



# EDOA NEWS

Newsletter of the Eastham Dog Owners' Association

## Memberships Pour In

The membership renewals have been pouring in from our current members. Thank you all so much for responding to the reminders. It has always impressed me that our group is so generous and supportive.

EDOA has historically had a very high percentage of member renewals and it appears we will surpass those numbers again.

Thank you for supporting our "pack".

You can imagine that some members will not be renewing. People move, or lose interest in these EDOA Newsletters (surprising as that is). Dogs pass away, It is important that we promote our organization when we have the chance to keep us vibrant and growing. How about an end of the year resolution to carry a brochure or stack of business cards from EDOA and pass them along to dog walkers or owners you encounter. It would be a great way to show your support. Our \$20 membership fee is small, but it is not about the money. The strength of our advocacy for dog owners, our social and service work, our education programs are all predicated on having members. Please help our EDOA stay strong and active with new recruits.

### How to get brochures or EDOA business cards.

Drop us a note via email and let us know you would like a supply of our promotional materials. We will get them right out to you.

E-mail us at: [info.easthamdog.org](mailto:info.easthamdog.org)

Or

Stop by the kiosk at Wiley Park. We have a supply of these items there for you to pick up and pass along.

This version of the EDOA Newsletter is being sent only to 2025 members. We appreciate your prompt response to our call for membership and try not to pester you with more pleas than necessary.

New cards will be mailed before the end of the year.



## License Dog Now

Time to renew dog your licenses—yes—every year.

Eastham dog licenses are available at town hall/clerk's office.

Should you wish to obtain a low number - now is the time!!!!

- The dog tag application will be mailed out with our annual census.
- Just [click this link](#) for a copy of the renewal application.
- Pay the fee and register on-line at <https://epay.cityhallsystems.com/selection>

## Featured Supporter: VK Dog Training



*Veronica Kowalak is a new member and a new EDOA supporter of EDOA Member Benefits. We are pleased to welcome and introduce Veronica and her dog training business to our community.*

### Communicating with your Dog

- Veronica Kowalak

Did you know that dogs can talk? They can!

Oftentimes, we just don't know how to listen. I'm Veronica, an Eastham-based dog trainer, and I can teach you how to talk to your dog in a way s/he understands, and I can teach you how to listen.

Good dog training bridges the communication gap between human and canine. Dogs are not robots; they are highly intelligent, complex, emotional, perceptive creatures, and helping them live in our manmade world is much easier once we grasp this concept.

First we build a foundation of trust, communication, and understanding, and then we apply this to real-world scenarios to find harmony in our life with our dogs. Play and other instinctual, biologically fulfilling activities play a vital role in my training - fear, intimidation, and boring obedience drills do not. Training should be fun for both dog and human. All training plans are highly tailored to individual needs, goals, and learning styles.

Here are some things we can work on together:

Leash walking

- Off-leash reliability (yes, I promise it's possible!)
- Trail skills
- Reactivity/barking/lunging/jumping
- House manners, manners in public
- Puppy raising
- fear/confidence building
- Basic obedience - sit, down, stay, heel, dog sports - nosework, canicross, joring, mountain biking, and more

I offer FREE, no commitment phone evaluations to anyone interested in training with me.

**Eastham Dog Owners Association members get a 25% discount on all lesson packages when booked before the end of January 2025.**

**Contact:**

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[Learn more at vkdogtraining.com](http://vkdogtraining.com)

Eastham Animal Control & Red's Pet Pantry

# PET FOOD DRIVE

ACCEPTING UNOPENED/UNEXPIRED DONATIONS UNTIL DECEMBER 31ST

We are collecting unopened/unexpired donations for Cape Cod D.A.R.T. Red's Pet Pantry that also stocks our Eastham Pet Pantry! Please visit [ccdart.org](http://ccdart.org) and [eastham-ma.gov](http://eastham-ma.gov) to learn more.

**DROP-OFF LOCATION**  
Eastham Public Library  
190 Samoset Rd, Eastham, MA 02642

**ITEMS NEEDED**  
Unexpired/unopened  
▶ Dry & wet dog food  
▶ Dry & wet cat food  
▶ Cat litter  
▶ Dog & cat treats!

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Suggestions & Comments:

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