

NEWSLETTER



Happy May Day!

Have a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend. Please take a moment to remember our fallen heroes.



MAY CLASSES

Mondays

Beginner Obedience, 6:00-7:00 PM

Drop-in Obedience, 7:00-8:00 PM. In good weather, Drop-in will be held outside on the front lawn of Grace Church in Old Saybrook. Please check our FB page for updates.

Tuesdays

Handling, 6:00-7:00 PM. Please check website for individual handlers. There will be no class on May 26, 2015.

Wednesday

Doggie Fun Zone meeting, May, 6, 2015, 6:00-7:00 PM at D Tails.

Thursdays

Beginner Agility 6:00-7:00 PM

Beginner Obedience 7:00-8:00 PM

Both of these classes begin on May 21, 2015. There is still time to register for these classes. You can sign up on our website at www.dtails.biz or call Donna at D Tails at 860-388-1819.

URGENT

As it stands right now, we are considering cancelling Doggie Fun Zone for this year. We need sales from the raffle tickets to defer the cost of Lee and his course. The extra monies raised will be donated to the Catherine Violet Hubbard Animal Sanctuary. Doggie Fun Zone is a great event, but it is a huge undertaking! We need to know if we should move forward. You can help buy sharing the raffle and by coming to our meeting on May 6, 2015. We love fresh faces and ideas!

Win a portrait of your dog! This month we will be holding our annual raffle for one of Diane Blasius' amazing custom portraits. The tickets will be available at D Tails for \$10.00 each. We will only sell 130 tickets. **The drawing will be on May 11, 2015**, and you do not need to be present to win. Diane is not limited to dogs, she does cats as well. So tell your friends! We use the proceeds to defray the cost of the actual Doggie Fun Zone and their operators. That way, we will have more funds to donate to our charity this year: The Catherine Violet Hubbard Animal Sanctuary. Portrait commission of one dog by Diane Blasius, Mungo Works (see www.mungoworks.com for more samples) done in watercolor underpainting with pigment pencils for all the detail, or you can have your custom portrait hand painted on a china plate or platter. You can choose a head portrait or full body pose with an increased cost. Diane will use your photo, or take one of her own.



For information on the Catherine Violet Hubbard Animal Sanctuary, click here:

<http://cvhfoundation.org/animalsanctuary/>



In the News....

On the weekend of May 15, Both Cay and Channel are showing at the Southern Maine Coastal Cluster in Scarborough, Maine. Cay will be competing in obedience and Channel will vying for more points towards Grand Champion. Here is Channel getting his beauty rest!

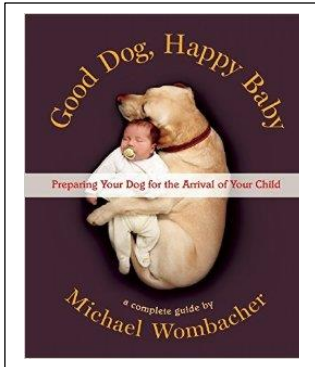


Donna and D Tails are proud to sponsor an Old Saybrook Parks and Rec Little League softball team! Donna and Cay came to the opening day festivities on Saturday, April 25. Cay was very excited with all the children playing, especially when they were playing with balls. Donna and Cay were included in the team photo, Donna received a commemorative ball with the teams' signatures, and also threw out a first pitch!



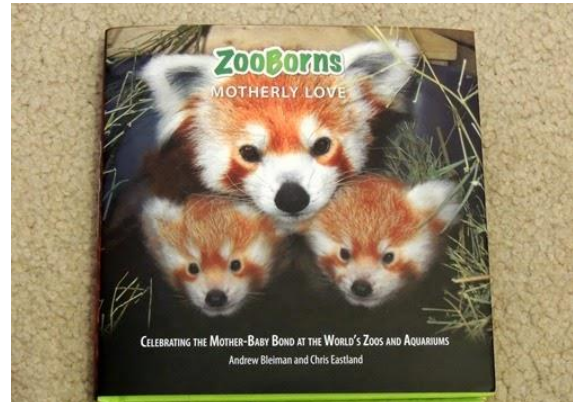
Head and Tails

Two ideas for Mother's Day:



A new book being released in May for anyone who is expecting a baby and already has a dog.

An adorable addition to the Zooborn series. This chronicles zoo moms and their babies. You definitely will say, "AWWWWW!"



New Product Update: Insect Shield Repellent Gear:

These new wearable items for dogs have been treated with odorless built-in bug repellent. They have a neck gaiter, bandana, and car cover-ups. These repellents are said to last up to 6 months if you follow washing instructions. So far, when Rudy, Macy, and Marcy wear them, I have not seen any ticks or fleas. They have only been using them for few weeks, so I will keep you updated.

Have you seen this video from John Legend? He sings his hit single "All of Me" at a dog wedding....his dogs' wedding! The video is adorable and is for a great cause. It's a promotion for Legend's own charity organization called "Show Me," which is an education awareness effort. You can see the video and learn more about the promotion here:

<http://www.hollywoodreporter.com/news/john-legend-sings-at-dog-785936>



And, since June is the most popular month for weddings, we would love to know if you included your pooch in your wedding? If you did, email a picture to mantha465@aol.com and we will include it in our June newsletter! It is definitely still a hot trend. Some couples are even including their dogs as wedding toppers for their cake! This couple, for example, couldn't include their dog at the venue, but found room for him elsewhere.

<http://www.stylemepretty.com/little-black-book-blog/2015/04/08/hint-of-glamour-croslev-estate-wedding/>