

Newsletter



The Dog Days of Summer!

Upcoming Classes

Beginner Obedience: New class starting Thursday, August 8, 6-7 P.M. Class already in progress: Tuesdays 6-7 P.M.

Drop-In Obedience: Last outside class will be Monday August 8, 7:15-8:15 at 336 Main Street, OS (Grace Church lawn.) Classes will resume inside at D Tails on August 15, and continue on Mondays, 7:00-8:00 P.M.

Agility Fun: Mondays, August 12, 19, 26. 6-7 P.M.

Handling: Tuesdays, August 6, 13, 20, 27. 7-8 P.M.

****Doggie Fun Zone Meeting****

Monday, August 5, 6-7 P.M. We are already planning for our Doggie Fun Zone Day for 2014. If you had fun with your dog at this year's Fun Zone, please join us and help plan for the next one!

Donna Reviews *Canine Camp Getaway*

The brochure for Canine Camp Getaway in Lake George, NY seemed to offer all of the things that I needed. This camp, for dogs and their people, is offered twice a year. I wanted a getaway where I could relax, spend much needed time with my favorite fur kid, and learn new skills that I could bring back to my classes. If I could have some me time, and maybe make new friends, even better! Roaring Brook Ranch was all of those things and more. The sprawling grounds included horses, a goose pond, hiking trails, and tennis courts. There was also an indoor pool and spa services for people. The accommodations were comfortable with A/C (thank goodness!) and a private bath. Meals were served restaurant style with a choice of 3 to 5 items off a limited menu. The best part was that dogs were welcome at meal time! The food was good, and Cay loved the opportunity to practice her cute begging look on lots of diners. I enjoyed sitting with different groups of dog lovers at each meal, exchanging stories.

Our most frequented destination was the outdoor pool. Cay spent her time practicing her dock diving, shaking water off on the nearest person, and stealing toys from others. I could have gone in with her, but the thought of all that hair kept me on the pool deck tossing toys.

For six hours each day, we had a choice of at least six different classes we could attend. I went to classes I thought Cay would like, or that I could gain new knowledge to bring back to my students. Flyball was a favorite new activity, so we are on a list at another facility, to take more classes. We also took intro to Frisbee, field training, skateboarding, nosework, agility, dog tricks, and lure coursing. In addition to classes, there was a costume contest, scavenger hunt, Yappy hour, movies, games, the camp store, vendor day, and I could go on and on! The staff instructors were friendly, helpful, and knowledgeable. I am already planning to go back next year. If you are interested in camp, I have this year's brochure and will be getting 2014 brochures shortly. Should you register, please mention me and D Tails.



Keeping Your Pups Cool on Hot August Days



So far, July was the hottest in 109 years. Here are some tips to help your pup stay cool. Swimming is a great activity to cool down dogs. Depending on the size of your dog, you can get a baby pool for them to enjoy. Beaches are great too, if they allow it. Just remember to go when the sand has cooled down. There are also a number of cooling products on the market just for this purpose. There are cooling vests, collars, and beds. These cooling products work like evaporative coolers; you place the item in cold water and place on the dog. The products use the dog's heat and exchange it with the coolness of the water. This keeps the dogs comfortable. There are beds that are raised off the ground and have a shaded top. This allows breezes to go all around to keep your pooch cool. If you crate your dog, you can purchase a cooling fan. They are small, quiet, inexpensive, and they attach easily to any size crate! You can also make frozen treats for your dogs to enjoy. Of course, air conditioning is also a great solution. Doggy Day School is air conditioned, and the dogs get to play all day!



Refreshing “Pup”sicle Recipes

Savory popsicle:

Homemade chicken broth (or unsalted store bought)

Any carrots, peas, green beans, cut up.

Mix ingredients and pour into mold and freeze. (If you don't have molds, you can use ice trays or waxy paper cups.)

Sweet popsicle:

Apple, orange, or pineapple juice

Yogurt (plain)

Fruit: blueberries, strawberries, peaches, watermelon, cantaloupe, or banana

You can play with the quantities. You want them liquid enough to pour into a mold.

Do not use a normal popsicle stick as a handle. You can use a dog biscuit or Greenies work really well. Put them in when the treat has set enough, so they will stand up.

Is your dog in training, or has trained at D Tails? Tell the world where your dog has learned their manners!

Donna can order vests with “in–training” or “trained” at D Tails. Any size costs \$30.00. Call Donna to place an order.

