

NEWSLETTER



Congratulations to Cay, who has won more points for her confirmation towards her Championship. She is almost there!

Doggie Fun Zone is June 15 and we still need volunteers and items for our silent auction. Please see page 5 for information!



Classes at D Tails

Mondays in June

NEW: Drop-in Rally Obedience: 6-7 P.M. Dog and handler proceed at their own pace through a course consisting of 10-20 stations. Each station has a sign with instructions on an obedience skill to be performed. You are allowed to talk to and praise your dog throughout the course and perfect heeling position isn't required! Novice is done on leash. Rally is a great way to build on your relationship and communication skills with your dog, and practice obedience at the same time! This is a drop-in class, so come out and give it a try!

Drop-in Obedience: On good weather days, this class will be held outside in the front yard of Grace Church, Old Saybrook. The outside classes will start at 7:15 P.M. During poor weather, the classes will be held at D Tails at 7:00 P.M.

Tuesdays in June

Handling: 6-7 P.M.

Beginner Obedience: 7-8 P.M.

Thursdays in June

Beginner Agility: 6-7 P.M. & 7-8 P.M.

There will be no classes the week of June 24-28.

Preparing You and Your Dog for Natural Disasters

Officially, the Atlantic hurricane season begins on June 1 and ends on November 30. There is a storm already brewing in the Gulf, waiting to be named Andrea! Hopefully, we will be spared this year, but if not, it is best to be prepared.

The most important safety measure you can take to be prepared is to make certain your dog has proper, up-to-date identification. Many rescue dogs are already micro-chipped. If you decide on micro-chipping your pet, it can simply be done by your vet. There are many new tags available that have GPS tracking and an alert system if you get separated from your dog. Also, make sure your dog is up-to-date on all their shots and you have the paperwork to prove it.

It is best to plan where you would go in case of an evacuation. If you have family or friends who live on higher ground and love you as much as your dog, you are all set! If not, now is the time to contact your local town hall and find out what their policy is on dogs in emergency centers. Because of backlash from Katrina, there are now laws that mandate accommodations for families with pets. Your town may not take pets, but a nearby town may. During Irene, the evacuation call from Old Saybrook was to put your pets on the highest floor and leave them. During Sandy, they allowed animals in crates at the town's emergency center.

So, you have a plan of where to go. Now you need to plan what to bring. You should have copies of all medical records and a recent picture kept in a waterproof bag. Make sure you have enough food and water; most recommend 3-7 days worth. If your pet eats wet food, pack a can opener or buy cans with pop-up tops. You should have an extra leash, toys to keep your pet amused, a blanket for comfort, bags to clean up, and any medications your pet may need. This will be a stressful situation for your dog too, so you may want to consider having Rescue Remedy on hand (or something similar.) If your dog is calm with a thunder shirt, bring that too. Bring your dog's crate if you use one. Pets are usually kept separately from people at evacuation centers, and will be crated. You should also have a pet first aid kit.

If you do need to evacuate your house, leave a note on your front door or window that states that you and your pets have safely evacuated. This is vital information for first responders.

In any natural disaster, being prepared and staying calm will not only help you, but your dog as well.

Other Helpful Sites:

<http://www.scdhec.gov/administration/ophp/hurricane/pets.htm>

<http://www.aspca.org/pet-care/disaster-preparedness/>

Revisit the Classics for Summertime Reading

School is almost out, which means summer reading lists for kids. Here are some classic dog stories worth revisiting, or introducing to the next generation of readers:

Lassie Come Home by Eric Knight

Rin Tin Tin Story by James W. English

Call of the Wild and White Fang by Jack London

The Hound of the Baskervilles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Big Red, Irish Red, Outlaw Red by Jim Kielgaard

Old Yeller by Fred Gipson

Souder by William H. Armstrong

The Plague Dogs by Richard Adams

The Incredible Journey by Sheila Burnford

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

Ginger Pye by Eleanor Estes

Love That Dog by Sharon Creech

Classics for the very young:

