

NEWSLETTER



Happy
Independence
Day!

Please note: D Tails will be
closed Thursday, July 4, and
Friday, July 5, 2013.

Summer Truman collars are here. Here is Mellow modeling a new design. Cay and Rudy can be seen at Day School sporting sea turtles and clown fish. Be sure to take a look!



Upcoming Classes:

Drop-In Obedience: Every Monday in July, 7:15-8:15 P.M., 388 Main Street, Old Saybrook. Class will be held at D Tails in poor weather. Please call if you are uncertain.

Agility Fun: Starting Monday, July 8, and continuing through July every Monday, 6:00-7:00 P.M.

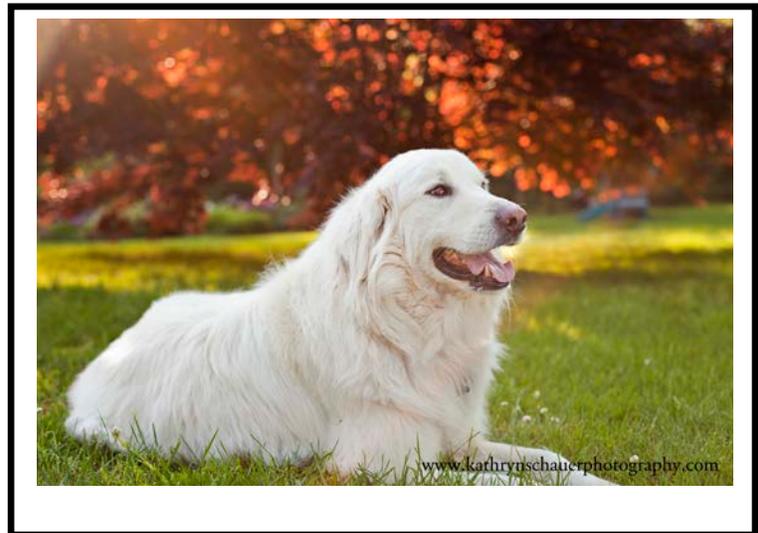
Handling: Tuesday, July 2, only. 6:00-7:00 P.M. Handler: Sheri Clarke.

Beginner Obedience: July 2, 9, 7:00-8:00 P.M. Last two classes in session. **NEW CLASS** starting July 9, 6:00-7:00 P.M.

New Tricks Class: Thursday, July 18, 6:00-7:30 P.M. Come teach your old or young dog fun tricks!

A Tail with a Happy Ending

Jeremy, Donna's foster Pyr has found a new home, all thanks to social media! The top picture of Jeremy was taken by pet photographer, Kathryn Schauer and shared on her Facebook page, with request that everyone "like" and "share" the photo. Lucky for Jeremy, Gerri-Lynn of California saw this shared picture and fell in love with him. Being in California posed a problem for Great Pyrenees Rescue because Jeremy was in Connecticut. They like to adopt out locally. Gerri-Lynn persevered, knowing he was the right fit for her. On Saturday, June 22, Gerri-Lynn flew to Boston to pick Jeremy up and fly him to her home in California! The bottom picture is Jeremy, taken by Gerri-Lynn, in their hotel room before their flight the next day. So far, Jeremy is loving his new California home. 😊



Warm Weather Safety

Tips for your Sea-Faring Dog

Before you take your pooch for a boat ride, make sure that they can swim comfortably in the water. All dogs can dog paddle, but some dogs are not meant for swimming. If your dog is not happy in the water, consider a floatation device for your dog. Do not tie your dog out on the boat. Unexpected wakes can occur and toss him overboard; he will strangle if tied. If your dog falls overboard, keep pointing at him, so you do not lose his location, and can rescue him. Always keep your dog in the cabin at night. Be aware that dogs can get hypothermia from cold water. If you are getting cold in the water, chances are, your dog is too. If your dog comes out of the water and is shaking uncontrollably, put him in a warm shower to increase his body temperature, and then dry with towels and blankets. Always have a first aid kit whenever you travel with your dog. If you are going to be boating for any length of time, you will need to come up with a potty plan for your four-legged friend as well. Boating can be a wonderful activity for you and your dog as long as you take extra care to make it safe.



Symptoms of Heat Stroke

Heat stroke in dogs is not uncommon in hot, humid climates like Connecticut. To prevent heatstroke, don't leave your dog in any hot, confined area. Exercise them early in the morning and after the sun has set. Dogs, such as Bully breeds, have a harder time in warmer weather. Symptoms include heavy panting and an inability to catch their breath, thick saliva, bright red tongue and vomiting. Dogs are often unsteady and may have diarrhea. If you suspect heat stroke, you will need to cool down your pup immediately. Spray your dog with a garden hose or put in a tub of cool water for a few minutes, then put your dog in front of a fan. Seek medical attention as soon as possible. Be proactive and plan your dog's activities according to the weather, and heat stroke can easily be avoided.

Dangers of Water Intoxication:

Do you have a dog who just loves to play in the water? Sometimes that can be a dangerous thing. If your dog drinks copious amounts of water while retrieving that water-logged ball or stick, he can become a victim of water intoxication. If a dog drinks too much water in a short period of time, it can lead to an imbalance with his body's electrolytes. Basically, the water is watering down his cells so they do not function properly. Symptoms include vomiting, lack of coordination, dilated pupils, excessive saliva, and if it progresses without medical attention, seizures, coma, and death. If you suspect this condition, seek medical attention immediately. If caught early, the dog will receive IV electrolytes to restore balance and will make a full recovery. Water intoxication can be very serious and can happen in humans as well, but with the correct precautions, everyone will stay safe this summer.

A Huge Thank You!

Donna would like to thank everyone who helped make our Doggie Fun Zone Day a huge success. See you next year!

