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Bow Wow Bash

Sunday September 17th, 12 noon—2 P.M

Campground Beach, Eastham.

You are invited—that means everyone—to our annual celebration of dog ownership in Eastham. Bring your dog(s), friends, children to have a snack and play with the pups.

We usually are celebrating the last few days before dogs are banned from the beaches. This year, due to weather cancellations, we are celebrating the return of dogs to the beaches.

Seems more appropriate, doesn't it?

You know your dog. If they are good with people, and other dogs, then they are welcome off-leash. It is one of my favorite scenes to see dogs meeting, selecting friends and playing.

Bring a beach chair, toys, and beverages for yourself. (We are forbidden to supply single-serve water for people.)

You will be treated to grilled hot dogs, ice

cream treats for the pups, and other surprises all FREE (while supplies last).

Check out the new EDOA logo gear and accessories for sale.

As always we will have information on dog services in the area. The essentials will be on-hand so that we can leave the area better than we found it.

This event is there just for fun. It is a great way to meet others in the community and enjoy the afternoon with our pets.

Put it on your calendar!

Wiley Park Monitoring

- EDOA has joined the Open Space Committee in doing a user survey in Wiley Park this Summer. Others serving on the Conservation Commission and Forestry Committee were also monitors.
- Results will be compiled after the last session on September 2d.
- Preliminary results seems to indicate that moderate and respectful use of the park is taking place by dog owners and hikers.
- This survey is being done before the suggested changes were made so as to see if there were actual conflicts in the interests of the various cohorts of park users. Suggested signage and trail demarcation was not yet in place. Guideline pamphlets were not yet published. We simply observed and counted.
- Observed were rare uses of the trails that would be easily discouraged by modest signage, such as mountain bikers and watersport users accessing the trails. Some dogs were observed playing out of sight of their owners and therefore under questionable control, but still not creating damage or offending others.

We continue to be confident that dog owners are good stewards of our natural resources and with a bit of education for a few will be seen as welcome traditional users.

Windmill Weekend Parade

- Ed Daniels

EDOA members and their dogs will be marching in the Windmill Weekend Parade in Sunday, September 10th.

This is an opportunity to display the joy and pride we take in our pet community. Our friendly and wicked cute pups are our ambassadors for a dog-friendly town and we need them to put them on display.

EDOA represents 208 member families. In past years we have had dozens of marchers. It is so nice to see the kids and townspeople lining the route pointing out their favorites and asking to see up close and inviting a little pet. It is both good public relations and a demonstration of our prominence in the community.

We are proud of the services of our Dog Owners' Association. This is our chance to put it out there while showing the pride and joy we take in our dogs.

Last year, we did not get a fair representation of our significance. A few enthusiastic walkers had a great time interacting with the crowd and parading their dogs with pride. Still, the **numbers did not provide the impact we would like to see.**

Since then, we have seen the effect of a united and visible dog-owning community. We stood together and rallied with passion and purpose for our rights. **Now it is time to show that same level of enthusiasm for the fun and joyful side of dog ownership.**

Show your Puppy Pride. Join us in the parade.

Please let us know if you can join us so that we can have the supplies ready for you. We can also send you instructions and any last minute news.

Sign up on the website with the link below or drop us an [email message](#).

[Parade Sign-up](#)


Meet Eastham's new Animal Control Officer

Stephanie Sykes is stepping into the role of ACO. Unlike previous ACO's she is actually not with the police department but with the Natural Resources Department. Sykes has a background working with a non-profit as well as animal care and control.

Officer Sykes paid a visit to a recent EDOA Board meeting with her "Dog of the Month" Kody. Kody is a beautiful black lab with a calm nature and a lab's legendary friendliness—not unlike his owner.

Stephanie reports that she is continuing to broaden her own training and experience to better serve the community. She stresses that her job is broad, extending to farm animals, wild animals as well as pets, but is most definitely not going to be removing nuisance animals like racoons from the chimney or moles from gardens.

We plan to have Stephanie speak at our Annual Meeting in October. You will enjoy meeting her.

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