



# EDOA NEWS

Newsletter of the Eastham Dog Owners' Association

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## Don't Let a Lost Dog Ruin Your Holidays

-Tracey Plantier, EDOA President

The holidays are busy, exciting, stressful, and full of activities that may be fun or not for your pets. Life around the holiday's changes from the standard family routines that pets are used to, and this make pets vulnerable to an increase in their flight risk. Most pets are lost due to an unexpected action.

Let's start with making sure your tags with id are up to date and on your dog. Please microchip pets. Many pets are lost without their collars, so microchipping becomes critically important for finders to find you. Microchips also take the guess work out of ownership if there is a dispute. Take an up to date picture of your pet – capture face and full body especially any markings.

If you are hosting – make sure that pets have a quiet place to get away from the holiday activities. Have clear expectations for guests around your pets, especially children. This isn't the time for family members to walk your dog for the first time without you.

Where is your pet when guests are entering and exiting your home. Ensure they are on a leash or gated in a room before doors are opened and closed.

While traveling, make sure pets are secured. Secure in the car when doors are opening. If you are stopping for overnight breaks make sure pets are secured in the room and put the do not disturb sign on the door. Pets have been lost to car accidents, travel breaks and simple room checks.

If you are going away without your pet make sure you have very clear directions for pet sitters. Many friends and family members who love your pets are willing to pet sit for you – wonderful! While your dog is completely happy in their presence while you are there, when you are gone – your pet is now an elevated flight risk catching the pet sitter completely off guard. They may have left the house for that first walk with the pet sitter happily thinking they were going to be reunited with you and when returning to the house decide that they are now going to bolt because they realize you have not returned.

Clear directions for pet sitters are mandatory, including an emergency plan. Write instructions for the entire stay (your pets routine - feeding schedule including food amounts, times and if medication is needed, walk schedule, etc.), note your pets unique personality – favorite toys, favorite activities, include information about your vet, contact number and address, emergency vet options, a backup emergency contact if they can't reach you, and steps to take if losing your pet. Your plan should be reviewed with your pet sitter. Of course, one of those steps should be to get in touch with the Lost Dog Network at 508-905-3364 immediately as a volunteer will ensure that all the right steps are being taken.

Simple precautions can help ensure your holidays, with or without your pet, are joyful and relaxing and safe. We wish you a happy holiday season.

### Recommended Internet Links

[Flying with a Dog?](#) - from Felice Coral

[Dog Parks: Great for People. Dogs?? - NY Times](#)



## Spotlight on EDOA Supporting Businesses

The Animal Hospital of Orleans remains one of our most highly recommended local vets. They offer EDOA members a nice discount too.

They offer a long list of services and products from grooming to surgery.

AHO has been a supported of EDOA for many years now and is responsible for many member sign-ups because of their services and support.

Thank you to the kind and professional staff of our Orleans Veterinary!

*[As a curtesy we ask that if you intend to use your EDOA discount that you mention it to all our vendors / supporters at the time of order.]*



## EDOA in the Community

EDOA members Cindy Blum, Tony Cantore, Kathy Herrick, Caroline Castiglio, Kat Coughlin, and Izzy represented the dogs for Halloween and December Holiday celebrations in town.

Thanks for being there for the kids too.

Happy Holidays to All



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