

Newsletter



Tori, Donna's new foster Pyr puppy and Cay are wrapped up for the holiday!

More about Tori.....

Tori came to me a dirty, skinny, fearful little Pyr mix on 11/17/13. She had probably spent her short life in an outdoor pen. She wouldn't go in the house, wouldn't go upstairs, and was horrible on a leash. Walking her even short distances was an adventure that went from racing back and forth in every direction, pulling as hard as she could, or bucking at the end of the leash refusing to move. She is a big snuggle bug, but seems to have only played with other dogs. She doesn't have manners when playing with people or toys. Tori gets along well with other dogs and cats, is crate trained, and somewhat house trained. She is working on her leash walking too. Tori is constantly in motion, so she will need a home that is active and willing to train.

Congratulation to Cay! She earned her championship with a 3 point major on Saturday, November 30. Way to go, Cay!



D Tails December Schedule

Mondays

Beginner Obedience, 12/2 & 12/9,
6:00-7:00 pm

NEW Open Play, Indoor Dog Park,
12/16, 12/23, 12/30 6:00-7:00 pm
\$6/dog.

Drop-in Obedience Every Monday in
December, 7:00-8:00 pm

Tuesdays

Handling: TBD- Please check the
calendar on our website. dtails.biz

Wednesdays

Beginner Agility 12/4, 12/11, 12/18,
6:00-7:00 pm

We will be closed Christmas Eve,
Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and
New Year's Day. Wishing all who
celebrate a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!

New Truman collars
have just come in,
and
Christmas/winter
collars are on their
way! They are the
perfect present for
your favorite pup!



Doggie Fun Zone Update

On November 14, D Tails held a fundraiser for Doggie Fun Zone where the proceeds will go towards Sgt. David Tupper and his service dog. Pet photographer, Kathryn Schauer, held holiday mini sessions. We are happy to report, we had a successful turnout☺ To the right, you'll see one of the shots she took of Rudy. Below are some photo tips to help you take great pictures of your dog too!



Top Pet Photography Tips from Kathryn Schauer Photography

Remember these tips and the photos of your pet will improve!

1 - Get on their level!

Many people take photos of their pets from standing position looking down, which often gives you photos of the top of your dog's head! Try getting on their level, out in the grass, or down on the floor. You will love the different perspective!

2 - Turn off the flash!

You've all seen the photos of dogs (and cats) with flash and the animals have bright green eyes shining back! Dogs and cats (and humans for that matter with red eye) have a special layer of cells behind their retina that aids in night vision that "reflects" the flash back. Unfortunately the placement of the flash on cameras makes the glowing green eyes very common.

The easy fix: Use available light! Use a large window, sliding glass doors, French doors, and have your pet face the light source. Turn off your flash and shoot away! You will get lovely natural light into the eyes of your pet without the green glowing eyes!

3 - Be Ready!

Be ready for your pet to do something cute - don't they always!?! - and have your camera ready. If you can vary the shutter speed on your camera, do so! A minimum of 1/250 would be best, or choose sport mode if you're outdoors with your pet.

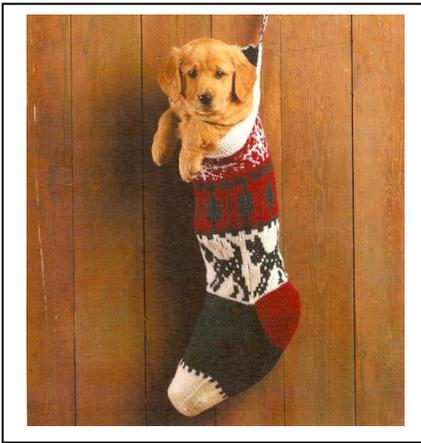
Let me know if these tips are helpful, and if you would like a session where I do all the work, contact me at kathryn_schauer@yahoo.com.

December Doggie Fun Zone Fundraiser

Who doesn't love cupcakes? No one, not even your dog! Cupcakery in Chester not only makes yummy cupcakes for people, but she makes wonderful, all-natural cupcakes for dogs too! Wouldn't you love to give your dog to a wonderful treat for Christmas? Now you can! You can order through us by noon on December 19, 2013 and they will be at D Tails ready for pick up on December 23. You can choose between three cupcakes: Carrot, Honey Applesauce, or Peanut butter. They are \$2.50 each or \$25.00 for a dozen. Remember, this is a fundraiser for Doggie Fun Zone, where all the proceeds will go to Sgt. Tupper for the care and training of his service dog. Your dogs will be so thrilled with their special gift!



Stocking Stuffers



Here are some fun gifts for the dog lovers in your family!

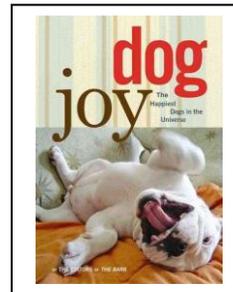
I Could Chew on This, and other Poems by Dogs by Francesco Marciuliano

Very silly and laugh out loud funny. Even non-dog lovers will enjoy these poems. Those of us who have dogs, will see how “true” they really are. Perfect for all ages!



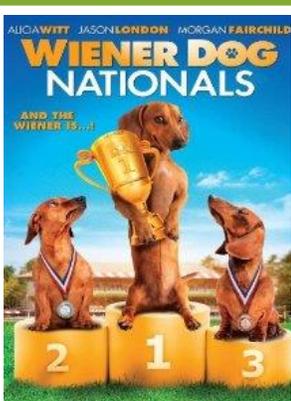
Texts from the Dog by October Jones

If you like witty British humor, this may be for you. It is very hard not to laugh out loud and imagine what your dogs might text you! Colorful language is used, so this is for mature audiences only.



Dog Joy, The Happiest Dogs on the Universe by the editors of Bark Magazine

This book is just what it states, charming photos of very joyous dogs! A treat to look through especially if you need a smile☺



Wiener Dog Nationals, DVD rated G

If you are looking for an Oscar contender, this is not it. However, if you love dogs, especially Dachshunds, this is a fun movie, perfect for family movie night. The dogs are definitely the stars of the show!

Flo and Wendell by William Wegman

Did you know that William Wegman was a fine artist before he became famous for photographing his Weimaraners? This picture book is based on his first two pups and their struggle to get along. Great for young children experiencing sibling rivalry and dog lovers everywhere.

Chaser, Unlocking the Genius of the Dog Who Knows a Thousand Words by John W. Pilley

Have you seen Chaser on YouTube? She is quite an amazing Border Collie! Her owner, renowned psychologist John Pilley, has pushed the boundaries on animal intelligence and learning abilities. Science aside, this is wonderful on all levels and I highly recommend. You can also watch Chaser here:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ChaserChannel>

