

NEWSLETTER



Happy Valentine's Day!
From Love Bugs, Rudy
and Cay, plus Donna, and
the D Tails staff.

On-Going Classes at D Tails:

Mondays: Agility Fun: 6-7 P.M. Drop-in Obedience: 7-8 P.M.

Tuesday: Beginner Agility: 6-7 P.M.

Wednesday: Handling: February 13, 20, 27, 6-7 P.M. **Special Guest Instructor, Judge Francis Smith from Brazil.**

Thursday: Beginner Obedience: 6-7 P.M. Advanced Obedience: 7-8 P.M.

Sunday Hikes: February 10, 1-3 P.M. Meet at Town Park, Schoolhouse Road, Old Saybrook. February 24, 1-3 P.M. Location to be determined.

New classes beginning the first week in March!

Truman Valentine collars are here. They are a perfect gift for your furry Valentine!



BRR!

The winter weather in Connecticut can certainly be frightful. Here are some cold weather tips to keep your dog warm and safe in the winter months.

If you think the temperature is too cold, chances are your dog will as well. A fur coat does not mean they are protected in all situations, especially with puppies or elderly dogs. Most dogs should be inside animals, but if you have an outside dog, make sure he has access to dry, warm housing. Many short-coated and smaller dogs do well with coats and sweaters in the winter months. If you walk your dogs, or they love to play in the snow, make sure you take care of their pads when they come inside. If they have walked, make sure to clean their paws of any salt or ice that may be on them. Use a warm, damp towel, or you can immerse the paw in warm water to clean, and then dry it off. Products, like Musher's Secret, (sold at D Tails) can help protect and restore hurt pads. You can also buy boots for your dog if they will tolerate them.

Use caution when walking your dog near ice. They can slip and damage their legs or back. If you are walking near a frozen body of water, do not let them off leash. Not only can they slip, but they could actually fall in, if the ice is not frozen enough. Also, dogs might lose their scent in snow and ice and become disoriented or lost.

Just like in the summer months when cars become ovens in the hot sun, in the winter, they can act as freezers. Never leave your dogs in the car when the temperature is freezing outside. It is best to keep your dogs out of the garage if you park your car there. Anti-freeze is highly toxic. Also, purchase snow and ice removal products that are safe for pets.

Dogs like to warm themselves by the fire or space heater too. Make sure that they are far enough away not to get burned or inhale soot. Never leave animals unattended by fires or heaters.

The best part about winter weather will be all the extra snuggle-time you get to share with your dog inside.

Looking for something to do this month? Why don't you and your dog have some couch potato time, and watch the 2012 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship on ABC this weekend, February 2, 2:30-3:30 P.M. Or, in two weeks, The Westminster Kennel Club will be holding their championship on February 11 and 12. You can watch Monday's show on CNBC 8-11 P.M. and Tuesday's show on USA Network 8-11 P.M. You can also live-stream all the events for both shows. Go to their websites for more information.

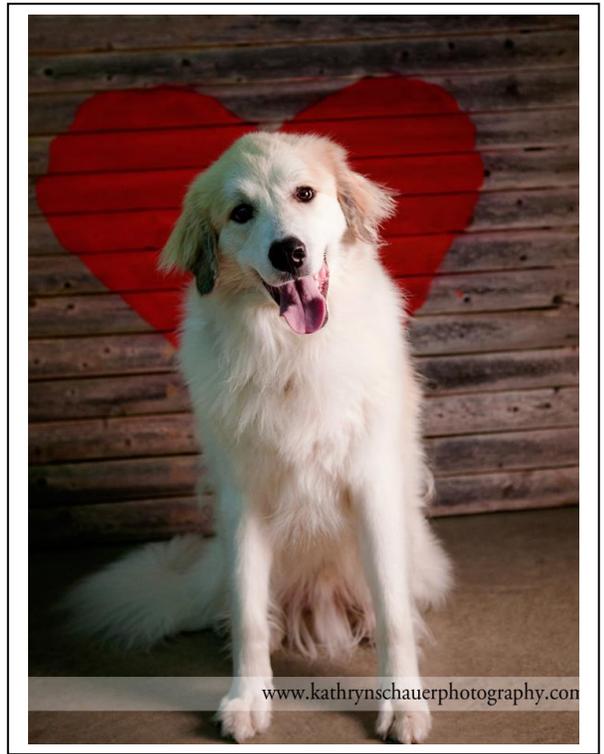
<http://classic.akc.org/aenc/> or

<http://www.westminsterkennelclub.org/>

Good luck to Cay who will be competing in two separate conformation events this month as well 😊

Puppy Up 2 Million Dogs Walk 2013 News

Our first fundraiser for Puppy Up/2 Million Dogs walk 2013 was a success! Pet photographer Kathryn Schauer took amazing shots of the dogs that signed up for the mini-Valentine shoot. You can see all of her shots on her Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/KathrynSchauerPhotography?fref=ts>. You may also see her photographs on her website: kathrynschauerphotography.com. Look for more information on our next fundraiser in the March newsletter.



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An easy Valentine treat for your favorite furry Valentine!

Chicken and Cheddar heart cookies

1 1/3 C. whole wheat flour*
1 C. Shredded cheddar cheese
1/3 C. + TBSP low-sodium chicken broth
1/4 C. Canola oil.

Mix all ingredients together. Roll out to 1/4 to 1/2 inch thickness. Use heart cookie cutter to cut out cookies. Choose the size of cutter depending on the size of your dog. Place on ungreased baking sheets. Bake for 25/30 minutes at 350 degrees. Take cookies off sheet with thin spatula and move to cooling rack. Share with your furry Valentines☺

*Can substitute rice flour or rolled oats for the whole wheat flour.