We do). There are microchips, homing beacons and now [nose prints](#) and [facial recognition](#).

Nothing is as good as the microchip, but the other options are worth watching. Interesting times.

Now maybe it is just me, but sometimes even I am not sure that I am looking at MY yellow lab.

"Your Honor, that may or may not be Monty flaunting the rules."

P.S. I'm so happy they did not put up that obnoxious sign this year.

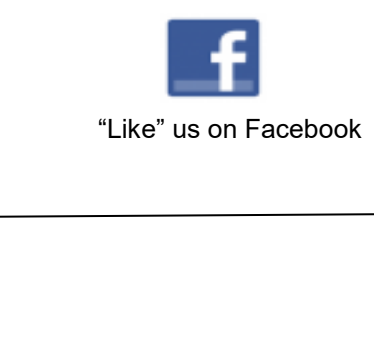


Unidentified yellow lab in an act of civil disobedience.

Quiz answers:

1. False
2. False
3. Poop
4. False
5. C

Now that I look at it, this was a rather negative quiz. Things will get more positive now that the rain are ebbing.



Pat Shomer's pups being soooo well behaved.

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