



Dog Owners Group for Park Access in Washington

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Message from The President

Thank goodness, the world is opening up again! Of course, our dog parks have been open all along and have been a welcome relief from covid-imposed lockdowns.

But now that the lockdowns are easing and the weather is getting better, expect to see even more DOGPAW activities at the parks. Our Park Beautification Days have been very successful and fun. And our GroupRaise event with Rally's Pizza was a big hit. More to come!

Dellan Redjou and our friends at the Parks Foundation (*and you!*) have raised more funds for the Ike Fence Project (*read below*), and Ken Stryker and our friends at Blaze Restoration have stepped up once again to aid their community.

Blaze sponsors not only DOGPAW, but Boys and Girls Club, Habitat for Humanity, Police Activities League, Trail Blazers Foundation, youth scholarships, and more. As recipient of the 2019, “Building Excellence Award” Blaze really walks-the-walk. Check out the [Giving Back](#) page on their website.

As we partner with the City in advocating for more parks, we're also working with Julie Hannon and the City of Vancouver to create a participation agreement for the Ike/Ross dog park upkeep. And the City *may* have a solution to that puddling problem near the shed. Yay!

I feel so blessed to live in this beautiful area. Our community is THE BEST!

Until next time,



Membership

DOGPAW people are simply extraordinary!

At the Lucky Park Beautification Day on May 8, we received over \$300 in donations for our parks and 8 new memberships. **Woof!**

DOGPAW Rallied

70+ people responded to the Rally Pizza fundraiser on May 6; we should receive a check within the next couple of weeks, and the food was delicious!

Give yourself a Paw on the back. Devoted *dogpawers* raised \$308 for our parks.

OK Readers—What did YOU do before Google?

Well, if you are at all like me, you had big reference books, dictionaries, and loved the library to look things up (*having a dog goes without saying*) ... but now I ask Google.

Google question: **Why are dog parks good for the community?**

Google answer: **About 126,000,000 results (0.53 seconds)**

So now I ask you. **Why is a DOGPAW dog park good for you?**

Please send your replies to communications@dogpawoffleashparks.org and I'll tell all in the next newsletter. Home park and pup's name would be swell too.

Oh Intrepid Readers—There's More

Eagle Scout Going to the Dogs **Woof!**

The Headline on **Clark County Live** for May 12 reads:

Local Scout Puts Obstacles in His Path on Way to Eagle Scout Rank

David McKellar's Eagle Scout Project is to build a portable and easy-to-store obstacle course for the Clark County Sheriff's K-9 group.

Here's the link so you can read all about this dedicated young man, and perhaps, give if you can.

<https://clarkcountylive.com/local-scout-puts-obstacles-in-his-path-on-way-to-eagle-scout-rank/>

Partners Keeping Up With DOGPAW



Parks and Lands Division

Clark County knows we need more dog parks. **Washougal** has been meeting with DOGPAW and we are hoping to assist with identifying a park in the Washougal area. **Camas** sent out a survey from their Parks and Rec Department. Our President responded that we would like to participate — have a voice. Our partner at Washougal has contacted Camas and provided an introduction for us to be included in their combined planning.

Our partners in the Clark County are extremely short-handed, so we have had to reschedule our park discussion meeting with them. However, we have developed a list of questions, talking points, and are in the process of using the county's GPS site to identify potential land that might be available for a dog park. Galina Burley, Parks and Lands Manager, continues to provide ongoing support and resource information as she is able.

In most all cases across the county—parking often is the large contributing factor for a suitable location. Thanks to DOGPAW's waste removal program *paid for by our members*, county and municipal officials know that we are good stewards of our off-leash parks.

So, if you are feeling at all activist-like, of course, attend your city/county planning meetings. Be heard!

Do you know of a potentially available parcel of land? Let us know and we can find out more about it.

More people – More dogs – More parks!



Parks Foundation of Clark County

We are grateful for our affiliation with the Parks Foundation (*you probably have seen their flyers at Ike*).

As a 2021 grant recipient—Ike Memorial Dog Park now has some of the initial funding to get a section of Ike fencing started.

Founded in 1999, the Parks Foundation of Clark County is a pillar of support for our local network of parks, trails, and recreational programs. The Parks Foundation fundraising helps continue their mission *to improve the quality of life in Clark County by supporting parks, trails and programs*.

You can add your support by becoming a member of the [Parks Foundation](#).



