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7th Annual Halloween Howl is October 15th

It is time to start planning your doggie's costume now for the 7th Annual Halloween Howl on October 15th from 11 AM to 2 PM. Judging will be at 1 PM at the dog park.

There will be pet -friendly vendors displaying their products and services, a silent auction, raffle drawings, and of course the popular doggie costume contest. **If you would like to participate as a vendor or donate a silent auction item or raffle prize, please email Lori at O.L.A.E@comcast.net** Donations are tax deductible and donors will be acknowledged at the event and in O.L.A.E's Winter newsletter.

If you are interested in volunteering for the event, please let us know at email volunteerdogs@gmail.com as we always need help. Plan to come out for a fun day and help support your park by attending the Halloween Howl.



Not all heroes are people - a Tribute to 9/11

As we approach the 10th anniversary of 9/11, here is a remembrance that will touch your heart. James Crane worked on the 101st floor of Tower 1 of the World Trade Center. He is blind so he has a golden retriever named Daisy.

After the plane hit 20 stories below, James knew that he was doomed, so he let Daisy go, out of an act of love. She darted away into the darkened hallway. Choking on the fumes of the jet fuel and the smoke, James was just waiting to die.

About 30 minutes later, Daisy comes back along with James' boss, who Daisy just happened to pick up on floor 112. On her first run of the building, she leads James, James' boss, and about 300 more people out of the doomed building. But she wasn't through yet, she knew

there were others who were trapped. So, highly against James' wishes she ran back in the building.

On her second run, she saved 392 lives. Again she went back in. During this run, the building collapses. James hears about this from others and falls on his knees into tears. Against all known odds, Daisy makes it out alive, but this time she is carried by a firefighter. "She led us right to the people, before she got injured" the fireman explained.

Her final run saved another 273 lives. She suffered acute smoke inhalation, severe burns on all four paws, and a broken leg, but she saved 967 lives. Daisy is the first civilian Canine to win the Medal of Honor of New York City. About 30 minutes later, Daisy comes back along with James' boss, who Daisy just happened to pick up on

Itchy Dogs

There are more than 500 different things that can cause your dog to be itchy. If your dog is scratching all the time it is important to find out what is causing the itch. This can be quite difficult. While there are many common causes of canine scratching, it can take quite a bit of detective work to figure out the culprit. Try not to scratch your dog itchy spot for him. Believe it or not, scratching the itch will only make the dog itch more.

There are several things you can do to ease your dogs itch while you try to figure out, with the help of your vet, what is causing the irritating itch.

1. Bathe the dog regularly in cool water. Warm or hot water will only make the itch worse. Soak for 5 to 10 minutes. Adding some Epsom salts, baking soda, or colloidal oatmeal (like Aveeno) to the water will increase the soothing effects. This will provide only a temporary relief lasting from a few hours to a few days. After the bath, pat the dog with a towel. Do not rub the skin, this will only increase the dogs itch. Do not use a hair dryer on a heat setting. A cool (no heat) setting would be okay. Heat and rubbing the dog's skin will increase your dogs itch, making the bath ineffective.

2. Fatty Acids, found in either marine oils or evening primrose oil, can be very effective in easing an itch. You can try giving one of these fatty acid supplements. It will take several weeks before the benefit will take effect, so they are for treating long term problems rather than an

on-off irritation. You can find these at your local health food store.

3. Antihistamines can sometimes be effective with short term itches. For example; insect bites or a flare-up of hay fever. You can use an over the counter antihistamine such as clemastine (Tavist), chlorpheniramine (Chlor-Trimeton) or diphenhydramine (Benadryl). **However, be sure to consult your veterinarian first. Your vet will give you the proper dosage and tell you if this will be a good thing to try for your dogs problem.**

Water is a precious resource

We have had a few complaints about the sign that indicates water usage should be used for providing the pets with water only. The City of Edmonds has been more than generous to work with O.L.A.E. to bring water to the sight. Thus, remember it is NOT there for a child to play in or for a user to shampoo their dog(s). So, remember, this dog park is YOUR dog park run by volunteers only. We should be grateful that the City of Edmonds provides us with the water.

OLAE featured in two social media sites

The newest on-line website "Edmonds Patch" featured an article on O.L.A.E. you can watch this informational piece which is highlighted on our website. Thanks you Edmonds Patch writer Brian Soergel for providing the article. Wayne Purser highlighted O.L.A.E. as his 296 day of 365 things to do in Edmonds. This is the second time O.L.A.E. was highlighted. Both Wayne and Brian articles can be found at <http://www.olae.org/news.html>

New Eagle scout project coming soon!

Thanks to Alex Young of Boy Scout Troop 312 and OLAE Director Shay Hastler as the off-leash dog park will soon have a new obstacle course in the park. It will have a few jumps, a weave pole, an A-frame ramp and more. The obstacle course will be at the very end of the northern area close to the fence. Doggies love new adventures and new forms of exercise. Enjoy! To see all information about all our projects <http://www.olae.org/about.html>.

about US

O.L.A.E. (Off-Leash Area - Edmonds) became a non-profit organization in August 2005, to fulfill our mission to

steward and maintain the off-leash dog area in Edmonds. Please visit www.olae.org.

Become a member

There are a lot of good reasons to become a member. Member dues go towards promoting and improving our dog park. Members will receive a subscription to our quarterly newsletter which provides information on upcoming events, news and educational features. All donated funds are TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

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