

D Tails Monthly Ruff

December 2019

# NEWSLETTER



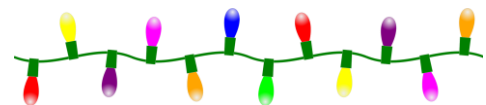
*Happy Chanukah*

*Merry Christmas*

*Happy Kwanza*

With our first winter storm approaching, please be mindful of our cancellation policy. You must cancel 24 hours before your pup is scheduled for day school. If you are scheduled on a Monday, leave us a message before 10:00 am, on Sunday. If we cancel day school because of the weather, we will post on Facebook and you will not be charged.

D Tails will be closed  
December 25, Christmas Day.  
Please sign your dogs up now  
for day school on December  
24, 26, & 27. As of right now,  
it will be determined by dog  
count if we are open on those  
days or not. Please let us  
know as soon as you can.



## December Classes

### Monday:

Nosework Basics, 6:00-7:00 pm. December 2 and 9. **New Classes beginning in January. Sign up now!**

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

### Tuesday:

Handling, 6:00-7:00 pm. December 3 and 10.

***NEW!!!***

**Donna is holding extra day school hours on Thursdays in December and one 1/2 day Saturday, before Christmas. See page 2 for all the information!**

## *New in December Only*

Are you already frazzled this holiday season? D Tails can help! We are extending day school hours on Thursdays in December from 6-8 pm. There will be an extra fee of \$10.00 for this service. The dates are December 5, 12, and 19. If your dog has been at day school all day, please provide supper. Our normal late fees will apply for pick up after 8 pm.

Donna is also going to open Saturday, December 22, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. The charge will be our normal half day fee of \$25.00.

Please sign your dogs up early so we can staff accordingly. Spaces will go quickly. Please note, this is for dogs who are day school regulars.

## *Also*

D Tails is forced to increase their prices as of February 1, 2020. All passes purchased prior to that date will be the at the same rate they have been since January 1, 2018.



### Toller News

Both Pyrat and Zaya did very well in their conformation shows in November. Pyrat won his third major going Winners Dog in the Springfield Kennel Club show.

Zaya had a good showing at the South Windsor Kennel Club. She got her first major going Winners, Best of Opposite, and Best of Breed Owner Handler.

Don't forget, Donna and Channel will be traveling this month to Orlando for the AKC National Championship, sponsored by Royal Canin. This should be aired or live-streamed. As soon as we get that information, we will post it on Facebook.



# Heads and Tails

Please note that the D Tails website is [www.dtails.biz](http://www.dtails.biz). It was incorrectly printed in last month's newsletter.

You probably don't need any convincing that dogs are amazing animals. Here are some dogs that are even more amazing.

Dogs in Croatia, that are normally trained as cadaver dogs, are now being used by archeologists to find ancient remains. They have been successful too.

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/dogs-archaeologists-detect-3000-year-old-graves-croatia-180973409/>

Speech pathologist, Christina Hunger, has trained her dog, Stella, to use an AAC board that is used for communicating with non-verbal children. After a year and a half, her dog now can create short sentences using the board. It truly is amazing.

<https://animalchannel.co/speech-pathologist-dog-soundboard/>

If you get the Smithsonian Channel, on December 10, 11, and 12, you can watch their series on Amazing dogs from wolves to our beloved pets.

<https://www.smithsonianchannel.com/shows/amazing-dogs/1005831>

There is a brewing company in Fargo (yes, that Fargo) that has partnered with a local shelter to put adoptable dogs on their beer cans. Might be a good idea for our breweries too.

<https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/606624/fargo-brewing-company-shelter-dog-beer->

Santa will be at the new Smithland in Old Saybrook for pictures with your pets. The dates are December 1 and December 7, both days 10 am to 3 pm. This is a free event. You can walk in or RSVP on their FB or events page.

