

# D Tails Monthly Ruff

July 2015



## NEWSLETTER



D Tails will be closed Friday, July 3, for the holiday weekend!



Have a safe and happy Fourth of July!!!

### July Classes

#### Mondays

Beginner Agility, 6:00-7:00 P.M.

Drop-In Obedience, 7:15-8:15 P.M., Grace Church, Old Saybrook, weather permitting. **Please check FB for updates.**

#### Tuesdays

There will be no handling classes for the remainder of the summer. **See you in September!**

#### Thursdays

Advanced Obedience, 6:00-7:00 P.M., July 2, 9, & 16.

Beginner Obedience, 7:00-8:00 P.M., July 2, 9, & 16. **New classes start July 23! You still have time to register for this class. Call Donna at D Tails or register online at [www.dtails.biz](http://www.dtails.biz).**

### Day School Clients

Please try to schedule your dog a week in advance. This really helps with staffing properly. We are also filling up on most days, and we hate to turn anyone away.

### Fourth of July Safety Tips

Keep your dogs safely inside.

If you leave to watch the festivities, crate your dogs, or keep them in a safe place in your home.

Play music or leave on the TV, to drown out the noise.

Use a Thundershirt or calming sprays.

If you stay home, entertain your dog with a special bone and lots of love!



**New!** Truman collars in your favorite sports teams! We can order any size! We can get Red Sox bandanas as well!

## Donna and Beth's Excellent Adventure to Canine Camp Getaway!

Two years ago, Donna and Cay went to Canine Camp Getaway in Lake George, New York. On this working vacation, the duo learned new skills that, in turn, were taught to D Tails' clients. This year, Donna and Cay went again, along with Channel. Beth Sullivan, a long-time supporter of Donna and D Tails, also went with her GSD, Blitz. Here are some of the classes they took and events they participated in, as seen in the following pictures. These camps are only held for one week in the summer and one week in the fall. Space is limited, so if you think you are interested, talk to Donna. She has tons of information, and Canine Camp Getaway brochures.

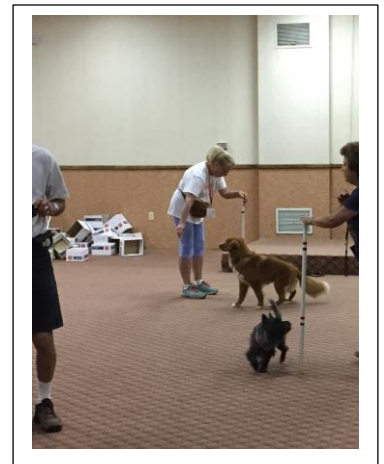
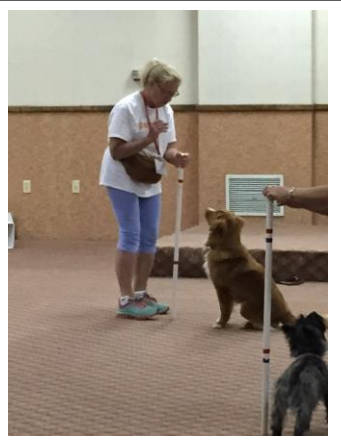


Left, Donna takes a seat, while Cay and Channel listen to an obedience lesson.

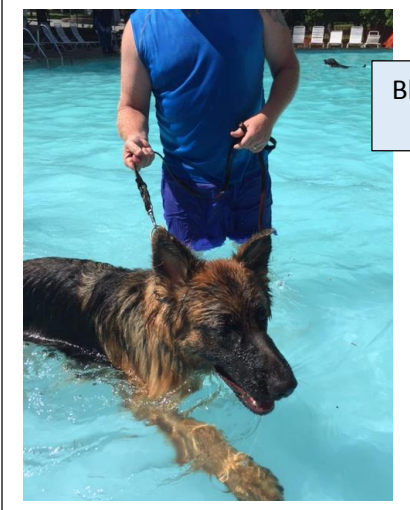
Right, Beth and Blitz pose for a picture during their morning hike.



