



## EDOA NEWS BLAST

Newsletter of the Eastham Dog Owners' Association

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### Bow Wow Bash

Finally it happened and the pent up energy was everywhere. The Eastham Dog Owners annual celebration of dogs overcame multiple delays due to weather gremlins and caught a brilliant sunny day at Campground beach.

This may have been our most well attended event ever. 6 new members brought our enrollment to a record 220



member families. Our new EDOA logo gear was flying off the tables. Dogs were jumping off the grill and into the humans and a few canines. The latter also has doggy ice cream and cookie treats as well. Dogs played on the beach and in the surf and their owners were well behaved. Good people. Good dogs.

The event was such an inspiring display of the joys of dog ownership that we are considering having the event both in the Spring and at the end of the Summer. We would appreciate hearing from you with suggestions and opinions on the Bash. Also, we much appreciate the volunteers who put it together and would welcome offers to help.

Many thanks to the event coordinator Bev Hobbs. It was no easy task juggling the food and postponements. Then there was the set-up, merchandise, treats, food, permits, grill master, and all those little details. All the EDOA Board members teamed up to pull this off. We are so very fortunate to have this group of doers. It is a joy to work with them. If you can volunteer, you will see for yourself. [E-mail comments and suggestions.](#)



More photos below.

## 2023 Annual Meeting

**October 19, 2023—Council on Aging, Nauset Rd, Eastham.—6 P.M.**

Members and other interested people are invited to attend our Annual Meeting. Here you will receive activity reports and news about ongoing EDOA projects and initiatives and you get to ask questions and give your comments. This is an important vehicle to help your board of directors set the focus and agenda for the coming year. You get to find out how much money you have donated and what we do with it.

Half the board / officers will be up for election and members will vote.

A key feature of the Annual Meeting is our education program. We are finalizing our schedule of presenters. This promises to be a fun, informative, and entertaining experience you won't want to miss.

We have had quite a busy year and you will want to be there to hear about how relations and interactions with the community-at-large are doing.

## Windmill Weekend

EDOA was on the Green during the rejuvenated Windmill Weekend. Coordinators Cindy Nicholson and Karie Miller pulled together another strong EDOA presence.

Volunteers Patty Anderson, and Tony Cantore manned the booth. Set up help came for Jim Nicholson and Ed Daniels as well as the coordinators. Reports were that the booth was busy with questions and conversation all day long along with strong EDOA



Photo: Mary Gulrich

merch and the raffle. Our generous local dog businesses provided attractive and valuable raffle items which generated \$\$\$\$ for EDOA. Surprisingly, one winner did not respond to receive her winnings so if not claimed, it will be offered as a door prize at the Annual Meeting.

Total donation was valued at \$885.00.

#### Donors to the Raffle:

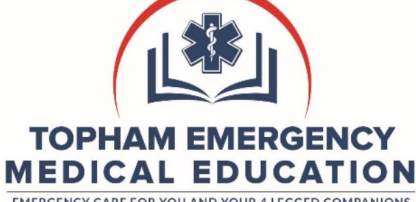
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- Animal Hospital of Orleans
- All Paws on Deck
- Rebecca Marquise, Pet Sitter
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- Nauset Canine Club

## Pet First Aid Course in Eastham

Basic dog first aid is an essential for any dog owner. The first moments that care is needed is the most important and the time to get to an emergency animal hospital is far longer - on weekends and holidays it can be an hour away.

EDOA is hosting another session with the wildly popular program by Tom Topham. Tom has trained emergency personnel, vet techs, and shelter personnel over many years, including a session for EDOA which got rave reviews.

The cost of the session is a reduced fee of \$60. It will be held on October 15th at Chapel in the Pines, Samoset Rd. at 1 P.M. Sign-up in advance to limit the class to 8-10 participants.



Contact Tom Topham at [tom@tomtophameme.com](mailto:tom@tomtophameme.com) or call 617-620-1682

## Can tech find your Lost Dog?

Technology is doing some amazing things. It can find your lost phone, your way home, your luggage, and where to get the cheapest—well anything. So shouldn't it be able to find your dog?

Well, maybe.

You may have your dog "chipped". That will identify your dog as yours if found by someone with a scanner. But that does not help find your dog lost in the wilds of Eastham.

So, what about Apple's AirTags, GPS collars or Tile devices? Sure they work, but there are limitations. Tracey Plantier, president of EDOA has compiled a comparison of the two most popular location devices.

#### GPS versus Apple AirTag

	GPS Collar	Airtag
Technology:	Satellite Based Navigation - worldwide	Bluetooth - short range radio frequency
Designed:	Pets	Keys, Wallets, Handbags
Range:	Unlimited, the apps require cell coverage Problematic in remote areas	33 feet of an iPhone running location and Bluetooth
Reliability:	Highest tracking reliability	Too limited on range
Flight Risk:	Best Choice - Only Real Time tracking	May assist with periodic updates
Cost:	Higher & Monthly Service Fees	Lower initial purchase - no monthly fees
Battery Life:	Frequent Charging Required	1 year
Complexity of Use:	Higher	Lower
Risks:	Cell phone coverage, battery life	Pet out of range, swallowing device

Tracey will have more details at the Annual Meeting.



Photos at the Bow Wow Bash courtesy of Margaret Young and Michael Edan

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