



Hi Ed & Nancy,

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Upcoming

- No EDOA Board Meeting for December.
- Watch for announcement for Tom Topham's Dog Emergency First Aid Course
- High Wind Warning for Wednesday thru Thursday. [More on this below.](#)

How prepared are you? Your dog is sick, bleeding, eaten something bad. Emergencies are rare, yet we owe it to our pups to be able to take care of them. Police are 5 – 10 minutes away and it is not really their priority, although most have training in the basics. Vet access takes even longer. Of course, nothing requiring emergency care happens at a convenient time. We all should know what to do.

Tom Topham, our guest speaker at the EDOA Annual Meeting, will be offering his Emergency CPR / First Aid course to EDOA members right here in Eastham. This will be a small class of from 8 to 12 for first hand training. It is recommended for any dog owner looking to brush-up on their first aid skills. It is of special interest to LCAST (pet shelter) volunteers and Lost Dog Network searchers. The \$75 cost is discounted to \$60. There are 12 spaces only. As soon as time, date and place are finalized we will notify you with an EDOA News Blast.

Only 1 out of 10 dog owners can pass this test!

- Ed Daniels

- Who and where is the nearest 24 hr. emergency vet?
 - Your local vet 15 minutes.
 - Local area 30 minutes.
 - Off Cape 1 hour.
 - There isn't one.
- When was the first case of terrestrial rabies on Cape Cod?
 - There is no rabies on Cape Cod
 - Rabies has always been on Cape Cod
 - 1882
 - 2004
- What is a dog's normal temperature?
 - 95° - 97°
 - 98.6°
 - 100.4° - 102.5°
 - 103° - 105°
- What is the best place to take a dog's pulse?
 - Groin.
 - Arm pit.
 - Wrist.
 - Dogs don't have a pulse.
- For dog CPR, what is the ratio of chest compressions to breaths?
 - 5 to 1
 - 15 to 2
 - 30 to 2
 - Just compressions no breaths
- What is the limit for using a tourniquet if necessary to stop bleeding?
 - 10 minutes
 - 1 hour
 - As long as it takes

OK. That title is a lie to get your attention. No one has taken the test 'cause I just made it up. The answers have been verified by at least 2 sources such as FDA and ASPCA. Play along and try it. If you did really well, let me know and I'll give you a nod in the next News Blast. Oh yeah, I have no idea what the passing score should be. Answers below.

- Which of the following is not a disease carried by ticks?
 - Permethrin
 - Babesiosis
 - Rocky Mountain spotted fever
 - Bartonella
 - Anaplasmosis
 - Lyme
- What is the most important thing in removing a tick?
 - Get the head.
 - Get it fast.
 - Coat it with Vaseline or alcohol.
 - Hit it with a hot match head.
- Which are signs of infection with tick borne disease?
 - Swollen joints
 - Lameness
 - Loss of appetite.
 - Fever
 - All of the above.
- What should you do if you suspect your dog has been into something poisonous?
 - Induce vomiting with hydrogen peroxide.
 - Give it chocolate.
 - Feed it.
 - Call the ASPCA Poison Center or your vet.

The Answers

- Ans: C
Bonus if you named Cape Cod Vet Specialists in Buzzards Bay.
Double Bonus if you have 508-743-4741 in your phone contacts. Their Dennis location is seasonal.
- Ans: D.
Only one case in the last 8 years (in 2021).
While rabies is very rare, it is close to 100% deadly if untreated. Vaccines keep it at bay.
- Ans: C.
Rectal. Make sure (s)he doesn't sit. (NOT a misspelling).
- Ans: A.
Bonus if you know that it is normal for the pulse is somewhat irregular.
- Ans: C.
No shame in getting this one wrong as the numbers have changed over the last few years.

- Ans: A.
Not a lot of time to get to a vet. If necessary, loosen the device briefly and then retighten.
- Ans: A.
That is used to repel ticks on clothing. Many of the others are in every Cape Cod tick.
- Ans: B.
The jaws are often left behind not the head and they just need alcohol treatment. The others do not work to stop transfer of microbes in time. Use whatever is fastest. Know how?
- Ans: E.
It is really scary to watch.
- Ans: D.
There is a lot to unpack here, but first get that phone number in your contacts. Answers A and C may be appropriate in some circumstances but are damaging in others. Poison Information Center is 888-426-4435.

Potential Wind Damage Emergency- NOAA

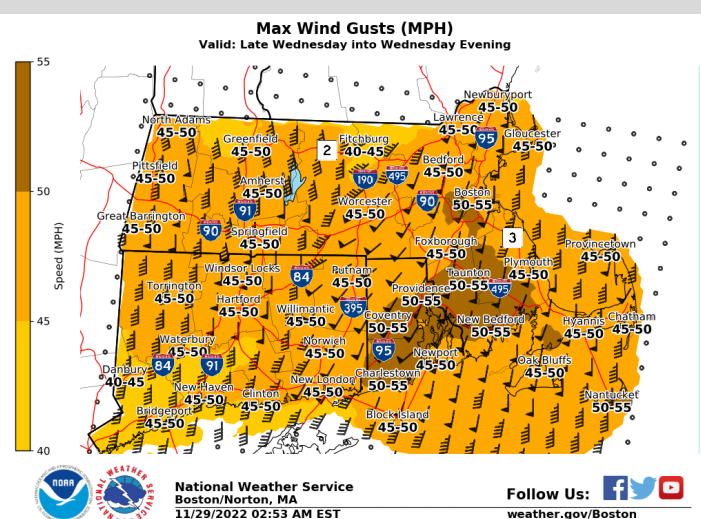
-Bev Hobbs, LCAST Coordinator

NOAA has issued an update on the expected strong winds which will pick up early on Wednesday, peak in the afternoon and early overnight hours, and continue through Thursday. Heavy rain is also expected at times late Wednesday.

Be prepared for power outages. In the past such outages have resulted in the necessity to open emergency shelters. If you need to avail yourself of such service, please call police.

- Prepare to bring your pets. ([EDOA / LCAST instructions](#))
- Stock water for short term use especially if you use personal well water.
- Charge devices like cell phones you may need for contact.

Batten down the deck chairs and **STAY SAFE everyone.**



Biden Signs Pet Protection Act

-Bev Hobbs, LCAST Coordinator

This new law represents a critical step toward ensuring best practices for animals in the wake of emergencies and natural disasters. We are now able to look with greater hope towards a safer future for us all.

"Pets are an essential part of our lives," said Rep. Titus. "No one should be forced to make the impossible choice between leaving them behind or evacuating to safety in

the event of an emergency. This law will empower first responders and federal disaster response workers to help pet owners plan to keep every member of their family, even the furry or feathered ones, safe. It will also help people find and reunite with their pets if separated. Disasters are stressful enough; people shouldn't have to worry about also losing their cherished pets."

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