Canines For Clean Water

Another great affiliation and supportive contributor to DOGPAW Park Beautification Days is Eric Lambert, representing Clark County and [Canines For Clean Water](#). His **Take The Pledge** table both at Dakota and at Lucky invited dog owners to pledge to help protect our streams by 1) picking up after our pets, 2) keeping them on leash in wetlands and other sensitive areas, 3) avoiding contact with streams and wildlife, and 4) spreading this important message to other dog owners in our community

With over 110,000 dogs, of all shapes and sizes in Clark County, their poop adds up more than 13,000 tons per year! Pet waste left on the ground can wash into storm drains that lead directly to our streams and wetlands.

DOGPAW spends over \$7K a year on pet waste disposal, trying to do our part to support clean streams and water resources, showing the value of our parks.

Eric is knowledgeable, helpful, and truly wants to keep our waterways clear by letting us know how we can help—**Take The Pledge!** (*He has great swag too---the bandanas are the cutest!*)



Not only did Ken Stryker and [Blaze Restoration](#) step up this year joining DOGPAW as a Platinum Sponsor. They have gone an extra mile and provided a 40-yard dropbox to collect all the branch and shrub trimmings from the Dakota PBD.

DOGPAW truly has extraordinary folks—as sponsors, members, and volunteers. Thank you again, Ken Stryker.

Folks remember, if you are in need of damage restoration for your home or business, please give Ken a call.

Take the Road Less Traveled (*well, park path actually*)

Tucked back in the woods at *Hockinson Meadows Community Park*, is a cool 2.5 acres of shade at the **Kane Memorial Dog Park**. So please join us...



If this is your Home Park—*WOW, it is stunning!* Perhaps you'd like to volunteer to be Park Manager.

Currently the Park Operations Manager, Marty Rutkovitz is *Acting*. Only recently joining the Board of DOGPAW, he jumped right into the deep weeds, and he's doing a fabulous job. So, if you are interested in the role of Park Manager, contact: parkoperations@dogpawoffleashparks.org

Kane Dog Park Beautification

Saturday, June 5, 10:00am – 2:00pm
10910 NE 172nd Ave, Vancouver

NOTE: Lots of activity at the ball fields Saturday—so you may want to park by the play area.

Volunteers—Sign in at the Volunteer Table. Get your vest.

Membership—Sign up at the Membership Table.

- New or Renew
- Donate there too!

Volunteers, new members, and donations are always needed and gratefully appreciated...go to www.dogpawoffleashparks.org/Volunteer

See you there!

Kane Memorial Dog Park Remembrance

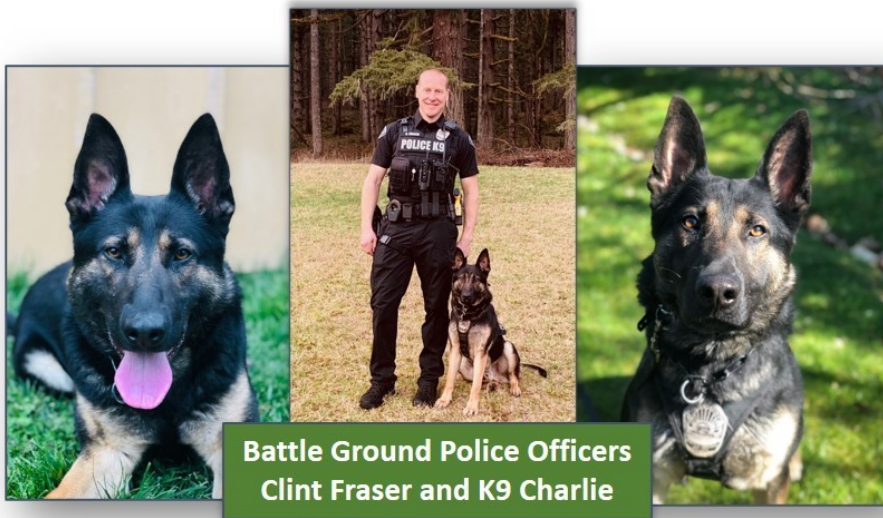
K9 Kane, a Dutch shepherd, started with the Clark County Sheriff's office in March 2005. As of 2008, he and his handler were one of just three K-9 teams in Washington certified in *Stabo*, or short-term airborne operations. That means both dog and handler could fly harnessed below helicopters on a heavy rope. Kane died in the line of duty in 2015.



New K9 Unit to Visit Kane on Park Beautification Day

'Round about noon, we might

expect a *walk-by*, and depending on the number of park goers and dogs, a *Meet-N-Greet* from *Battle Ground K9 Unit, Officer Clint Fraser and K9 Charlie*.



