



NEWSLETTER



D-Tails is having a contest for the month of October to see how many new Facebook likes we can get. Lucky "Like" 100 will receive a limited edition Pet Hub tag with a silver subscription. "Like" 125 will get to choose a Truman collar that we have in the shop. Please get your friends to like us!

Bark your Calendar!

OCTOBER 11TH:

NAIL CLIPPING \$12

CALL TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

(860) 388-1819



UPCOMING CLASSES:

Agility Fun:

Thursdays 6:00-7:00 P.M.: Have some fun and burn off some energy, while running through agility courses with your dog.

Beginner Obedience starts October 30th:

6:00-7:00 P.M.: Leash work for you and your dog. Socialization and problem solving as well as the basics. Material covered: focus, heel, automatic sit, patience, stand, down, stay and come.

Handling Class:

Tuesdays 6:00-7:00 P.M.: Learn how to show your dog in the conformation ring like a professional handler! October 9th's class is being taught by Diane Blasius!

Drop in Obedience:

Mondays 7:00-8:00 P.M.: Whether it is that you haven't worked your dog lately, or either of you have forgotten how to do something, this is your opportunity to brush up on training.

Autumn Safety Tips

Ah, fall—there's nothing like crisp, cool air, the first months of school and luscious foliage to get you excited for the changing seasons. Your pet, too, is probably welcoming the break from hot, sticky weather. Pet parents, beware, fall is also a time of lurking dangers for our furry friends. From household poisons to cold weather hazards, the season is a minefield! Here are some tips to keep your pet snug and healthy during the autumn months.

- The use of rodenticides increases in the fall as rodents seek shelter from the cooler temperatures by attempting to move indoors. Rodenticides are highly toxic to pets if ingested, the results could be fatal. If you must use these products, do so with extreme caution and put them in places inaccessible to your pets.
- It's back-to-school time, and those of you with young children know that means stocking up on fun items like glue sticks, pencils and magic markers. These items are considered "low toxicity" to pets, which means they're unlikely to cause serious problems unless large amounts are ingested. However, since gastrointestinal upset and blockages certainly are possible, be sure your children keep their school supplies out of paw's reach.
- Fall and spring are mushroom seasons. While 99% of mushrooms have little or no toxicity, the 1% that are highly toxic can cause life-threatening problems in pets. Unfortunately, most of the highly toxic mushrooms are difficult to distinguish from the nontoxic ones, so the best way to keep pets from ingesting poisonous mushrooms is to keep them away from areas where any mushrooms are growing.
- Autumn is the season when snakes, who are preparing for hibernation, may be particularly "grumpy." This increases the possibility of severe bites to those unlucky pups who find themselves in the wrong place at the wrong time. Pet owners should know what kinds of venomous snakes may be in their environment—and where these snakes are most likely to be found—so they can keep pets out of those areas.
- Many people choose fall as the time to change their car's engine coolant. Ethylene glycol-based coolants are highly toxic, so spills should be cleaned up immediately. Consider switching to propylene glycol-based coolants—though they aren't completely nontoxic, they are much less toxic than other engine coolants.

Halloween Safety Tips

- No tricks, no treats: That bowl of candy is for trick-or-treaters, not for Scruffy and Fluffy. Chocolate in all forms—especially dark or baking chocolate—can be very dangerous for dogs and cats. Candies containing the artificial sweetener xylitol can also cause problems. If you do suspect your pet has ingested something toxic, please call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435.
- Popular Halloween plants such as pumpkins and decorative corn are considered to be relatively nontoxic, but they can produce stomach upset in pets who nibble on them.
- Wires and cords from electric lights and other decorations should be kept out of reach of your pets. If chewed, your pet might suffer cuts or burns, or receive a possible life-threatening electrical shock.
- A carved pumpkin certainly is festive, but do exercise caution if you choose to add a candle. Pets can easily knock a lit pumpkin over and cause a fire.
- Dress-up can be a big mess-up for some pets. Keep in mind that costumes can be stressful, uncomfortable, or even dangerous for some.
- All pets should be kept in a separate room away from the front door during peak trick-or-treating hours. Too many strangers can be scary and stressful for pets.
- IDs, please! Always make sure your dog has proper identification. If for any reason your pet escapes and becomes lost, a collar and tags and/or a microchip can be a lifesaver, increasing the chances that he or she will be returned to you. D-Tails has Pet Hub identification tags for sale, stop in for yours today!

Halloween Event's For You and Your Dog

8th Annual Dogs on the Docks, CT River Museum, Essex. Sunday, October 7, 2012, 2-4 P.M.

Branford Animal Awareness Day, Town Green, Sunday, October 7, 1-5 P.M.

This event will be Anne Jordan of Dachshund Rescue and Pet Services' (DRPS) annual Halloweiner Fest.

Old Lyme Pet Parade, Town Hall, Saturday, October 13, 2012, 1 P.M.

This year's theme is Adoption and Education.



AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY
BARK FOR LIFE™
A CANINE EVENT TO FIGHT CANCER

New London County
Harkness Memorial State Park, Waterford, CT
Saturday, October 6 2012

The American Cancer Society Bark For Life™ is a noncompetitive walk event for dogs and their owners to raise funds and awareness for the American Cancer Society's fight against cancer.

By supporting Bark For Life, you help the American Cancer Society save lives, and that helps us move closer to our ultimate goal of a world with less cancer and more birthdays.

So bring your best canine friend and join us for a fun-filled day starting with a walk, and then continuing with demonstrations, contests, and games.

Registration: 9:00am - \$20

Walk and Activities: 10:00am - 1:00pm

For more information about forming a team or sponsoring the event, please contact Kate Bradley at the American Cancer Society at (203) 379-4883 or visit RelayForLife.org/NewLondonCountyCTBark



Puppy Up! Walk

Support those with cancer.
Honor the friends we've lost.
Walk for those we can help.

Sunday, November 4
 Hammonasset State Park
 1288 Boston Post Rd.
 Madison, CT 06443

10:30 A.M. 12:00 P.M.
 Registration 2 Mile Walk

10:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
 Food, Vendors, Entertainment

The story of 2 Million Dogs began with a man and his two dogs who embarked on a walk from Austin, TX to Boston, MA. He was inspired by the loss of his Great Pyrenees to cancer. Luke Robinson and his two Great Pyrenees walked 2,300 miles across 16 states. They were on the road for 826 days!

They walked from town to town sharing his dog, Malcolm's, story and educating people about cancer in dogs. As they built a nationwide grassroots movement, Mr. Robinson had a vision: 2,000,000 dogs walking simultaneously all across the United States for cancer. That's when the 2 Million Dogs Foundation was born.

2 Million Dogs Foundation is committed to discovering the common links between canine and human cancers and the causes of these through comparative oncology research.

It's not too early to volunteer to help on the planning committee, the day of the event, or to form a team!



If you are interested in volunteering to help with the walk, either call D-Tails or Valerie Kodman at (203) 887-9910

\$25 registration day of the event
 or
 Register Online at
www.2milliondogs.org