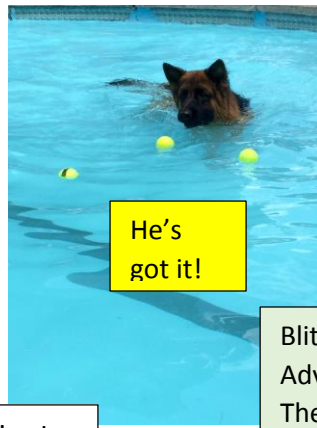
Donna and Channel learn how to dance!



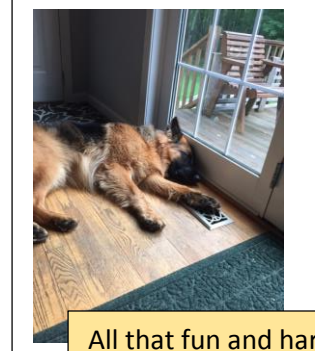
# Canine Camp Getaway, continued.....



Blitz learns to swim!



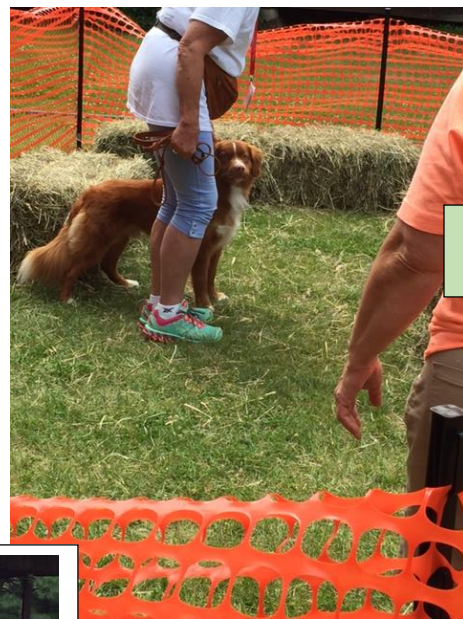
He's got it!



All that fun and hard work made Blitz exhausted!

Blitz earned his Canine Good Citizenship, his Advanced Canine Good Citizenship, and his Therapy dog certification!!! WTG, Blitz!

Cay and Channel both passed their novice Barn Hunt without a problem! Barn Hunt is AKC approved nose-work challenge. The dogs use their natural hunting instinct to locate vermin, aka rats! The dogs are shown items with the rat's scent, those items are hidden in a hay bale maze. Once the dogs find the items with the scent, they move up to actually locating the rat. (The rats are safely ensconced in protective tubes the dogs cannot break.)The challenges in locating the rat continue to increase in difficulty. Yes, the rats are real, but no, they are not harmed. If you have a prey-driven dog, this might be perfect! Cay and Channel will now be going for their AKC Barn Hunt titles. To learn more about Barn Hunt, click here. <http://www.barnhunt.com/>



Donna and Channel learning Barn Hunt.

A special Thank You to Beth Sullivan for taking and letting us use her pictures😊



Cay found the rat!

Donna would love to teach Barn Hunt classes at D Tails, but hay bales inside are not ideal. If anyone has any ideas of a great outdoor space where this can be taught, please let us know. You can call or email!

# Heads and Tails

In theaters now, Max!

A new movie that is sure to make you cry, so go prepared with tissues. Loosely based on the true story of a trained combat dog, that mourns the passing of his trainer. Here is the link to the official trailer.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6EPPMCwD5bw>

And coming to theaters next summer.....The Secret Life of Pets from Pixar. They have released their first teaser. It looks pretty cute! You can watch it here.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-87bxIqvuBLY>



Here are a few fun summertime videos to enjoy:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ceLvYOSZxzl>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a3ytlLHYpPF0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=73Tyk0eZRIU>

And only in California....

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tDOM-U7uStM>

For the summer months, I have been asking for people to email pictures of dogs in their wedding. No one has emailed me, but luckily, I have a friend, Jeff, whose son was married two weeks ago. Their dog, Ginger, was dressed for the occasion! They had a custom yellow collar made to match the groomsmen's ties. Besides that this is an incredibly sweet picture, it is truly special! About a month and a half ago, Ginger was diagnosed with a cancerous mass. The vet gave her days to live. However, Ginger had other plans. She made it to wedding day and posed for pictures! This will certainly be a picture Jeff and his family will treasure.

