

NEWSLETTER

Happy May Day

Happy Mother's Day

Please Remember the Fallen
on Memorial Day



Tukka enjoying the sun.

Upcoming Classes

Monday

Drop-In Obedience, 7:00-8:00 PM. **No class on May 8th or May 29th.**

NEW CLASS Rally Obedience-Try It! 6:00-7:00 PM, Monday, May 22nd. Rally Obedience is obedience training with a fun twist. The dogs will use their obedience training on a course. Fun for dogs and their people! This is a great way to engage your dog and work on obedience! This is \$20 one-time class. You must register so sign up today!

Tuesday

Handling, 6:00-7:00 PM. **No class on May 23rd.** Please check calendar on our website for individual instructors.

Thursday

Beginner Obedience, 6:00-7:00 PM. **No Class on May 4th. A new class starts on May 18th. You can still register for this class! Call Donna at D Tails or register on our website, www.dtails.biz.**

Advanced Obedience, 7:00-8:00 PM. **New class starts on May 11th. You can still register for this class! Call Donna at D Tails or register on our website, www.dtails.biz.**

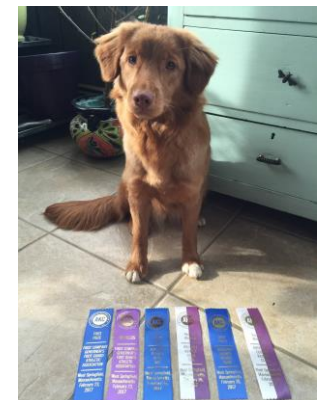
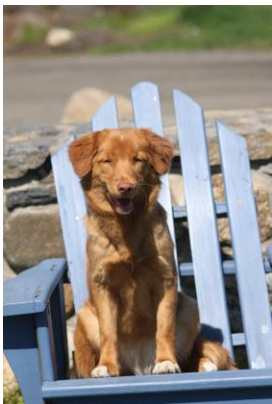
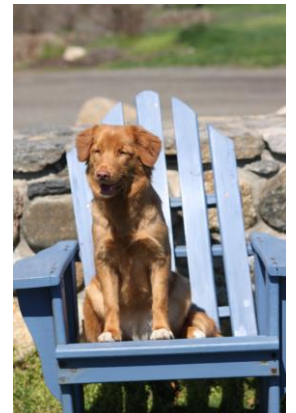
Did you know that the first week of May is **National Pet Week** and **Be Kind to Animals Week**? I know everyone who reads this newsletter is kind to animals, so if you see an animal being neglected or abused in any way, please call your local Animal Control or the Police.



Happy Birthday Tukka



Guess who turns one on May 31st? That's right, it's Tukka! Not only is Tukka beautiful, but she has quite the spunky personality! She is also super-fast and ball crazy! You should see her in action! Don't forget, she is also making a splash in the show ring!



It's with a very heavy heart that we say goodbye to Donna's Great Pyrenees, Calla. She will be greatly missed. I am so glad that Donna has these three beauties to comfort her.



