

JULY NEWSLETTER

COVID - 19 UPDATE

We want to start off with a huge THANK YOU to everyone who has visited the park and complied with social distancing guidelines. We understand that taking your dog to get some exercise should be easy, and we are doing our best to still provide a safe outlet for your dogs to stretch their legs. We have been one of only two dog parks in Southeastern New England allowed to remain open during the pandemic due to our strict rules that have helped make the park safe for everyone. Please continue to social distance from visitors at the park and make sure to wear a mask if you are unable to remain six feet away. The park is no longer limited to 10 people, but please still take caution!

FALL EVENTS

We hope to be able to hold a late summer pool party or the costume party. Stay tuned for more information.

OUR NEW ADDRESS

We are officially on Google Maps! Our newly assigned address is 257 Brick Kiln Road, East Falmouth MA, 02536. Notice the addition at our entrance, now with our address "etched in stone."



CRUISE POSTPONMENT

Our biennial Island Queen cruise has been postponed to next year:

SAVE THE NEW DATE! JUNE 5, 2021

If you already purchased a ticket for this year, they are valid for the new date.

A MESSAGE TO OUR SPONSORS

To all of our sponsors who have remained with us through these difficult times - thank you so much! We could not run this park without your generous donations.

ANNUAL APPEAL

To help us continue providing a safe environment for our community's dogs, please consider donating to us by:

- Using a donation envelope that you can get at the Park to mail in your donation
- Send a check made out to Falmouth Dog Parks INC. to P.O. Box 93 East Falmouth 02536
- Using PayPal on our website

To see more about our wonderful park and read our annual appeal, visit our website for more information.

LOLLIPUP WOODLAND PATH

Please remember to stay on the path! There can be poison ivy and objects like metal off of the trail so keep your dogs leashed at all times. A huge thank you to Eagle Scout Sam Mack and the troup for our wonderful, cool trail!



2020 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Congratulations to Calista Shank, the 2020 recipient of the Larry Friel Memorial Award. The scholarship is presented each year to a graduating senior who has dedicated part of his/her high school years working with or for animals. This award is presented in memory of Larry Friel, who was the first major donor to help create the Falmouth Dog Park and a true believer in the importance of animals in our lives. Calista is an animal lover who has worked with animals almost her whole life, starting when she began horseback riding as a child. Calista has been employed at The Cape Cod Pet Resort since her sophomore year of high school and has been responsible for the care of many cats and dogs as a kennel worker. Additionally, she supervises the Doggy Daycare where she is in charge of the safety of all of the dogs. In addition to having a passion for working with animals, Calista is a model student with excellent academics and involvement at Falmouth High School. Calista was a part of several National Honor Societies, dedicated a lot of time to volunteering, and was on many sports teams including being captain of the tennis team throughout her high school career. Calista is continuing her academic career at the University of Delaware where she will be studying Exercise Science. Congratulations Calista; this award was well-deserved!



TUFTS WEBINAR

Dr. Jonathon Runstadler, a Virologist and Professor of Infectious Disease & Global Health at Tufts University, released an interesting report on the study of pets and the passing of COVID - 19. Some important findings include:

- If you have the virus, treat your pets as you would another human
- Textures like dog fur, cotton, and cardboard only allow the virus to exist for a short length of time, while smooth surfaces like metal or plastic allow the virus to survive for longer periods of time
- Transmission from humans to pets is possible when a person has the virus and spends a lot of time handling, holding, and even sleeping with his/her dog
- There are no incidents of dogs passing the virus to humans or to another dog
- There is evidence of cats passing the virus to other cats, but not to humans