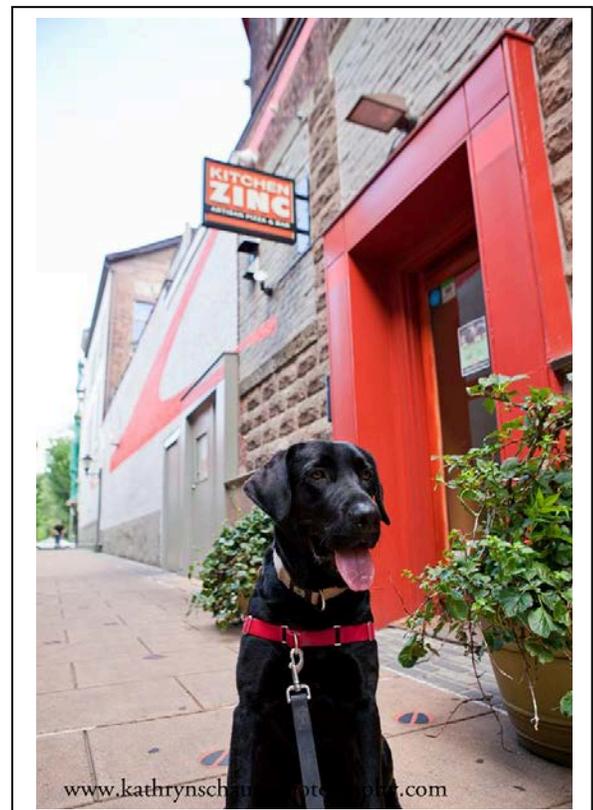
Below : Miep and Cay are modeling their vests.



Local Fun Event

Bring your dogs down to Zinc restaurant for Yappy Hour. Every Tuesday until October 9, 2013. 5:00-7:30 P.M. Goody bags, treats, and raffles. Proceeds will benefit the New Haven Animal Shelter.

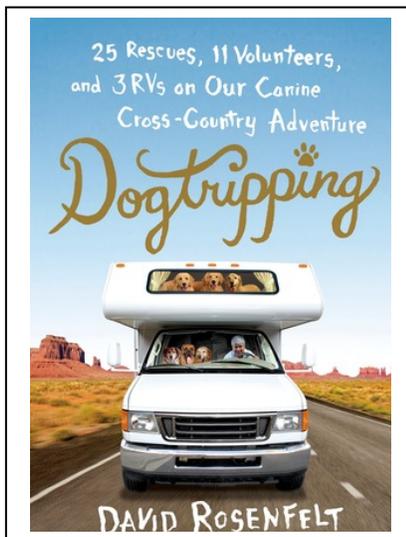
Zinc is located at 964 Chapel Street, New Haven.



Beach Reading.....

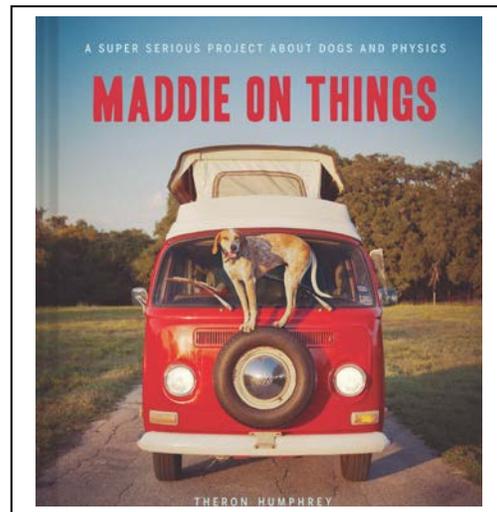
Dogtripping: 25 Rescues, 11 Volunteers, and 3 RVs on a Cross-Country Adventure by David Rosenfelt.

If you want a fun summer read, this is the book for you! Can you imagine traveling from California to Maine with 25 dogs? David Rosenfelt's memoir is a tender and humorous account on how he and his wife came to rescue dogs and their great move across the country. It all started with their love for a very special Golden Retriever named Tara. Warning: dogs do pass away, but this is more about life and its adventure.



Maddie On Things: A Super Serious Project About Dogs And Physics by Theron Humphrey

This book is a photographic memoir of year-long journey. Maddie is a rescued Coonhound. Even though there are more photos than text, you will soon find out who really rescued whom! Please make sure you read the introduction; it will all make sense, and it will certainly make you smile.



Dog Joy: The Happiest Dogs in the Universe by the editors of *The Bark*.

There is not much reading content in here, but all the smiling dogs will certainly bring a smile to your face! My favorite is a grinning Bull Terrier.

