



# NEWSLETTER



## Got a Counter-Surfer?

So you caught your counter-surfing dog with his dirty paws on the table and you're about to pull out a disposable disinfectant wipe to clean up. Tip: Swipe that counter, then toss the wipe; don't use the same wipe on other surfaces.

Disinfectant wipes may spread pathogens like Staphylococcus, instead of kill them, according to a study of two hospitals by the Welsh School of Pharmacy at Cardiff University.

Researches discovered that even though some commercially available wipes do a better job of removing bacteria than others, the tested wipes didn't actually kill the bacteria they picked up. So, when reused on other counters, the wipes simply transferred bacteria to other surfaces.

Alternatively, save money and make your own bleach solution. The Centers for Disease Control recommends mixing one tablespoon of bleach in one quart of water.

## Bark your Calendar!

**AUGUST 9TH:**

**NAIL CLIPPING \$12**

**NON- ANESTHETIC TOOTH SCALING \$140**

**CALL TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!**

**(860) 388-1819**



## UPCOMING CLASSES:

### Drop In Obedience:

**Mondays 7:15-8:15 P.M.:** The same great obedience class OUTDOORS! 336 Main St, Old Saybrook

**Prerequisite:** Obedience lessons from D-Tails or permission from the instructor.

### Beginner Obedience starts August 2nd:

**6:00-7:00 P.M.:** Basic leash work for you and your dog. As well as socialization and problem solving. Material covered: focus, heel, automatic sit, patience, stand, down, stay and come.

**Prerequisite:** Dogs must be at least 16 weeks of age.

**Equipment needed:** 6' Leather or cotton leash

### Handling Class:

**Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 P.M.:** Learn how to show your dog in the conformation ring like a professional handler!

### Special Instructors!

August 14th - Susan Savage

August 21st - Diane and Ken Blasius



Every pet is different, but many of them suffer from a common health problem we are often not aware of: Ear infections. Research shows that complications involving the ear are the leading health issue for dogs and rank eighth among our furry feline friends. Yet, this condition is preventable. If you aren't lifting up those ears and taking a peek inside, you may be neglecting an important part of your dog's grooming routine. To help prevent infection, clean your dog's ears weekly. Here's how:

1. First look inside the ear. Your dog's ear canal bends shortly after the point you can see, so don't worry about what's going on where it's dark. Just look at the part you can see easily in good light. Does it look dirty? Can you see any waxy buildup? Is the inside of your dog's ear full of hair? If you see any signs of serious rash, irritation, or injury from scratching, call your veterinarian before attempting to clean anything.
2. If your dog's ears are filled with hair, have a groomer pluck or shave the hair out. You can use a small battery-operated trimmer or blunt-tipped scissors to trim ear hair yourself. Not sure how? Ask your vet to show you the safest method.
3. Purchase a bottle of ear-cleaning solution. We recommend using Oxyfresh Ear Cleaner because it is effective at rapidly and comfortably removing oils, waxes and organic debris. You can buy a bottle of Oxyfresh Ear Cleaner right in D-Tails for \$12.00.
4. Moisten a cotton ball with ear wash. It shouldn't be so wet that it will drip down the ear canal. Just wipe out the parts of the ear that you can see. Use as many cotton balls as you need to get all the dirt and wax out.
5. Let your dog shake her head to dry her ears, then finish the job with a soft towel. Even when clean, wet ears provide a good breeding ground for bacteria and yeast, so get them nice and dry. remember to reward your dog with lots of praise.



## Things To Do With Your Dog!

# Drafting

## What is Drafting?

Dogs have been assisting man, in many ways, for centuries. One of the most common examples is in the area of transportation. From carts to heavily laden sleds, dogs have proven invaluable in the transportation of man and his cargo. Broadly, the term 'draft work' describes the pulling of any vehicle by an animal. Today, 'draft dogs' are still in use, especially, in rural and remote areas.

Dogs can compete in draft tests for draft titles. These tests largely evaluate how well dogs and handlers can maneuver whatever is being pulled. While the Canadian Kennel Club offers draft work titles; draft titles, along with other working certificates, are generally offered by breed parent clubs. For draft work, these include: the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, the Newfoundland Club of America, The American Rottweiler Club, the Collie Club of America, the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America, the Great Pyrenees Club of America, the Saint Bernard Club of America, the American Bullmastiff Club of America, the Mastiff Club of America, the American Bouvier des Flandres Club, and the Leonberger Club of America. However, draft work can be performed by almost any breed, assuming that the size of the draft equipment and the weight to be pulled are in proportion to the size and strength of the dog. Some breed clubs offer draft titles to all breeds.