Run free over the
Rainbow Bridge,
sweet Calla ♡

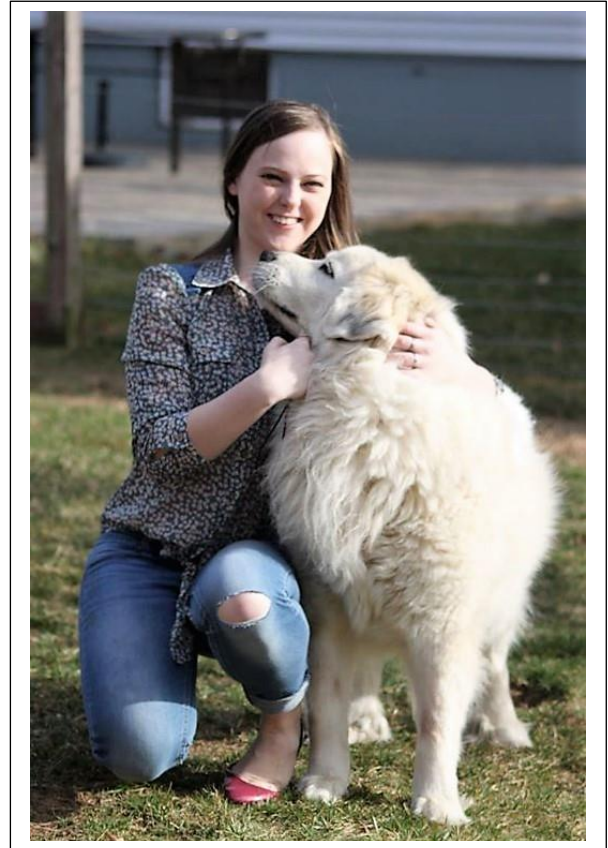


A Tribute to Calla by Eliza Owen-Smith

When I first met Calla, I instantly fell in love with her. I was helping Donna and my mom at a dog event and Donna let me hold Calla's leash. She let everyone pet and hug her. That day, Donna showed me pictures of what Calla looked like when she was first rescued. She had been malnourished and abused. I could barely believe that, the scared skeletal dog, was the same one giving me kisses.

After first meeting Calla, she remained my favorite of Donna's dogs, always the one that would let me sit with her under her special tree in her yard. When Calla really liked someone, she would lean all her weight against her legs so they would pet her more. It was impossible not to fall in love with her calm demeanor and loving personality. I know that Calla was a wonderful companion to Donna and her family, and a wise guardian of her other dogs.

Calla will always hold a fond memory in my heart, and I, along with everyone who knew Calla, will miss her greatly. I know that she has crossed the Rainbow Bridge and is lovingly guarding her friends there.

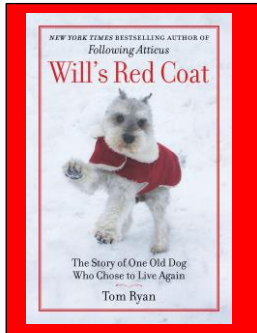


Eliza getting love from Calla or vice-versa 😊



<http://www.rainbowbridge.com/Poem.htm>

Upcoming Events in May



Tom Ryan, author of Will's Red Coat will be at RJ Julia's on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 7:00 PM. The event is free, but you must register here: <http://www.rjulia.com/event/tom-ryan-will%E2%80%99s-red-coat> The author adopted Will, an elderly dog, thinking he could give him a home to die. It turned out, the little dog was a fighter and lived a few more years. It's a wonderful true story!

Paws in Park Food and Craft Fair, Saturday, May 6, 2017, 9:00-3:00 at the South Windsor Rotary Pavilion at Nevers Park, South Windsor. Food tucks and many guest personalities. Please read the entire flyer here:

<http://www.swjaycees.org/paws.php>

The Newfoundland Educational Seminar, Sunday, May 7, 2017, 9:00-3:00 PM. Deer Lake Scout Reservation, Killingworth, CT. Free admission. This is a seminar to learn about the breed, meet rescue teams, talk with breeders, and view demonstrations by the dogs. If you love Newfies, this is where you need to be!

<http://www.newclubne.org/>

Also on May 7, 2017 is the Second Annual Westport Dog Festival. It is 10:00-4:00 PM at Winslow Park. Doggie Fun Zone will be there, as well as vendors and demonstrations. Bring your dog! \$10/person, \$25/family. More info here:

<http://www.westportwestonchamber.com/dogs>

May 13, 2017, Strutt Your Mutt, Fairfield Hills Campus in Newtown, 11:00-2:00 PM. A dog walk and fair with vendors, games, food, and a Strutt Your Mutt pageant! You must register for the walk. If you need more information, contact:

friendsofnewtownparkandbark@gmail.com

May 12-14, The Saint Hubert Kennel Club will be hosting an AKC dog show at Salem Community Town Park in Salem, CT. Judi Arsenault, who teaches handling classes at D Tails is the contact for this event. If you need more information, you can email her at judith.k.arsenault@dom.com or read the information from the Club website here:

http://sthubertkennelclub.org/shkc_003.htm

The Hartford Symphony Orchestra presents Playing with Dogs, Saturday, May 20, 2107 at 7:30 PM. Very interesting event with classical music, soloists and performing dogs. Please go to their website to see all the information and tickets too. This event is at the Bushnell in Hartford.

