

Happy 17th Anniversary O.L.A.E.

Even though 2020 was a tough year due to Covid and it's was not easy for the Board to meet and host the Halloween Howl. We did celebrate our continued support and friendship of our small group of directors. Brian Albright has been instrumental in being the park steward and after 16 years, the Parks Director asked Diane Buckshnis to retire as the City liason – so Brian stepped in and said yes. You may still send all concerns and complaints to o.l.a.e@comcast.net and Diane will forward to Brian our wonderful Park Manager Rich Lindsay and any park issues will get corrected, like we now have a NEW park bench. As we all know “Dog Park Diane” (and retired BB, Coco, Jude, Dr. G, Julie) and current Board will be forever grateful to Rich Lindsay for working collaberatively with us for sixteen years and helping shape this wonderful “club med for dogs” though trusting our volunteers. We look forward to 2021!

Three-Dog Limit!!!

Recently, we received a complaint as someone brought in a number of dogs. After reviewing the Edmonds Brown Rules Park's Board and consulting with Senior Animal Control Officer Tabatha Shoemake, the answer is three and provided the following code:

ECC 5.05.050: Running at large prohibited.
Section E: Any person or persons who take a dog into the designated off-leash dog park area shall:
(7): Have no more than three dogs in the off-leash area in his or her possession or control.

Also please remember:

1) You must clean up after your dog(s) and deposit feces in the containers at the site (EMC

5.05.070) or a more memorable phrase: “Scoop the Poop”.

2) You are liable for the damage inflicted by your dog(s) (EMC 5.05.115).

3) Dogs that come and play must be licensed and vaccinated (EMC 5.05.020).

4) A complete list of rules are available at: <http://olae.org> or at the City's website <http://www.edmondswa.gov/police/animal-control-parking-enforcement.html>

Ask Dr. Shanna

Ryan Frazier of the Veterinary Specialty Center of Seattle contacted O.L.A.E. looking for a way to partner somehow with us and many of you remember the “Ask Dr. G.” series and so we would like to introduce Dr. Shanna Hutchinson, an oncology specialist.

Lumps & Bumps

Tumors can develop anywhere in the body, and in pets can commonly develop in or under the skin. Many of these are benign and may not need to have anything done about them, however some can be malignant with the potential to spread to other parts of the body. You can help monitor your pet at home for new masses so they can be checked out as soon as possible to know if they are of concern or not. We recommend checking them once a month to look for new masses and keep an eye on any old ones for changes. To check for lumps or bumps on or under your pet's skin keep your fingers flat and held together and then run them slowly across your pet's fur with light but firm pressure. If your pet has long thick fur you may need to use a little more pressure or use more of the tips of your fingers than the flat of them. A mass will feel like a bump, a change in texture or both or might feel like something slipping or sliding under your fingers if it is under the skin. You can use this method for almost all your pets body including the face, head, body and legs. Be sure to check the underside of the chest and belly and insides of the

legs too. For feet, ears and tail you can lightly grasp the area between your thumb and forefinger and gently run them over the surface. Some pets may not tolerate having their feet touched well, especially between the toes. Never do anything that makes your pet stressed or uncomfortable. If they do not tolerate an area being touched, make sure to let your veterinarian know at their next exam so the area can be safely looked at. If you do find a mass, make note of it and if you find it is growing or changing over a one-month period, make an appointment with your veterinarian to have it checked out as soon as possible. If it is not changing or bothering your pet then have it checked out at their next regular health checkup.

“Play it safe Park Rules

For your safety, please keep AT LEAST 6 FEET AWAY FROM OTHERS and wear a mask:

- Enter at your own risk, the park is not sanitized.
- Do not enter park if you are exhibiting any illness symptoms or have been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
- Sanitize or wash your hands before and after entering the park.
- Spread out, limit groupings of people to 5 or fewer to promote 6’ social distancing.
- Avoid physical contact like handshakes or high fives.
- Avoid touching gates, fences, benches, water faucets and trash cans with bare hands.
- Wear a mask if possible or when proper distancing cannot be accomplished.

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. We now have PAYPAL so you can go to our website

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Please check one: New Member Renewal
Please print clearly:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Evening Phone: _____

Email: _____

Dog(s) names: _____

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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Alicia Brattin
Brian Albright and Kiko (woof)
Rod Bohstedt & Nathan (woof)

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.