**Battle Ground Police Officers
Clint Fraser and K9 Charlie**

IMPORTANT: This is Charlie's first job—he's a working dog, not a pet. You could say, Charlie is still learning the ropes, and getting out and about in the community, amongst folks, is still a new role. Please be respectful and defer to Officer Fraser if he and K9 Officer Charlie swing by Kane on Saturday, June 5. Thank you.

Next Park Beautification Day -- Save the Date

Ike, Saturday, July 10th, 10am—2pm: 10910 N.E. 172nd Ave, Vancouver

Stay tuned. See Events at www.dogpawoffleashparks.org/Events for more information.

Sponsor Spotlight

Know a business you love and that is supportive of dogs and DOGPAW Off Leash Parks? Send their names to sponsor@dogpawoffleashparks.org, and our Sponsorship Director can reach out to them and also add them to our list of potential sponsors. **Woof!**

Annual Sponsor Levels — Read all about what's available on the DOGPAW Website.

Open DOGPAW Board Positions



SOMETIMES EVEN THE DOGPAW BOARD HAS DIFFERENT PRIORITIES!

Yes ... even the DOGPAW Board takes a break, but we still need to fill some board positions.

And DOGPAW needs you with your passion for pups, your fresh ideas, and expertise. This could be your chance to make a difference in support of the

DOGPAW Mission = DOGS!

Each job description is explained on the DOGPAW website at dogpawoffleashparks.org/Volunteer. It's a GREAT group!

1. Secretary
2. Fundraising Coordinator
3. Volunteer Coordinator
4. Part Time Bookkeeper

Meet Bruce Abbott, Director of Membership Administration

A Vancouver resident for 18 years, Bruce has always had dogs. He loves taking his canine family to the park, which he considers a vital part of exercising and socializing, as well as strengthening the pack bond.

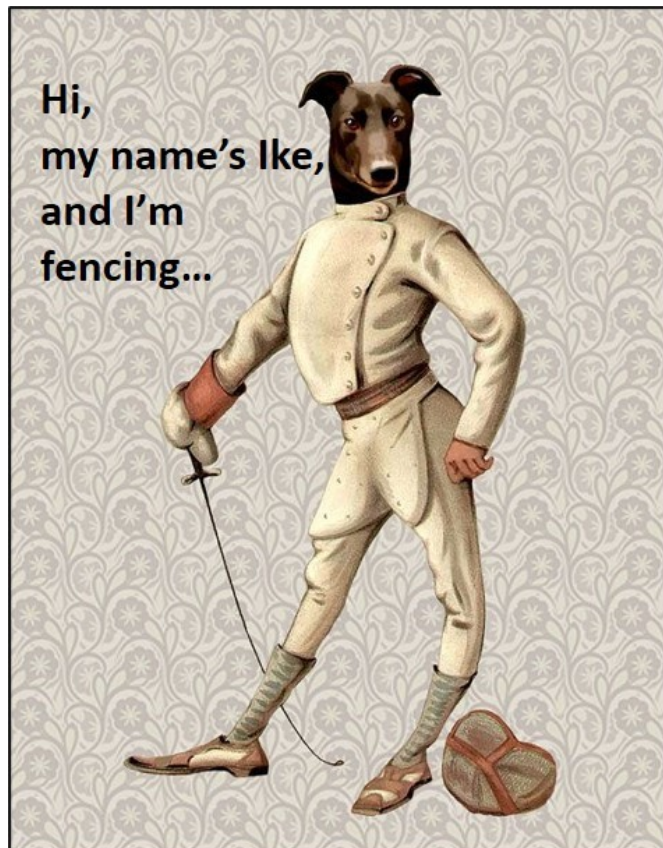
"Being on the Board of DOGPAW will allow me to learn...and make a contribution to the mission of providing dog owners this resource."

Bruce also brings administration experience, is a Steward for Friends of the Columbia Gorge Trail, and is also a Master Gardener. As a willing and involved board member, he wants share the enjoyment of dog ownership, and learn more about the operation of non-profits while supporting DOGPAW, and maybe discover more of his innate abilities.

Welcome Bruce!

Questions? Email ask@dogpawoffleashparks.org.

Ike Update



NO, NO, NO... IKE Fencing

... the 550 feet of the north-south fence immediately to the east of the 345kv yard, upper level at Ike.

We have selected a vendor to replace the fence, beginning with this section. And it looks like replacement is scheduled for the end of June.

Husky Fence, 1604 NE 49th Street, Vancouver, WA
(Neighbor to Ike—just to the south of the lower property)

The grant from the Parks Foundation of Clark County coupled with matching dollars from DOGPAW members who have really stepped up, now allow us to get started on this much needed maintenance.

