

O.L.A.E. Newsletter



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Our 18th Annual Halloween Howl set for October 7th

Our 18th Annual Halloween Howl is set for October 7th! This is our only fundraising event and vendors are welcomed. Contact us now!

The Howl will start at 11 am and costume judging is 1:00 pm. The categories will be owner-dog combo, funniest, most original. There will be a silent auction of both dog items and human items. The silent auction will end at 1:30.

As always, we will have Animal Control Officers Jessica and Andrea. If your new Edmonds dog does not have a pet license, OLAE will purchase that license for you.

Your business will be in our Winter Newsletter. Vendors can set up early and we accept any donations of goods or services. For those donations more than \$200 – your name will be on our website as Yappie Club Members. https://www.olae.org/supporters.

You can contact us as o.l.a.e@comcast.net if interested.

OLAE Donates \$250 to Ukraine Efforts

The Board decided to donate \$250 to Dan Fine of the Ukraine War Animals Relief Fund specifically for spay and neutering process. Here is Information from him.

I co-founded a nonprofit organization with local Tana Axtelle called Ukraine War Animals Relief Fund (UWARF). I felt compelled after volunteering at an animal sanctuary in Przemysl, Poland shortly after the Feb 2022 invasion of Ukraine.

After working with a number of local animal welfare groups and volunteers, we came to understand the larger animal welfare issue in Ukraine, beyond rescuing animals and providing supplies to shelters.

Prior to the invasion, Ukraine had a low sterilization rate for dogs and cats, around 35%, leading to a significant stray animal population and a high prevalence of rabies. The invasion resulted in over 8 million citizens becoming refugees, with approximately 25% leaving their animals behind.

The problem now lies with the high number of unsterilized, unvaccinated dogs and cats roaming the streets. There is great concern on the ground in Ukraine about the impending explosion of the stray animal population, and rapid spread of rabies – which will leave returning refugees (especially children) highly vulnerable to this deadly and terrifying disease.

Our focus is the sterilization and vaccination of these animals as there is NO government or large non-governmental agencies currently doing this work. We are fundraising to cover the costs of medical supplies, equipment, clinic space and food, and transportation costs for the next UWARF mission to Ukraine in August. Fortunately, we are doing this in partnership with Human Society International.

The situation in Ukraine is unimaginable and beyond heartbreaking.

We have taken two trips and as always, with wartorn countries, projects like this never goes smoothly. Especially missions that involve animals. So, with a very unstable enviroment with bombs, combact noise in the air, it is even more challenging. This year, our mission team left for Ukraine on August 9, 2023, and when we arrive we will also launch the first of our nine clinics.

Our main goal is sterilizing, vaccinating and microchipping them. Three out of all three vehicles needed repair. Cages didn't arrive on time and only part of promised vaccines and anesthesia showed up. One of our team members rescued a swan and I had to drive it to Kyiv to see a swan specialist and get it transferred to a sanctuary.

We found a landmine while looking for animals in a destroyed village. And, when we got military permission to enter the Kherson Airport, you could hear the gunfire and non-stop shelling.

The great news is that we are past 1,000 dogs/cats treated on our way to our 2,250 goal. That will bring us to a total of 7,750 for all our missions. But that's not nearly enough to fix the problem.

Ukraine War Animals Relief Fund or UWARF 75 Pine Street #203 Edmonds, WA 98020 EIN: 92-0430918 We are a 501(c)3 non-profit

No Dogs on Brackett's Landing North

Animal Control laws have been changed after a sealed was mauled and died on the beach at Brackett's Landing North. New law is no dogs are allowed on the walkway, beach or parking lot as this is a Marine Sanctuary. Signs note this law!

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. WE ACCEPT DONATIONS ONLINE or you can snail mail us at P.O. Box 1562, Edmonds WA 98020

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 and you can donate via our website.

Off Leash Area Edmonds (O.L.A.E.) P.O. Box 1562 Edmonds WA 98020 - 1562 EIN #16-1730771

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Please print clearly:

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Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Evening Phone: _____

Email: _____

Dog(s) names: _____

Can we email you the newsletter:
Quescipe Yes
Contact me to help volunteer:
Quescipe 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! <u>Current Yappie Club Sponsors:</u> Blue Collar Dog House (www.bluecollardoghouse.com) Pearl Jam's Vitalogy Fund (https://pearljam.com/vitalogy) VSC – Lynnwood (<u>www.thrivepetcare.com</u>) Jolene Otter from Quilts from the Heart Gallaghers' Where U-Brew (www.whereubrew.com) McDonald McGarry Ins.(www.mcdonaldmcgarry.com) John Weiss Brian Albright and Kiko (woof)

All the Best Pet Care (<u>https://www.allthebestpetcare.com</u>) David Kaufer (https://kdmc.agency)

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