

D Tails Monthly Ruff

July 2016

Newsletter



Have a happy Fourth of July. Please remember to keep your pups safe and inside.

D Tails will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2016. There will be no day school or classes.

July Classes

Monday

Beginner Obedience, 6:00-7:00 PM

Drop-in Obedience, 7:15-8:15 PM, at Grace Church, 336 Main Street, Old Saybrook.

In case of inclement weather, please check FB or call the shop.

Tuesday

Handling 6:00-7:00 PM. Please check calendar on our website for individual instructors. **There is no class on Tuesday, July 26, 2016.**

Beginner Obedience, 7:00-8:00 PM. **New Class starts July 19, 2016. You still have time to register for this class. You can register at www.dtails.biz or call Donna at 860-388-1819.**

Wednesday, July 27, 2016, 6:00 PM. Adults only, 21+!

Wine and Design A Fun painting class for you and your dog. Please see more information about this fun night on page 3 of the newsletter.

Thursday

Beginner Obedience, 6:00-7:00 PM. This series of classes end on July 21, 2016.

Beginner Agility, 6:00-7:00 PM. This 8-week class starts on July 28, 2016. **There is still time to register for this class. You can register online or by calling D Tails.**

More Summer Fun with your Dog!

Surfing USA

Do you like to hang ten? How about your dog? Dogs who love the water might take to surfing! Surfing with dogs has become more popular, especially in California where they have the sunny weather and the waves. Most surfers claim that their dogs loved water and it was natural to put them on a surfboard. Having a dog that loves water and is an excellent swimmer is most important, then safety. All dogs who surf have to have excellent obedience. They must listen and perform the commands. They also have to wear a doggy PFD-personal floatation device, and some wear dog wet suits. Companies like SurfDog, give lessons. There are many Southern California competitions, usually starting in April through September. The biggest competitions are Unleashed, sponsored by SurfDog and PetCO and Purina Pro Plans Incredible Dog Surf Dog Challenge, which is by invitation only! The competitions take place at Imperial and Huntington Beach. If you think your pup is a future surf dog, here is a link with some great tips to get you started!

<http://www.surfdogricochet.com/teach-your-dog-to-surf.html>

Some fun surfing links.

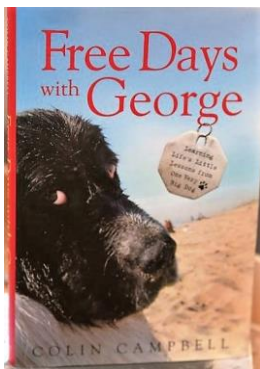
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Don't forget, "The Secret Life of Pets" comes out this Friday, July 8, 2016! I hope it is as good as all the trailers!



I was lucky enough to read the pre-release of Free Days with George by Colin Campbell. Free Days is a well-written memoir about rescuing a dog, who in turn, rescues the author as well. The author, Colin, had just gone through a divorce that blindsided him and was in a deep depression. A co-worker suggested a dog. George, a Landseer Newfoundland, was neglected and totally unsure of everything and everyone. Colin rescues him, and in time, they learn to trust each other and form a beautiful bond together. Not only that, but they then move from Toronto to Southern California, where Colin and George surf together! This book is the perfect summer read!

For anyone thinking of going to see the movie, "Wiener Dog", please know that it is not for children! It is directed by Todd Solandz who is known for dark satires. The dachshund dies in the end, a tragic, graphic death.



- Congratulations to Donna and Channel! This past weekend, they were showing in Bainbridge, NY.
- Channel went Best of Opposite for 4 of the 5 points he needed to complete his Bronze Championship.
- Saturday, he took Best of Breed over the number one dog in the country!
- Channel finished his Bronze with a 5-point major! Then, they did their first try at Rally Obedience and won first place with a perfect score of 100!



Channel relaxing after his big win!

Wine and Design

Join us on Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. for a fun night of wine and painting! BYOB and your dog because his paw prints will be the feature of your painting! You will be creating a one of a kind floral painting using your dog's paw prints. See the example below. So bring your pup and your favorite adult beverage and we will supply the rest! Please note that this will be in a group setting so your dog will be around other dogs. They will have a monitored play area while you are painting. This one-time class is \$20.00 and is limited to 12 participants and their dog. Adults only please. Please call D Tails to register for the class!

Meet our new volunteer Maddie! While Maddie is not on vacation or at camp, she will be helping us at D Tails this summer. She loves animals and has experience helping on a farm. The dogs love her! She is such a big help to Donna and crew 😊 Do you know someone who loves dogs and might like to volunteer? Let Donna know and she will give them an application!

