



Newsletter of the Eastham Dog Owners' Association

2024 Membership Renewal Drive

There can be no doubt as to what is the life blood of the EDOA. It is our members. Bound by a common love of dogs, and a respect for other dog owners, we have created a group that is protective, engaged, and generous.

Our small membership fee is the life-blood of our operation. The common voice for rights as a dog-friendly community, the good works that we do, the fun social gatherings are all in need of your membership and generosity.

Strength in numbers and a few dollars a year for dues keeps this unique organization alive.



Now is the time to renew for 2025. Keep our dogs happy and throw EDOA a little "kibble" by taking care of your membership renewal today.

Use the "Donate" button to make your \$20 dues payment. If you need to make information updates, use the form on our [membership page. Link Here.](#)

Thank you so much from your support in the past. Lets make EDOA the strongest ever.

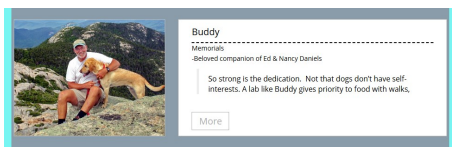
Buddy Scholarship Funding

Each year we award a scholarship to an Eastham student. All funds collected in that year are given out and the fund starts building again from scratch.

Most contributions are made in the name of a dog or dog-lover who has passed. We offer a memorial page on our website on which to post your remembrances and photos, and see those made by others.

If you know a dog or person you would consider memorializing in this way, please visit the [Buddy Scholarship Memorials pages on our website.](#)

Note: no donation is necessary to add your comments to a memorial on the EDOA website. Stop in for a visit and see what it looks like.



And please, consider making a contribution.

Wild Animal Alert Warnings—from Town of Eastham Coyotes are not the only issue.

A rabid racoon has been verified in Eastham, the first in Barnstable county in many years. We have been asked to help spread the word.

11/22/2024 Update

EASTHAM, MA (November 22, 2024) – A dead raccoon found on Smith Lane in Eastham on Sunday, November 17, 2024, has tested positive for rabies.

The Town of Eastham and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) urges anyone who may have come into contact with this raccoon to immediately contact its Division of Epidemiology at 617-983-6800 (available 24/7) or the Eastham Health Department at 508-240-5900 for a risk assessment to determine possible rabies exposure.

State Epidemiologist Dr. Catherine M. Brown emphasizes: "Rabies is fatal but preventable. Anyone who interacted with this raccoon should immediately reach out to DPH or the Eastham Department of Health and Environment to ensure their health and safety."

Protect Yourself and Your Loved Ones:

- Teach children never to approach animals they don't know – even if they appear friendly.
- Report any animal that behaves oddly to your local animal control official.
- Enjoy wild animals from a distance. Do not keep wild animals as pets. This is against the law in Massachusetts.
- Make sure your pets are vaccinated against rabies. By law, all dogs, cats, and ferrets must be regularly vaccinated against rabies.
- Don't leave food or water for your pets outside. Even empty bowls will attract wild and stray animals.
- Do not let pets roam freely. Keep them in a fenced yard or on a leash.
- Keep your garbage securely covered. Open garbage will attract wild or stray animals.
- Keep your chimney capped and repair holes in attics, cellars, and porches to help keep wild animals like bats and raccoons out of your home.

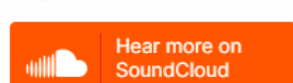
Visit www.mass.gov/rabies and www.cdc.gov/rabies/ for more information about rabies.

Local Coyote Experts on WOMR Podcast

"Eastern Coyotes and Your Pets" with Tracey Plantier & Stephanie Ellis



Explore more music & audio like 110424 Talking Back -The Eastern Coyote ... on SoundCloud.



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Tracey Plantier President of the Eastham Dog Owner's Association and Stephanie Ellis, Executive Director at Wildcare

And now, Your Moment of Zen



Lucy enjoys the amazing weather at the beach this Fall.

- From Donna and Rich Goslin

Charlie Chowder (left) is one blissed out puppy.

- Nancy Gardner

Of Interest on the Web

- [Felice Coral](#)

Long time member Felice keeps her eyes open and reach broad to find interesting items of the internet for us to check.

- **Dog Evolution:** According to the traditional system, all canines fall into one of 365 unique breeds. But the latest genetic analysis shows that there are 10 "lineage" groups of dogs that share close genetic connections.
- **Science goes to the Dogs:** the Health & Science desk at The New York Times has been taking a closer look at the pets in our lives and what they might teach us about ourselves. Companion animal science is hot.
- **Who has the Best GPS Tracker for Dogs?** WCVB TV has checked this out for us. See the results.

Coming Soon in the Spotlight: Orleans Animal Hospital

- Dr. Kirby-Madden

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