

Kind Reminder to Users

What can I do, you might ask? Read the short list of Doggie Do's and follow them. Encourage new park users to do the same. Most importantly, if you haven't joined O.L.A.E., join today so that we have the funds we need to take care of the off-leash dog area. The most important thing to remember is to keep the park clean! Kindly remind folks to pick-up if you see their dogs taking a "poo" or pick up random poops if you run across them.

DOGGIE DO'S

- Y DO** clean up after your pet. Plastic bags are there for you, please USE them. Please DO NOT take extra bags home as it hurts all park users since bags are costly.
 - Y DO** stop bothersome dog behavior immediately.
 - Y DO** keep your dog on leash in parking lot and make sure you shut the gate after entry and exit.
 - Y DO** be respectful of all users in the off-leash dog area and keep an eye on your dog at all times.
 - Y** Please remember this area is a dog playing area! Therefore, watch your little ones (human) closely; remember food can be tempting; and bicycles should remain out in the park area.
 - Y Public opinion** is based on the **behavior of you and your dog**. The success of this dog area depends on what you **DO!**
- So please be **RESPONSIBLE!**

Since the City has removed all its' poo bag dispensers throughout our park network, it is important that we keep our off-leash park clean

illustrating to the City that we are responsible stewards.

Yippie for Yappie!

We always are surprised when we checks come in the mail. Chelsea Van Rask donated \$300 in honor of Geraldine Van Rask. Also, Geri Reinhart donated funds in addition to all the work she did pulling the foxtails last summer. All supporters can be found at <https://www.olae.org/supporters>.

Ask Dr. G.

Question: After my short-haired dog swims, can he catch a cold since the Puget Sound is cold and the air temperature is now close to freezing?

Answer: Here is the age-old argument: can we get a cold (the virus) from being cold (temperature wise)? Probably not directly! However, a recent local news story (Health Watch) reported that if your feet are cold for a period of time, you will develop a cold. This logic is based on the fact that for many people, depending on their general health and ability to withstand stress, colder temperatures could lower their immune system. A lower immune system makes one more susceptible to the cold virus.

Dogs are not affected by the same cold virus as humans are; but they have their burden of different virus and bacteria that could cause upper respiratory disease. The biggest issue to remember is to understand your dog's individuality. Like for a Newfoundlander, this environment is not a challenge at all. But not all dogs are Newfoundlanders and so dog with short-hair may have a bit of a challenge after cooling off from exercising.

What is important to remember is that dogs should not be exposed to severe cold suddenly if they are usually kept in a warm indoor

environment most of the day. Again, back to individuality, a younger healthy dog will have better vitality and better ability to resist disease than an older dog. However, even for younger, healthy dogs, restricting total time in the water and drying them off after they come out of the water is smart dog ownership. For older dogs, with any form of disease such as arthritis, or heart problems, severe cold for any length of time is not a good idea.

Today's funny: Problems caused by deforestation



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. For any inquiries or questions, comments email OffLeashAreaEdmonds@gmail.com

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(free advertising on website & newsletter).

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