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*Hello and welcome to the Englewood Unleashed Newsletter. It is a quarterly newsletter aimed at bringing information to EU members and the community at large. We have submitted a proposal to Englewood Parks and Recreation about creating an off-leash recreational area in part of Belleview Park. It will be presenting to City Council, hopefully, in March to decide if they will approve this new area after it was revealed that Centennial Park would be expensive and had environmental issues. - The Editor*

## A Word from Dr. Judy

Unable to contribute by deadline time. We are hoping to have her become an advisor for Englewood Unleashed. Here's looking forward to hear from her soon.

**Dr. Judy Jasek, D.V.M of Belleview Animal Clinic @ 200 W. Lehow Ave., Englewood, CO 80110. Telephone 303-794-2008**

## A Word from Dog Trainer Jenny

Unable to contribute by deadline time. We hope to hear from her in future newsletters and perhaps helping to training EU members' dogs.

**Jenny Parsons of Discovery Dog Training. #s: 303-727-9214 or 303-358-6365**

## Calendar of Events

February 22 .....	Monthly Board Meeting at 7:00 pm at Englewood Library
March 6 .....	Park Clean-up/Brunch beginning at 9:30 am
March 31 .....	Monthly Board Meeting at 7:00 pm at Mile High Coffee or Englewood Library

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## Contributions

### *HELP SOME ANIMALS WHEN FILING YOUR TAX RETURNS*

Some of you might not be aware of this, I sure wasn't. From the Summit Daily News January 13, 2004: Colorado taxpayers' can file their returns and simultaneously help solve pet overpopulation. The Colorado Legislature established the state's Pet Overpopulation Fund to promote and fund spay/neuter surgeries and public education for responsible pet ownership. Last year 5,600 spay and neuter surgeries were performed as a result of the state tax checkoff fund. Any animal-loving taxpayer can simply check a box on the return to allocate money to the fund. So, be sure and find this box on your return and check it. This was submitted to me by Susie Wurster.

EAPL Ears 2/04

### *Raisins and grapes also considered toxic to dogs*

McGee, a beloved 9-year-old bi-black Sheltie died of a raisin overdose. Three days ago he ate 18 oz of raisins. The overdose caused kidney failure which in turn caused unusually high concentration of calcium in his blood. Their vet originally suspected rat poison. The dog vomited repeatedly and by the second day couldn't walk. McGee's death is the first documented case of raisin/grape toxicity in Maryland. As much as vets warn us about chocolate and anti-freeze, your vet may not know about raisin/grape toxicity. Tell fellow dog owners, breeders, your vet and anyone else you can think of. And if your dog eats a lot of raisins or grapes and begins vomiting, get him to the animal hospital IMMEDIATELY and treat it as seriously as any other poison overdose.

(This information copied with permission from two WR-DOS newsletters: Judy Moore - Dogs Deserve Dialog and Wapiti Run Dog Obedience School [www.helpyourdog.com](http://www.helpyourdog.com))

### *RE: DOGS WITH "SHORTENED" FACES:*

**Marcia Baker** recently called me with some concerns about the issue of dogs with "shortened" faces, breeds such as the Boston Terrier, Pekinese, Pugs, Bulldogs and their wearing collars. She told me about a couple of commercials now running on television that show people walking these type of dogs with a collar and leash, and the dog is pulling and straining against the leash. She is concerned about the message that sends to people with these dogs, who might not be aware of the fact that these breeds have very fragile tracheas, and this pulling against a leash with a collar can damage not only the trachea, but their already pronounced eyeballs. They should be walked with harnesses only. Thank you Marcia for taking the time to call and share this information.

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## *List of Toxic Foods for Dogs*

After I confirmed that grapes and raisins are in fact toxic to dogs, I looked a little further and found other potentially dangerous foods. I found quite a few, some I was aware of, some I was not. I thought you'd want to know.

Chocolate  
Onions  
Garlic (large quantities)  
Macadamia nuts  
Pear pips,  
the kernels of plums  
peaches and apricots  
apple core pips (all fruit pips/pits/seeds listed contain cyanogenic glycosides resulting in cyanide poisoning)  
Potato peelings and green looking potatoes  
Rhubarb leaves  
Alcohol  
Yeast dough  
Coffee grounds, beans & tea (caffeine)  
Hops (used in home brewing)  
Tomato leaves & stems (green parts)  
Broccoli (in large amounts)  
Raisins and grapes  
Cigarettes, tobacco, cigars

The website for this is

[http://www.petalia.com.au/Templates/StoryTemplate\\_Process.cfm?specie=Dogs&story\\_no=257](http://www.petalia.com.au/Templates/StoryTemplate_Process.cfm?specie=Dogs&story_no=257)

## *Taking your pet on vacation with you*

If you're a pet owner who's tired of seeing all those "no pets" signs at apartment buildings, beaches, hotels, and other places, this site is for you. Petswelcome.com is primarily a searchable database of pet-friendly establishments, but for those situations when you just can't bring your pet along, the site also features listings for kennels and pet-sitters. Petswelcome.com or <http://www.petswelcome.com/>

From the Earthlink email newsletter - 2/02

## *10 Commandments For a Responsible Pet Owner ...from your Pet*

1. My life is likely to last 10 to 20 years. Any separation from you will likely be very painful.
2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.
3. Place your trust in me -- it is crucial for my well-being.
4. Don't be angry with me for long, and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment. I HAVE ONLY YOU!
5. Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I understand your voice when

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it's speaking to me.

6. Be aware that however you treat me, I'll never forget it.
  7. Before you hit me, remember that I have teeth that could easily crush the bones in your hand, but I choose not to bite you.
  8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, I've been out in the sun too long, or my heart may be getting old and weak.
  9. Take care of me when I get old. You, too, will grow old.
  10. Go with me on the most difficult journey of all. Never say "I can't bear to watch it" or, "Let it happen in my absence." Everything is easier for me if you are there.
- Remember, I love you.

