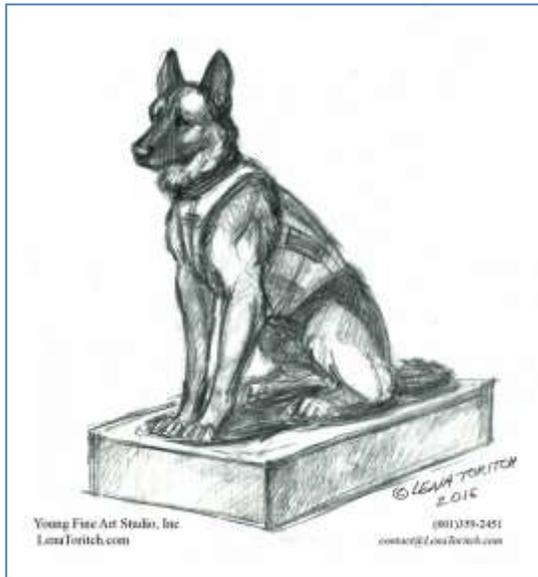




We DID IT!!! OUR K-9 Veteran is funded!



It's hard to believe that we were able to cobble together \$8,500 but we did it! A majority of funds came from years of saving, watching our pennies and volunteering to help keep the park clean and remind our wonderful "club members" to renew each year. We also held 12 successful Halloween Howls and t-shirt drives. We are really happy to say (woof - woof) that a K-9 hero will reside at the Edmonds Veterans Plaza scheduled for completion this year. If you still want to donate and have your name on the website, we will gladly accept donations. As you know, all donations are tax-deductible and checks should be made out to O.L.A.E. at P.O. Box 1562, Edmonds WA 98020.



12th Annual Halloween Howl was a great time!

Our 12th Annual Halloween Howl set for October 15th was canceled due to weather. It was held two weeks later and we had a modest turnout. But costumes

were great and everyone had a really fun time. We wish to thank all that donated this year to our Howl and there were many new donors and our generous old-timers. Many thanks to: "Scratch Distillery", "Blue Collar Dog House", "CKO Kickboxing", "Seattle Barkary", "Trader Joe's", "Evivva Woodfire Pizza", "Hop Jacks", "Gallaghers' U-Brew", "Walnut Street Coffee House", "Glazed and Amazed", "Wash'nWag'n Moblie Pet Care"; "Stella & Floyds Professional Pet Care Services"; "Next-to-Natures", "Celtic Cowboy"; Jolene Otter of "Quilts from the Heart"; Bonnie Klasell; Cathy Boyd; Mary Kathleen and Alina Hagstrom, and Karyn Kellogg. We are planning to perhaps have the Halloween Howl maybe in September next year so that all can come and the weather will be more predictable.

Food Bank gets 275 lbs!

For the last few years, **Blue Collar Dog House** and **OLAE** have partnered together to provide dog food for the people that frequent the food bank. Originally this started when Petosa's was closing years ago. OLAE decided to purchase all their remaining dog food to donate to the food bank. The folks at the food bank were SO thankful that we decided to continue this practice twice a year and **Blue Collar Dog House** donates with us and schedules the pick-up.

Book Review: "Off the Leash: A Year at the Dog Park"

"OFF THE LEASH: A Year at the Dog Park" by Matthew Gilbert is a group portrait of dog people, specifically the strange, wonderful, neurotic, and eccentric dog people who gather at Amory Park (Amory), overlooking Boston. It's about author Gilbert's transformation, after much fear and loathing of dogs and social groups - into one of those "dog people" with fur on their jackets, squeaky toys in their hands, and biscuits in their pockets.

Gilbert, a longtime TV critic at The Boston Globe, describes his reluctant trip into the dog park subculture, as the first-time owner of a social Yellow Lab puppy named Toby. Like many Americans, he was happily accustomed to the safe distance of TV viewing and cell-phone web surfing. But the play-

obsessed Toby pulls him to Amory, and Amory becomes an exhilarating dose of presence for him. The joyous chaos of wrestling dogs and the park's cast of offbeat dog owners he calls the "pack of freaks" - gradually draw him into the here and now.

Dog-park life can be tense. When dogs fight, their owners bare their teeth at each other, too. Amid the rollicking dog play, feelings tend to surface faster, unedited. But Gilbert shows how the Amory is also the home of enduring friendships, romantic crushes and daily meetings similar to group therapy or a standup concert. As a TV critic, Matthew Gilbert is well-known by his readership for humorous and wry writing style. These charming narratives will appeal to anyone who has ever enjoyed watching a puppy scamper through a park or enjoyed the feeling of being part of the pack.

Doggy Haven Resort – New Yappie Club Member

Doggy Haven (Haven) in Bothell is for socialized dogs that desire to be with their canine friends. It also has *training, grooming and boarding options*. The Haven offers four separate play yards so that dogs can be graded for activity level and size. **For boarding**, each dog has its own room for rest, meals and sleep time. Remodeled in 2014, to enhance capacity and cleanliness - floors were heated, air-conditioning and a rapid air exchange system was added for your dogs' health in mind. Additionally, classical music is played at night for the calmest nighttime environment.

The **training** facility - the "doggie dome" is in a separate 2500 square foot field house. The field house provides space for dogs to be far enough apart while in small class sizes of up to 8. The field surrounding the training area is used for outdoor training and play time in the warmer months. Seasoned **Groomers** are also available and daycare is filled with happy dogs on a daily basis. The trained staff love dogs and that is evident. Touring the facility are Tuesday and Saturday from 1-3 or by appointment. The website has information so check <http://doggyhaven.com/> for more details on the Haven.

SCOOP THE POOP!

If you see someone who doesn't see where their dog pooped, don't get mad, just take a plastic bag over and say, do you need one of these. Please be peaceful and kind. If you are interested in joining our team, contact us at o.l.a.e@comcast.net. We meet at Gallaghers' U-Brew the 2nd Thursday of the Month at 7pm and it is not a requirement to drink beer.

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 to learn more about us and our mission.

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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Please check one: New Member Renewal

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Can we email you the newsletter: Yes

Contact me to help volunteer: Yes

Annual Membership

- \$ 10 Individual
- \$ 20 Family
- \$ 50 Sassy Supporter
- \$100 Best Friends Lounge
(free advertising on O.L.A.E. website).
- \$200 Yappie Club Level
(free advertising on O.L.A.E. website & newsletter).

Make check payable to **O.L.A.E.** Thanks!

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Note: O.L.A.E. is not responsible for any illness or injury incurred during park visit. For information, please visit www.olae.org and look under rules and responsibilities.