



# NEWSLETTER

## Happy Holidays!



### Bark your Calendar!

**DECEMBER 8 TH.:**  
**NAIL CLIPPING \$12**  
**NON- ANESTHETIC TOOTH SCALING \$140**  
**CALL TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY! (860) 388-1819**



### OBEDIENCE CLASSES:

**Keep an eye out for classes beginning in January!**

### HANDLING CLASSES:

**Now Tuesday nights: 6:30-7:30**

### Watch Out For Bloat This Holiday Season!

The first sign of Gastric Dilatation-Volvulus is restlessness and unusual behavior. If this should happen, keep your dog quiet and don't leave them alone. If your vet agrees, you may give them antacid to ease the gas accumulation. During this period, your dog may or may not recover, you should be aware and look out for Phase I symptoms.

Phase I is categorized by stomach dilation and twists. Your dog may seem anxious and restless. They may pace, salivate, and try to vomit. Stiff white foam may be present with the absence of food. In addition, your dogs abdomen may be swollen. If this should happen, consult your vet. Your vet may be able to release the pressure. In Phase II, blood supply to part of the stomach is cut off, tissue is damaged, the spleen becomes engorged, and shock begins to develop. In this phase, your dog will have grown very restless and whine, pant, and salivate. Every 2-3 minutes, they will try to vomit. The abdomen will be swollen and sound hollow if tapped. Gums will turn a dark red, heart rate will be 80-100 beats/min, and temperature with rise to about 104°F. Take your dog to the vet as quickly as possible.

If your dog should enter Phase III, heart failure will develop. Their gums will turn white or blue, heart rate will be over 100 beats/min, pulse will be very weak, and temperature will drop to about 98°F. In this phase, death is imminent and it is crucial to get your dog to the vet as quickly as possible.

It is important to be aware of the symptoms of bloat so that you can provide treatment for your dog as soon as possible. Keep everyone safe this Holiday and don't let bloat get in the way of the fun!



## Guests and Your Dog On the Holidays:

You might adore dogs, especially yours, but guests who come to visit on the holidays might not feel the same. Be respectful to guests by not forcing your dog on them. Likewise, your dog may not like all your guests, so don't be afraid to politely intervene on your dog's behalf.

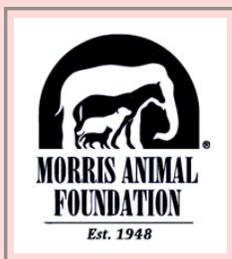
## D.Tails Gift Certificates Make Perfect Holiday Gifts!

## Holiday Hazards

- **DECORATIONS-** Dogs can easily mistake ornaments for dog toys and can get sick from drinking christmas tree water. They might even play with tinsel, ribbon, and other string-like objects which can do serious damage to your dog's intestines. Keep potentially harmful decorations out of your dog's reach.
- **LIGHTS-** Electrical shock can occur from defective cords or if your dogs chews on the cord. Check all your cords for loose or frayed wires and use grounded, 3-prong extension cords.
- **PLANTS-** Toxic plants, such as mistletoe, Christmas cactus, holly, poinsettia, hemlock, and ivy, can cause a range of reactions. Your dog could react with anything from mild abdominal discomfort to vomiting and even death. Mistletoe is especially toxic and should be avoided all together; other toxic plants should be kept away from your dog.
- **PEOPLE FOOD-** Toxic people food such as, chocolate, raisins, alcohol, raw meat, fresh garlic, onions, nuts, coffee, and fatty cooked meats, can cause vomiting or diarrhea, and in rare cases, seizure or death. Keep toxic food away from your dog by separating him at parties or while you cook.



Why not consider a new collar for your four legged friend? When you purchase a truman collar you are giving twice. Not only does your dog get a new everyday collar or one for the holidays, but 25% of all sales is donated to the Morris Animal Foundation to fund disease study in dogs.



Go to [www.thetrumancollar.com](http://www.thetrumancollar.com), choose a collar, and place your order at D.Tails to save on shipping!

**Meet the Newest Addition to D.Tails!**

# Cay, the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever!

I'd like to introduce my new office assistant. Cay (pronounced Key) is a Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever. She is from Seastar Kennel in Massachusetts, the only girl of 6 puppies born on September 19th. She looks just like her mom Jasmine, who was easily recognized as a nice representation of the breed. When she hit the show ring she got her championship in 6 straight shows. Dad, Keltie, and grandpa didn't give their places away easily in the show ring either. Both have been to Westminster. Grandpa came home with Best of Breed in 2008 and dad, Keltie made the cut in 2010. I am hopeful that Cay will be taking over business where my retired girl, Tapas, left off. Please stop by to meet her and help me to socialize her!



The Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever was developed in the early 19th century to toll, lure, and retrieve waterfowl. Highly intelligent, alert and outgoing, the Toller is normally ready for action, desiring a job to do or some kind of activity. He is affectionate and loving with family members and is good with children, showing patience. A natural-looking breed, the Toller does not require much coat maintenance beyond occasional brushing and baths. This medium sized, powerful, compact, balanced dog is the smallest of the retrievers. The Toller's attitude and bearing suggest strength with a high degree of agility. He is alert, determined, and quick, with a keen desire to work and please.

Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Quick Summary	
Also Known As	Tollers
Origin	Canada
Size	Medium
Height (at withers)	17-21in (43-53cm)
Weight	35-50lbs (16-23kg)
Hair Colour(s)	Red shades
Lifespan	12-15 years
Energy Level	Medium
Litter size	4-8
Shedding	Medium
Grooming	Medium
Barking Tendency	Medium
Exercise requirements	Medium
Ease of training	Medium
Suitability for kids	High
Animal compatability	High
Aggression levels	Low
Distress if left	Medium