## A Word from the EU Board

Dog Parks Rule...

The thought of a dedicated dog park is a pleasant one. I plan to round up my Weimaraner and jump in the truck and bop on over. Then reality sets in and I realize that I and every other user of the off-leash area for dogs must ensure that everyone has safe fun and gets along as the dogs exercise. Eventually everybody goes home from the dog park with a few new stories shared with their neighbors and new acquaintances... and all is well in the neighborhood.

Did I forget to mention that through the dog park-planning phase everyone came to the realization that this new off-leash area would surely attract new people that have never been in an off-leash dog recreation area before? They don't know about the dog park etiquette that must be practiced to avoid any major mishaps. Dogs will be dogs and that's why they are brought to the off-leash area so they learn how to socialize with other dogs as well as people. Dog owners usually go through a similar process at the dog park, but to a lesser extent. This new community phenomenon comes with its own set of new rules. All of the first time dogs are figuring out how to get along in this new doggie playground.

For those dog owners that are old hat at taking their dogs to an off-leash area, you can probably vividly remember the anxiety and awkwardness experienced that very first time you took your anxious dog.

Good advice would be - you probably should NOT go to a "busy" off-leash area the very first time, but instead ease into it and go when there are NOT a lot of dogs and take the time to introduce yourself to the others that are there and find out how the dog park functions best. Figure out the set of dog park rules, as most dog parks have basically the same posted rules. The dog park rules are extremely important for the dog park to thrive. Return to the off-leash area anytime after you are confident about controlling your dog and knowledgeable about the rules and have some good old fashion fun with your dog

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and meet your neighborhood.

Additional thoughts about the dog park rules - the rules are crafted to be a common guide for everybody to get along safely and maximize their enjoyment.

Most of the rules are common sense and respectful toward others, but, safety is a major concern for off-leash area users and their dogs. Too many dogs supposedly under the control of one person usually turn out to be not under control at all, and are most likely annoying others or maybe even harming others.

Control is the bottom line at a dog park and without it, someone usually ends up requiring medical attention. With adequate control everybody ends up having a really good time. Control at a dog park means having a leash in your possession at all times in the event you need to harness your dog. This means even if your dog is well trained - when you are in the dog park with a lot of other dogs things can change very rapidly and being respectful to others you leash your disobedient dog immediately until control is firmly established again.

Control also means your dog understands the basic voice controls from you and will come (most of the time), with recall, or stop doing whatever it shouldn't be doing when you command it to (most of the time). Without adequate control and a very real understanding by a dog owner how important control is... off-leash areas can become a little risky when 20 - 30 dogs are running and playing and things change for the worse rapidly, which can cause concern and discomfort for many. Disciplining other people's dogs or worrying about personal safety is NOT the reason why most people go to a dog park. Everyone is there to have fun! So please, learn the dog park etiquette and respect others.

Most dog parks thrive when the off-leash patrons are pro-active and truly respectful of each other, as well as communicate well with each other. It's no surprise when there are minor skirmishes as dogs playing... will be dogs playing, but aggressive dogs are just not tolerated, as well as any off-leash area users that do not pick up after their dogs. With this being said, everyone learns new ways to make off-leash areas better as they become frequented more and better utilized. Dog Parks are becoming the bedrock of their respective communities.

How do these rules get enforced you might ask. The Englewood Code Enforcement Office is the City Department in charge of these responsibilities. It might be wishful thinking, but many of the current Englewood area off-leash patrons hope that strategically posted signs for adequate rules will keep the off-leash areas enjoyable for everybody. The conscientious peer group is the off-leash patrons themselves. It is everyone's hope that off-leash dog park users will not intentionally or repeatedly disregard the rules (privilege).

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It is important for all users of the off-leash area to understand that it has been an arduous task to acquire a dedicated off-leash area. I don't believe many of the off-leash users will sit idly by as a reckless few abuse the rules (privileges) and jeopardize the continued existence of the dog park. Englewood Unleashed is currently in discussion with the City of Englewood about self-monitoring off-leash areas by all patrons and a very functional reporting system specifically for repeat violators of the off-leash area rules to ensure the off-leash areas continued operation.

Woof !!

Greg Kainer  
President, Englewood Unleashed

## A Word from the EU Committees

We are still looking for members to help out on the committees. If you are interested in helping out on any of the following committees, please call us at the Englewood Unleashed number at 303-694-7485 or on line at [www.EnglewoodUnleashed.org](http://www.EnglewoodUnleashed.org). The committees are: Project/Fundraising; Park Maintenance & Planning; Membership; Communication & Advertising; Nominations & Elections; and Community Outreach.

## A Word from EU Members

**Shannon, I'm checking on the following class to see if this class could be available to EU. I'll let you know as soon as I hear from them. Patty**

### **PET FIRST AID CLASS:**

I received a flier from **Jeanne Nixon**, she is a certified American Red Cross instructor and she is holding a class in Pet First Aid. It is a 4 hour class and hands on practice in Pet First Aid. The presentations and practice will be on such things as Airway Obstruction (ichokingî), Rescue Breathing, CPR, Physical Exams, Bleeding/Shock, Bandaging, Poisoning, Fractures and Splinting, Pet Restraints/Muzzles and various illness and injury prevention tips. The class normally costs \$50 per person, including the book, but Ms. Nixon has said she'd be happy to discount it to \$37.50 to EAPL volunteers. If you're interested in this or future classes. Call 303-526-5037 or visit: [www.mobilecardiactraining.com](http://www.mobilecardiactraining.com)