

D Tails Monthly Ruff

January 2016

NEWSLETTER

Cheers to a happy and healthy 2016!



January Classes

New classes, Beginner Agility and Beginner Obedience are both starting this Thursday! If you are interested call D Tails or you can register on line at dtails.biz.

Monday:

Indoor Dog Park, 6:00-7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome! Just \$6.00.

Drop-In Obedience, 7:00-8:00 PM.

Tuesday:

Handling, 6:00-7:00 PM. Please check calendar for individual handlers.

There is no handling class on Tuesday, January 26, 2016.

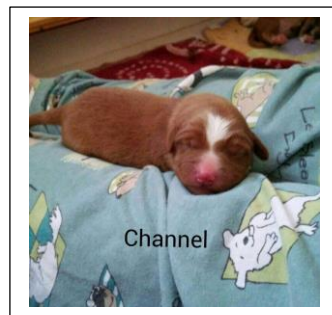
Thursday:

Beginner Agility, 6:00-7:00 PM. **First class January 7, 2016!**

Beginner Obedience, 7:00-8:00 PM. **First class January 7, 2016!**

Channel is going to Westminster!

Of course, Donna is too! The Westminster Kennel Club dog show is February 15 and 16, 2016. Donna would like to know if anyone wants to come and root for Channel. If there is enough interest, maybe we can get a group together. Donna just recently learned that Channel has been ranked the #6 Toller in the country! How exciting is that? A Toller has never been Best in Show, maybe this is the year!



Here are some interesting facts about Westminster. It was started around 1876 in New York City by a group of gentlemen who would congregate after a day of hunting with their Pointers. They met in the Westminster Hotel and that's where they took their name. In 1877, they held a show in Philadelphia and officially became a club and changed their name to the Westminster Kennel Club. They held a show in NYC, at the Hippodrome (later to become Madison Square Garden.) They were such a hit, they stayed open for 4 days! The first Best in Show was in 1907, and it was a smooth Fox Terrier. Over the years, there have been 18 BIS Fox terriers-wire and smooth! The next breed with the most BIS wins is the Scottish Terrier. Overall, the terrier group has had the most wins. No type of retriever has ever won. I think that needs to change this year☺ For more detailed information about Westminster, follow these links.

<http://www.westminsterkennelclub.org/history/histhighlights.html>

<http://www.westminsterkennelclub.org/history/biswinners.html>

Here is the official trailer from the 2000 movie Best in Show. It's truly funny and has a great ensemble cast!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yeifMjqpsg0>

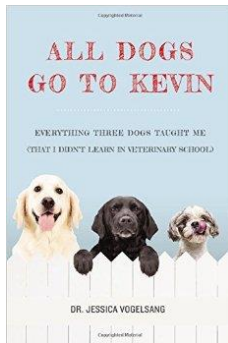
Heads and Tails

Pixar has released another trailer for their new animated movie *The Secret life of Pets* coming out this summer. If you didn't see it on FB, you can follow this link. I can't wait to see this!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GOaS68dEu8w>

We have yet to have any snow(YAY!) but maybe you can make a maze like this for your dog? Last year, we had to make paths with all the snow! This video is pretty cute.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=veRXOfOsmk0>



Jessica Vogelsang's memoir about life with three dogs, starting from adolescence through veterinary school and beyond. Think modern day James Harriet. There is a lot of humor, but you are forewarned, it has plenty of touching and sad moments too. You might just start tearing up reading the preface.

New Year's Resolutions. Everyone starts the year with them and then they sometimes fall by the wayside. Here are some easy resolutions for dog parents.

- Love your dog unconditionally as he does you.
- Be the best dog parent you can be.
- Feed them the best food you can.
- Clean their teeth, clip their nails and bathe occasionally.
- Play hard together.
- Go on adventures. (to the store, on a hike, etc.)
- Take time to smell the flowers.
- Dream with your dog.

There are always tons of happenings on New Year's Eve, but did you know there is a big dog event on New Year's Eve Day? Unfortunately, it is not around here but in Key West! They hold an annual Dachshund walk, with a Grand Marshall and costumed pooches! This year, there were 160 Dachshunds that took part in the walk. You can see more about this event here. It certainly is on Rudy's bucket list! Don't worry, they allow other dogs to participate as well.

<http://dachshundreport.com/video-annual-key-west-dachshund-walk/>