



# NEWSLETTER



## November is Adopt a Senior Pet Month

At shelters, older dogs are often the last to be adopted and the first to be euthanized. Saving an animal's life offers an unparalleled emotional return on your investment, and you'll feel the rewards every day you spend together.

### Bark your Calendar!

**NOVEMBER 8TH:**

**NAIL CLIPPING \$12**

**CALL TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!**

**(860) 388-1819**



### UPCOMING CLASSES:

#### Drop in Obedience:

**Mondays 7:00-8:00 P.M.:** Whether it is that you haven't worked your dog lately, or either of you have forgotten how to do something, this is your opportunity to brush up on training.

#### Agility Fun:

**Starts Monday the 19th: 6:00-7:00 P.M.:** Have some fun and burn off some energy, while running through agility courses with your dog.

#### Handling Class:

**Tuesday the 14th 6:00-7:00 P.M.:** Learn how to show your dog in the conformation ring like a professional handler! Cram for the Thanksgiving cluster with this special class taught by Diane Blasius!

## Daylight Savings Time and Your Dog

On November 4th at 2 a.m., Daylight Savings Time comes to an end. For most of us, it usually gives us an extra hour in bed, an extra hour before we plant ourselves in front of the TV for a Sunday afternoon of football games, or, for those who forget to set their clocks, an hour to wonder why it suddenly got so dark so early.

That one hour takes a psychological toll on dogs. As we know, they are creatures of habit with a biological clock, or circadian rhythm. So, if you take your dog for a walk every day at 7 a.m., come 6 a.m. on November 5th, don't be surprised when Rover is sitting at your bed, staring you down with the leash in his mouth. Or, if you usually feed him the same time every day, you might expect a little confusion when his bowl sits empty at what he perceives is his usual feeding time.

Dogs may also get stressed out when you come home from work in the dark when they are so used to it being light out upon your return. Other than asking your boss to leave early, and good luck with that, there is not much you can do to change when you come home.

However, you can ease your dog into these other changes by slowly altering walking and feeding schedules, playtime, and so on, until the routines are back on schedule. The best time to start is now, a couple of weeks ahead of the change, delaying regularly scheduled events by a few minutes each day. By the time of the changeover, your dog will already be used to the new routine.

The effects of the sudden time change can last for a few days or up to a few weeks. So a little extra attention and understanding now can go a long way in getting your dog back on the time track.



The story of 2 Million Dogs began with a man and his two dogs who embarked on a walk from Austin, TX to Boston, MA. He was inspired by the loss of his Great Pyrenees to cancer. Luke Robinson and his two Great Pyrenees walked 2,300 miles across 16 states. They were on the road for 826 days!

They walked from town to town sharing his dog, Malcolm's, story and educating people about cancer in dogs. As they built a nationwide grassroots movement, Mr. Robinson had a vision: 2,000,000 dogs walking simultaneously all across the United States for cancer. That's when the 2 Million Dogs Foundation was born.

2 Million Dogs Foundation is committed to discovering the common links between canine and human cancers and the causes of these through comparative oncology research.

## Puppy Up! Walk

**Support** those with cancer.  
**Honor** the friends we've lost.  
**Walk** for those we can help.

Saturday, November 10  
 Hammonasset State Park  
 1288 Boston Post Rd.  
 Madison, CT 06443

10:30 A.M.                      12:00 P.M.  
 Registration                      2 Mile Walk

10:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.  
 Food, Vendors, Entertainment

**NOTICE: DATE CHANGE TO NOVEMBER 10, 2012. SCHEDULE REMAINS THE SAME, WITH REGISTRATION BEGINNING AT 10:30.**

**THIS NEW DATE IS TENTATIVE DUE TO PARK BEING CLOSED FOR HURRICANE SANDY CLEANUP AND CL & P UTILITY TRUCK STAGING. PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR FRIENDS.**

\$25 registration day of the event  
 or  
 Register Online at  
[www.2milliondogs.org](http://www.2milliondogs.org)