



Hi Mary & Lou,

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Upcoming

- EDOA Board Meeting November 17, 2022. Town Hall, 6 P.M.

Volunteers Found and Volunteers Needed for the NEW LCAST

- Kathy Herrick

Beverly Hobbs is the new leader of the Lower Cape Animal Shelter Team (LCAST). In this role, she will be the team's liaison to the Barnstable County Emergency Planning Committee (BCREPC) and will be the focal point for training and communication to team members. With Nauset High renovation underway, a new site must be to house the emergency shelter that had operated at the school. Although no decisions have yet been made by the BCREPC, Eastham Elementary School and Orleans Middle School are two of the sites being considered.

Our volunteers will receive training and serve the sheltered dogs along with the owners. This is a rarely used service, but so essential to have for our dog-owning community during emergencies requiring sheltering. LCAST has shown itself to be a dependable and self-sufficient element of the area's emergency response.

At the annual meeting, two new volunteers ex-

pressed interest in joining LCAST. If you are also interested in learning more about LCAST and how you can support our community pets and their owners in an emergency situation, please reach out via e-mail to shelter@easthamdog.com Be part of the team.



Editor's note: Kathy Herrick has been spearheading LCAST since its inception. She leave the post with a professional, efficient and effective service to the animals and owners of Eastham and beyond. LCAST is recognized as an essential component of the emergency response in our county. Thank you Kathy for all you have done for us.

Like all initiatives by EDOA, Kathy was joined by other dedicated members now moved on including Per Bentsen, Cindy Blum, and the late Joanne Baldauf. Big shoes to fill.

Many other EDOA members continue to serve LCAST.

2022 Annual Meeting— Recap

Over 40 members attended the 2022 gathering last week. We received committee reports, treasurer's report, and messages from our president, Tracey Plantier. Memberships were renewed, and door prizes won. It was great to hang out, enjoy the refreshments, and talk with the dog owners we have missed seeing.

Following elections your EDOA Board consists of:

- President Tracy Plantier
- Vice President Tony Cantore
- Secretary Ellen Lapriore
- Treasurer Ruth Bentsen
- Vicky Anderson, Director
- Diane Cullen, Director
- Ed Daniels, Director
- Bev Hobbs, Director
- Karie Miller, Director
- Cindy Nicholson, Director
- Keri Ann Reid, Director
- John Shaw , Director

Deputy Chief Danny Dechamps stepped in for AOC Desmond Keogh due to a last minute scheduling issue and did a fine job of explaining the town emergency plans. Tips for personal planning for humans and dogs as well as changes necessitated by Nauset Regional High School renovations were discussed.

Deschamps was effusive in praise of LCAST (Lower Cape

Animal Shelter Team), the EDOA's volunteer group charged with staffing the animal component required for all regional emergency shelters in times of severe conditions.

Tom Topham presented his stellar credentials for emergency response training. He trains many EMTs police and firefighters essential techniques. Tom points out the need for personal training especially in an area so far from 24 hours pet care.

Plans are being made to bring Tom's training program to Eastham Dog Owners at reduced rates to members. Volunteers for the Lost Dog Network and LCAST are especially encouraged to take advantage of this training. Stay tuned.

EDOA By the Numbers

- 207—Members for 2022
- 162—Members for 2021
- 822—People reached on EDOA Facebook
- 248—Calls to Lost Dog Network phone

New Dog Services Business Opens

- Ed Daniels

[Nauset Canine Club](#) is OPEN. Located at 2685 Nauset Road in North Eastham the new version of full-service dog care sits on the old Nauset Pet Services (aka Nauset Kennels) property. Owner Darlene McCarthy has made it her own and her passion for dogs is apparent everywhere you look.

She greeted EDOA members Tony Cantore, Tracey Plantier and Ed Daniels for a tour with Beau, her rescue pit bull mix. Darlene's enthusiasm for dogs is the first thing that strikes you. Here we are in this expansive, new, boarding, training, grooming, shelter facility and store and Darlene wants to talk about dogs, dogs, dogs. For good reason starting with her special pup Beau. Darlene credits the rescue dog with getting her through some tough times with his intuitive sense and loving nature. The story of their journey resulted in being awarded a prize as Best Rescue Dog.

Meanwhile we are all wowed by the updates in the facilities. Darlene begins the tour. "We are now open for day care and boarding. Our boutique store is also open daily and offers wonderful gifts for both dogs and humans!! We are featuring amazing brands like Polkadog, Bocce's Bakery, Stella & Chewy's, Red Barn and Earth Animal." She explains that prices are watched online so that her offerings will stay competitively priced.

We are standing in an area designed for over a dozen dogs with murals on the walls, raised dog beds and toys. There is access to a grassy exercise yard, and grooming station. Besides handling the needs of dog owners, Nauset Canine Club is actively working with "Last Hope" dog rescue.

The boarding corridor is bright and clean with another grooming station and training run. This leads to another HUGE, shaded, grassy play yard. Balls and play structures dot the grounds including an adorable, king-sized doghouse. Beau and my dog Monty investigated the grounds, happily and excitedly sniffing the signs of old acquaintances.

We wish the [Nauset Canine Club](#) the best in their new business and thank you for your passion for dogs and choosing Eastham to house your services.

Reflecting on LCAST Presentation

- Cindy Nicholson

I enjoyed another informative annual meeting with friends at the COA this month. There is always something to learn, and this time for me, was EDOA's role in the disaster animal shelter. LCAST is in dire need of trained shelter volunteers as is the Red Cross. Our mission needs to be revisited.

1) we can't store our purchased administrative supplies in the State connex box as there is a possibility this box could be moved to another regional shelter location. Our supplies are stored at 2 locations with Eastham volunteers.

2) important to educate how to shelter in place with your pets, but if one needs to leave their shelter, let's be proactive and supportive of those in need. Build a strong trained network to support this local shelter. This is who we are in Eastham, we support one another.

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