<https://www.facebook.com/SmithlandSupply.Old.Saybrook/>

[https://www.smithlandsupply.com/event-info/pet-photos-with-santa?fbclid=IwAR1-MoOXAAui5g69y1aEMlShV35UdSmvRfR-xK\\_EU64Le5I64fWI1R2zP4](https://www.smithlandsupply.com/event-info/pet-photos-with-santa?fbclid=IwAR1-MoOXAAui5g69y1aEMlShV35UdSmvRfR-xK_EU64Le5I64fWI1R2zP4)

Planning a trip to New York City? PetCon is back on December 14. All your favorite Insta-famous pets will be there, and you can bring your own pet too! Find all the information here:

<https://www.petcon.co/>

The Lyman Allyn Art Museum in New London has a new exhibit called the *Grand Menagerie*. It runs from now through January 26, 2020. This exhibit explores their own collection of animals in all forms of art, featuring more than 50 pieces. Find more information here:

<https://www.lymanallyn.org/grand-menagerie-animals-in-art/>

# Gift Ideas for You and your Dog

Does your dog dig like crazy? You might try the Idig by the Ifetch company. It has multiple unbreakable layers for inside digging pleasure.

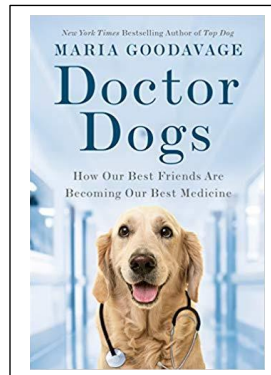
<https://goifetch.com/products/idig/>



Author Laura Bereson's mystery, Here Comes Santa Paws is the 24<sup>th</sup> book of her Melanie Travis canine mysteries. It's a Christmas murder mystery which takes place in Connecticut.



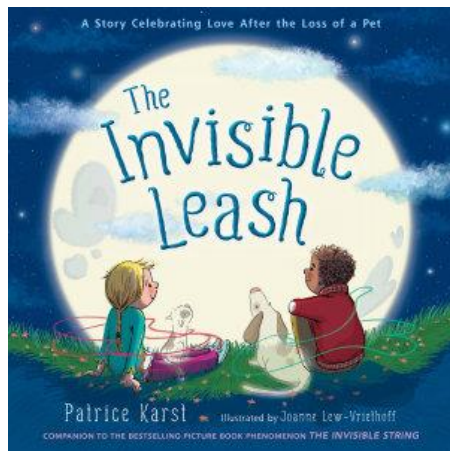
A new non-fiction book, Doctor Dogs, How Our Best Friends are Becoming Our Best Medicine, by Maria Goodavage, explores the relationships between medical dogs and their humans. This is about the dogs who are detecting cancers, seizures, protecting people with disabilities and what dogs could be called to do in the future. A fascinating read!



A new toy by Super Ruff called *Squeal*, is an interactive squeaker toy that makes different sounds that dogs can hear, but humans not so much. It's getting good reviews.

[https://superruff.com/?gclid=CjwKCAiA5o3vBRBUEiwA9PVz arXUCoAFBCpr3jYGs99D1L0ci B08OryqItXyA\\_S8lFnVZglsWF CY-hoCdzUQAvD\\_BwE](https://superruff.com/?gclid=CjwKCAiA5o3vBRBUEiwA9PVz arXUCoAFBCpr3jYGs99D1L0ci B08OryqItXyA_S8lFnVZglsWF CY-hoCdzUQAvD_BwE)

The Invisible Leash: A Story Celebrating Love, by author Patrice Karst, shows children that even if they are grieving the loss of a pet, there is an invisible leash always connecting them. It's a heartwarming tribute to love and lost pets. For ages 4-8, release date on December 3.



Do you love to paint, but lack the skill? This is a fun product, paint by numbers, of your dog. (or any photo!) All you do is send them a photo, and their artists will recreate it in a paint by numbers format. You can pick traditional, pop-art, or diamond paintings. You get everything you need in their kits. See for yourself here:

<https://www.miicreative.com/>

