

# O.L.A.E. Newsletter

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## ABOUT O.L.A.E.

Off-Leash Area - Edmonds (O.L.A.E.) became a non-profit organization in August 2005 in order to fulfill our mission to steward, maintain, and operate the off-leash dog area in Edmonds. Please visit [www.olae.org](http://www.olae.org) for all the latest O.L.A.E. news.

## IRS GOOD NEWS? YES!

In February 2006, O.L.A.E. filed the necessary IRS forms to obtain a 501(c)3 designation. What does this mean to you? It means donations can now be claimed on federal income tax returns as charitable contributions.

For donations by check, your check is evidence of your contribution. You may also include O.L.A.E.'s EIN number which is 16-1730771. Contributions of cash or cash equivalent (i.e. goods or services) require a receipt from O.L.A.E.'s Treasurer. Please contact [Diane@olae.org](mailto:Diane@olae.org) for additional information.

## DOG WALKERS & ART

The Edmonds Art Festival (EAF) is held yearly on Father's Day weekend. Artists are allowed to stay in their RVs at the Boys and Girls Club Track and Field on 5th Avenue. That area is not designated as an off-leash area and dog owners can get a fine for having their dog off-leash. The EAF committee sent out information regarding O.L.A.E. and therefore we may be contacted to provide a list of local dog services, including dog walkers and sitters. If you have not signed up your professional service with O.L.A.E. yet, now would be a great time. Members at the Barking Business Lounge level or above get their business highlighted on our website ([www.olae.org/sponsor](http://www.olae.org/sponsor)).

## WATER BACK ON

The water at the off-leash dog area and Marina Beach Park was turned off for winter; it has now been turned back on. Please keep water bowls clean and filled.

## MAINTENANCE COSTS

The City of Edmonds Parks and Recreations Department generously provides the water for the off-leash dog area and the outside garbage pick-up. Volunteers are required to maintain the inside area and all additional expenses are paid for by your generous contributions.

Below is a projected summary of the expenses for maintaining the off-leash dog area on a yearly basis. With the exception of cutting the grass (which is done by hired landscapers), all other maintenance activities are performed by volunteers. Please consider becoming an O.L.A.E. member and help with the maintenance costs of this very special and unique area for our dogs.

Expenses	2005	2006
<b>Maintain Non-Beach Area</b> (Quarterly grass cutting, etc.)	\$1,000	\$1,200
<b>Disposable ("poop") Bags</b> (\$50/month)	\$ 600	\$ 600
<b>Garbage Bags</b> (\$75/quarter)	\$ 300	\$ 300
<b>Special Event Insurance</b> (Required for events such as Halloween Howl)	\$ 271	\$ 271
<b>Professional Services</b> (Includes beach signage and newsletters)	\$ 120	\$ 120
<b>O.L.A.E. Post Office Box</b>	\$ 60	\$ 60
<b>O.L.A.E. Web Site</b>	\$ 12	\$ 12
<b>2006 Spring Project</b> (Wooden garbage can containers)	NA	\$ 350
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,363</b>	<b>\$2,913</b>

## WISH LIST

With the Puget Sound winds, it is *very* difficult to keep the lids on, and water out of the beach garbage cans. O.L.A.E.'s spring project is to build wooden garbage can containers similar to those found at *Southwest County Park* or *Picnic Point*.

The following items or services are currently needed by O.L.A.E for this project. Please contact [Diane@olae.org](mailto:Diane@olae.org) if you can help:

- A carpenter willing to donate his or her time to build a wooden container to hold garbage can(s).
- Exterior-grade plywood (or equivalent funds) for wooden garbage can container project. We estimate needing three sheets.



## ASK DR. G

Send questions for Dr. G. to [Diane@olae.org](mailto:Diane@olae.org).

**Question:** Should I give table scraps to my dog?

**Answer:** I have been asked this question many times. My answer has always been "no table scraps, but share your food". At this point, pet owners will ask "What do you mean"? This answer could get very complex; but one simple to understand example would be sharing a pork chop. When you cut off the fat, it should go to the garbage. But it is okay to share the pork meat provided that your pet is not allergic to it.

Now let's talk about the value of sharing your food (I am assuming that you eat healthy). Most modern dog foods are well balanced to prevent long-term deficiency diseases. However, that is not enough for optimum health and long life. Drawing a parallel from human nutrition, I believe that we all, including our pets, should not be eating monochromatic diets but utilize all the colors from nature. I routinely share my salad greens (no iceberg), cucumbers, avocado, bell peppers, steamed veggies and fish or meat with my dogs. My cat eats some meat and fish but is reluctant to eat the greens, though I keep trying.

Avoid giving your pets any extra fat or carbs, and supplement basic food with protein and veggies. However, watch for the total caloric intake in comparison to your dog's size.

## BECOME A MEMBER

There are a lot of great reasons to become a member of O.L.A.E. Your efforts will ensure that the off-leash dog area at Edmonds continues! Member dues go towards promoting and improving our dog area and communicating with our supporters. In addition to providing financial support to O.L.A.E., members will receive a subscription to our quarterly newsletter. This newsletter provides information on past and upcoming events, park clean-up parties, educational features, and more.

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