<https://hartfordsymphony.org/concerts/playing-with-dogs/>

The Yankee Flyers has a Toss and Fetch Qualifier at the Salem Community Park on May 22, 2017. Registration is at 8:00 AM, with the events beginning at 9:00 AM. More information here: <http://www.yankeeflyers.com/events/>

CT Dachshund Rescue and Pet Services along with Pink's Hot Dog Stand at Lake Compounce in Bristol, CT are having their Fourth Annual Weiner Dog 100 Races. This event is on Saturday, May 27, 2017 at 12:00 PM. They are still taking Dachshunds to race and need volunteers. You can find more information here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1783556731964202/> Rudy won't be racing this year, but he had a blast last year 😊



Celebrate May Day

When I was small, we used to dance around a May Pole and leave baskets of flowers, usually violets and forget-me-nots growing in our yards, at neighbors' doors. I attempted to get my dogs to participate in a May Pole once, and it was less than successful. I have found another way to celebrate May Day with dogs though. I was inspired by photographer, Sophie Gamand, who puts beautiful floral wreaths on shelter dogs to aid them in adoption. She chooses dogs who have been at the shelters way too long. You can learn about Sophie and her photos here:

<http://www.sophiegamand.com/flowerpupper/>

You can recreate this look with your pup too. Local photographer, Kathryn Shauer, has just helped Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter, in Branford, with some of their shelter dogs and a bunny who are overdue for forever homes. You can see Kathryn's photos on their Facebook page timeline and on area billboards!

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=dan%20cosgrove%20animal%20shelter>

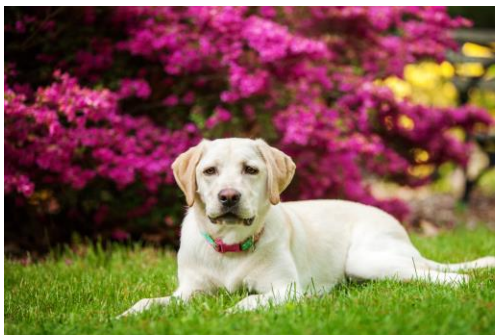
If you would like to create a happy, floral picture of your pup, you don't have to use wreaths! Spring is the perfect time to get fabulous pictures with all the beautiful trees and flowers finally in bloom!

Kathryn is the perfect photographer for this! You can contact Kathryn here:

<https://kathrynschauerphotography.com/contact/> and see more of her work here:

<https://kathrynschauerphotography.com/>

You might recognize her cover puppy; it's birthday pup, Tukka, in the mud 😊



Heads and Tails

Cookies for Mother's Day!

Instead of breakfast in bed, Moms (obviously, I mean dog and human moms!) might prefer something a little sweet, spicy, and cute. The recipe is for Corgi Chai Cookies, but you can use any dog cookie cutter you own. If you can't find a specific breed around town, I have had success with <http://cookiecutter.com/>. I have made these cookies and they are yummy! You can get the recipe here: <http://www.acozykitchen.com/corgi-chai-cookies/>



This is an excellent article on why dog moms are moms too. Those of us with dogs have always known this though!

<http://www.dogster.com/lifestyle/mothers-day-dog-moms>

Honor Memorial Day

K-9 Korea is a must read. With the subject matter, you know that this is a heart-wrenching true story. However, there are touching moments as well. It is also wonderful to know that sometimes, we learn from our mistakes of the past, and attempt to make changes. These changes will be better.

<http://www.thedogplace.org/LEGISLATION/freedom-not-death-for-military-dogs-15063.asp>

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/feb/28/south-korea-closes-biggest-dog-meat-market-in-run-up-to-olympics>