Stay tuned for start dates, construction awareness, and progress reports!

Easier to donate: Les, DOGPAW IT Director, has added three Donate buttons right at the top of the page when you go to [DOGPAW](#)

[Website/Membership Donations](#), Click **Donate for Ike Park Fencing**...or just donate. **Woof!**

Need to send a check? Please indicate '*Ike Project*' to ensure that your funds get assigned to the project. (*Address in Contacts Section*)

Thank You!

Thank you everyone who turned out for the Lucky Park Beautification Day (PBD) on May 8. Pets and people all had a great time on a day that may have started a little gray—but went on to a sunny finish.



Thank you to Karra Chand, Gary Miller, Barry Finkel, June Yamrick

...to our volunteer Park Managers Rick Shulenbarger and Jess Rubenstein

...to Dyllon Maddox, Mkt. Mgr. from **All Natural Pet Supply**, who volunteered all day

...to Park Ops Mgr. Marty Rutkovitz who directed activities and dug right in

...to Eric Lambert who spread the clean water word



...Jim Tiefenthaler who has lots of DOGPAW History to share

...and everyone who picks up extra poop and stray litter at all the dog parks.

We love our pets, our volunteers, surely our members, and are grateful for our Business Sponsors.

You make our dog parks possible!

Thank you all!

Did You Know?

The Lucky PBD took place on May 8, 2021. When you're next at Lucky, read the service plaque for K9 Lucky. You will note that May 8, is the anniversary of his passing.

More DOGPAW flyers on our bulletin boards will have **QR** codes to make it easier for you to donate. Thank you again, DOGPAW IT Director.

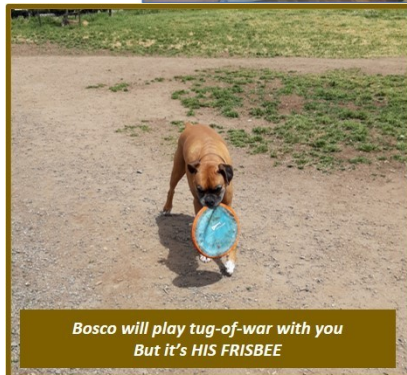
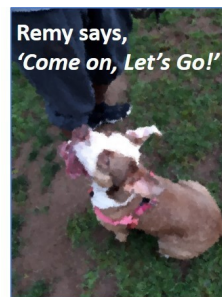
Check out this pet safety page, good info here:

<https://www.security.org/resources/keeping-pets-safe/>

Fireworks and Dogs: We are all in when it comes to our dogs. So, we are reaching out for an animal behaviorist to come and give us some tools we can use around the 4th of July. While we humans may be really excited that July 4th is coming—maybe our pups are not. *Stay tuned for more information about this possible June presentation.*

Keep reading the newsletter.

Mutt Shots



Reminders

Lock up your vehicle when you are at the dog park to go walk your pup(s).

- Don't leave valuables or items visible in your car.
- Seeing a break in in progress or emergency – **dial 911**.
- Discover car broken into after the fact but not a true emergency, (termed *a cold break in*) **dial 311** for Clark County Non-Emergency.
- **Park Rules:** Thank you for refreshing your memory about our great parks by reading the park rules that are posted in every park.
- **Covid19:** We are coming out of lockdown, but if you have questions about Covid19 behaviors, please refer to Clark County Health Department guidelines [here](#).

- **Please caretake your pet.** Be aware of your dog, carry a lead, consider the small dog park if appropriate.
- **Please cleanup after your pet** and dispose of the waste in provided receptacles. No one wants to step in it.
- **Pets must be licensed. Male dogs older than 1 year must be Neutered.**
- **Please pick up paper and pet litter.**



Lottie reminds you,
Kane Park Beautification Day
is coming up!
Saturday, June 5, 2021
10am – 2pm

Contacts

Suggestions and Reminders welcome: [Newsletter Suggestions](#)

Sally Jenkins, President: president@dogpawoffleashparks.org
Call/text: (360)553-5344

Volunteering: We can ALWAYS use your help! [Volunteer Form](#)

Questions? ask@dogpawoffleashparks.org

Just want to learn more about DOGPAW --- check out our website:
www.dogpawoffleashparks.org

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DOGPAW OFF-LEASH DOG PARK LOCATIONS:

Dakota: 1515 N.E. 164th Ave. Vancouver, WA

Ike (Ross): 5167 N.E. 15th Ave. Vancouver, WA

Kane: 10910 N.E. 172nd Ave. Vancouver, WA

Lucky: 10100 N.E. 149th St. Brush Prairie, WA

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