



The Sound Hounds Advocate Issue 1, April 2009

Bumper stickers!

They are FREE with a membership donation of \$25 or more. Or they're a minimum \$1 donation. The money will be used to raise awareness and build dog parks.

Get your bumper stickers at our Sound Hounds booths or from these sponsors:

- [Dirty Paws](#) (Hawks Prairie next to Mud Bay)
- [K-9 Clubhouse](#) (West Olympia next to Mud Bay)
- [South Bay Press](#) (in Lacey behind Michael's)

E-Update is now *The Sound Hounds Advocate*

This newsletter format will be easier to share. [Google](#) or click on the links for easy reference. Contact the [editor](#) and let us know what you think!

Dog-Gone Easter Egg Hunt

This FUNdraiser is April 11th at Rainier Vista Park in Lacey from noon to 3pm. **Come visit our booth!** [Pet Connection Magazine](#) is the host.

Park Commission vacancies

If you'd like to help Thurston County with park development (including, but not limited to dog parks) contact (360) 786-5595. They meet monthly.

What do you wanna know?

Are you curious about our monthly meetings? About dog park progress? We post this information on our [web site](#). If you click on "What We're Building" and scroll down, you'll discover hours of great videos!

Photos anyone?

Email us your photos to post on the web site.



Evergreen helps

Two Evergreen State College Masters of Public Administration (MPA) graduate students are working with Sound Hounds to compare dog park areas around the country with South Sound. Stay tuned!

Tis the booth season

Outreach is our #1 priority to generate support that drives dog park development. We need volunteer coordinators before we commit to an event. Please contact Lynn if you can help with a 2-4 hour shift and/or coordinate one day of an event. **Businesses - sponsoring a booth or event is a great opportunity for exposure!**

Potential booth events:

- Apr 11 - [Pet Connection](#) egg hunt (8:30am call, 11 ready, 12 event starts, 3pm event ends, 3:30 done)
- July 11 - [Wolfhaven](#) Wildlife Fest
- July 11-12 - [Nisqually Kennel Club](#) all-breed dog show
- July 15-19 - [Lakefair](#)
- August 22 - Run Like a Dog
- August 22-23 - [Sand in the City](#)
- Oct 4 - Tumwater Harvest Festival

Dog park spotlight

[DOGPAW](#) - This dog park advocacy group in Vancouver, Clark County, WA, operates 3 dog parks and is a great model. Check them out!

2009 Sound Hounds Board

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www.soundhounds.org - check our web site regularly for news & ways to get involved.

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Dog parks (off-leash areas):

- Increase responsible pet ownership
- Build diverse communities
- Improve public health & safety
- Are places to PLAY outdoors with friendly dogs (and rules)
- Are low-cost to build and operate
- Promote tourism, growth, and economic vitality
- Promote regional identity
- BENEFIT EVERYONE - dog owners & non-dog owners

Who are we?

- We work with dog owners and the community at large to promote awareness, acceptance, and availability of off-leash areas in South Puget Sound, WA.
- We have over 3,000 support signatures and over 600 people on our email list. To receive *The Sound Hounds Advocate* via email, please contact the [editor](#).

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Dogs aren't our whole lives, but they make our lives whole.