

EDOA News Blast

Eastham Dog Owners' Association



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Whew! It's the Dog Days

Upcoming

- Windmill Weekend—September 9—11, 2022.
 - EDOA will have our booth. Stop by and say hello. Better yet, [volunteer to serve in the booth.](#)
 - Walk with is in the parade.
- More info to follow.

What is EDOA Up To These Days?

- This is GREAT! The Bow Wow Bash was a BLAST. We have proof. Teresa Martin of Lower Cape TV assembled a really fun video of the day. This is mutt see TV. <https://vimeo.com/713397034>
- The Buddy Scholarship was awarded to Carson Winslow and Rose Freeman. We received wonderful “thank you” notes from each. Class acts. We are so proud of all the scholarship winners over the years. They have all been SO deserving.
- Lost dogs activity has increased as expected. [Check out the reporting page on our website.](#) Being familiar with it may help someone when it is needed.
- Memberships in EDOA are at 197 households. Oh so close to our 200 member goal. That is up from 178 at the last publication of the EDOA News Blast. Do you know someone who should be a member? Put them on to us!
- More from [Lower Cape TV.](#) [Nice nod to EDOA in this video on current T-time](#) use. The wildflower meadow looks awesome. Grab a leash, and guidebook .

Emergency Closures

At this time there are NO emergency dog prohibitions. The piping plover chicks are all hatched and fledged at Dyer Prince Rd area and the ponds are holding up against the cyanobacteria loads. (More below).

Thanks to Cindy Nicholson, Tracey Plantier and John Shaw for keeping up with the latest status.

Cyanobacteria Reports for Eastham Ponds

- Tracey Plantier

The APCC finally returned my call yesterday afternoon. Kevin Johnson was very patient to answer many questions. First, Great Pond had been trending in the wrong direction so they are now testing it every week. If it continues in this direction a recommendation would be made to do the more expensive testing. I did check the map this morning and no new data since June 29th.

When I discussed the fact that I saw two different descriptions of “potential for concern”, Kevin said they changed the description this year and the one that seems less cautionary is the one they are currently using. They didn’t realize the other description is still on the website.

So what does that mean for dog owners? Kevin said that if you have a dog with a propensity to ingest a lot of water - he would be more cautious about having that dog in Great Pond under the current conditions. I thought I read that children and dogs were more susceptible to the toxins due to their lower body weight, so I asked about that. Kevin agreed and also added that adults with lower immune response would also be impacted.

The APCC is a nonprofit working with both the county and the town. They are reporting results to both. Kevin explained to me that some towns are and others would wait for the more if warranted by that testing. We that if warranted the county is pay-currently free for the town. Here is the county website.

Barnstable County has partnered (APCC), a local non-profit environmental organization, to proactively monitor and, more specifically, the toxins they sometimes produce. With the assistance of Barnstable County’s seasonal beach monitoring staff, APCC will collect pond water samples and use a predictive methodology called CyanoCasting. While this method provides useful information regarding cyanobacteria presence and abundance, it does not provide data regarding the existence or quantity of harmful toxins.

If APCC’s team, through the use of the above-described CyanoCasting method, determines that additional confirmatory toxin testing is warranted, the Barnstable County Water Quality Lab will then perform toxin analysis via Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Approved Method 546 for Surface Water Sampling. If toxins are found to be present in an amount considered to be harmful to humans and pets, an advisory will be issued by the local board of health to make the public aware that swimming could pose a risk of illness. For more specifics regarding the particulars of the monitoring program, please visit [APCC's cyanobacteria monitoring web page.](#)

The Latest:

[Link to the interactive map of pond condition from APCC.](#)

Click on the pond and get the most up-to-date cyanobacteria conditions.

As of this time, Great Pond is rated as “Acceptable”.

more cautionary and are posting advisories expensive testing and then post advisories seem to be the latter. He did let me know ing for the the more expensive testing. It is an explanation of the collaboration from with the [Association to Preserve Cape Cod](#) mental organization, to proactively monitor and, more specifically, the toxins they

Ask the Blast

Notes and inquiries to EDOA only lightly edited

Dear Blast. Where do I walk my dog off leash since it ins not supposed to be done on the beaches? - Barbara K.

Thank you for your question. All that work with the maps will finally get some views. Extensive information about the dog laws in Eastham and suggestions for dog walks can be found on our website [easthamdog.org](http://www.easthamdog.org). the direct link to our beaches and dog walks suggestions is <https://www.easthamdog.org/eastham/beaches/> The quick answer to your question is that dogs are allowed off leash in Eastham if under the handler's control. The most popular Park is Wiley Park on Herringbrook Road. Other conservation lands also accommodate dogs off lead. There are special rules for National Seashore properties and state park properties like the bike trail.

Enjoy.
Ed

Dear members, How about a dog of the month for the EDOA Blast?

Dear Ed. This is Blender. He is a member - you may think he looks like a cat.... This activity (yes, that is my arm in the wrestling match) is called "catupuncture" and is wonderful therapy for both of us. Blender grew up in Texas with 3 dogs, and quickly was identified as the Alpha of the pack. His mom had a small business of boarding other dogs, but they first had to pass the approval of Blender. He now is Alpha to a mere 2 humans, but occasionally dog friends visit, and Blender makes sure they know who rules. Come for a play date (warning, real claws attached)!



Joanna Buffington.

Dear Blast,

Why are these hot, humid, bad-for-dogs-and-people days called the dog days of summer? Dogs certainly don’t like them any more that I do. We are melting. - Wicked Witch of the Eastham.

Dear Wicked,

You came to the right place. Not only do I know about not liking heat, but I was an astronomy teacher in my former life. The “Dog Days” refers to the prominence in July / August of the constellation Canis Major aka Big Dog (which it is not) and its star Sirius. Sirius is also called the dog star and is the brightest true star in the sky. It was an easy jump to think that it was also the hottest star (which it is not –but it is a pretty hot one). Since its appearance coincided with the hot days of Summer, our ancient smarty-pants astronomers thought there was a connection (which there is not). The name Sirius is derived from an Arab word meaning ‘scorching’ (which it is). Result: Dog Days of Summer.

-Ed

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