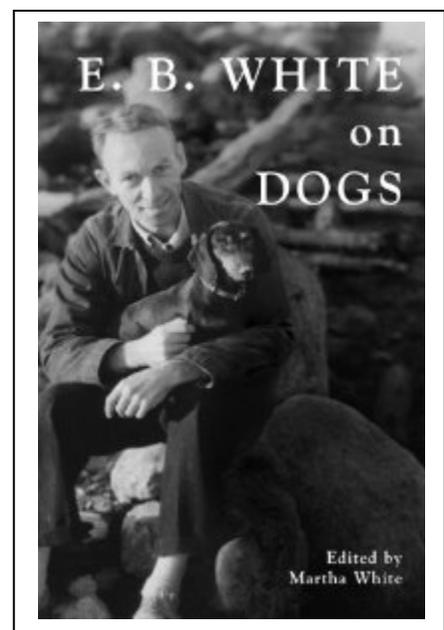
Angus Lost and Angus and the Ducks by Marjorie Flack

Harry the Dirty Dog series by Gene Zion

New and Noteworthy:

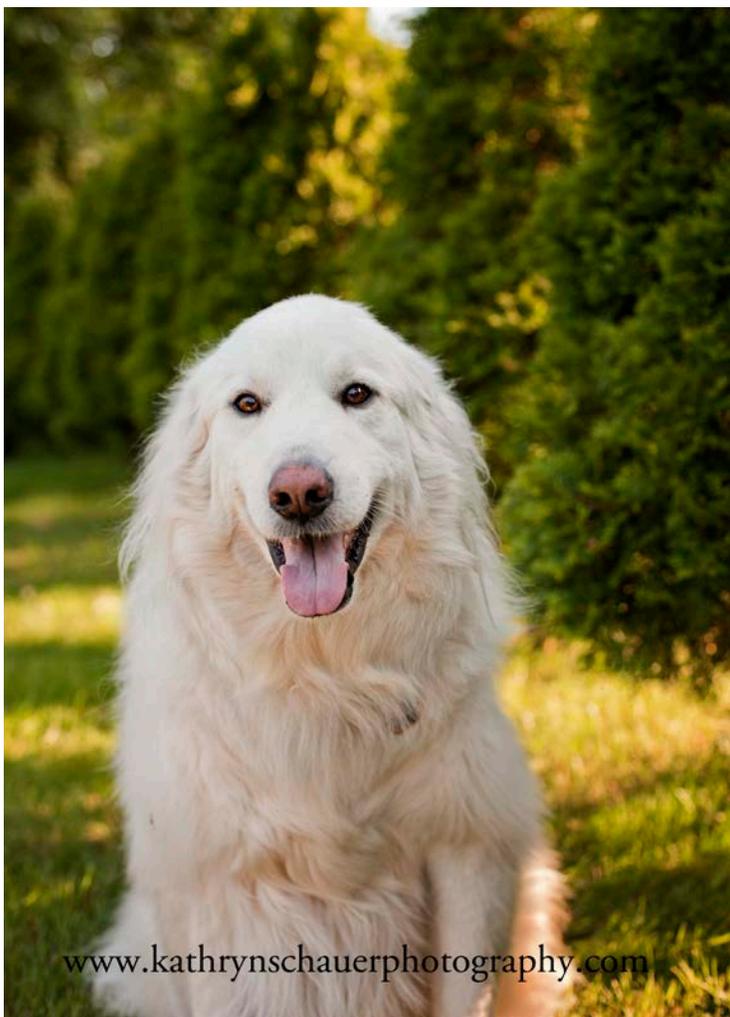
E.B. White on Dogs by E. B. White, edited by Martha White.

Some of you might know E.B. White as the beloved author of Charlotte's Web and Stuart Little. He was also an essayist, poet, and columnist for The New Yorker. In this book, Martha White has compiled her favorite works about dogs by her grandfather, E. B. White. Well worth your time!



Meet Jeremy, Donna's new foster dog!

Meet Jeremy, a happy charismatic boy that has a big, bubbly personality. He interacts well with other dogs he meets and always has a smile on his face. He adores running with other dogs, rolling in the grass, getting pets and belly rubs, and being a part of a group. He has great house manners and fits in easily. He is also good on a leash, comes when he is called, and makes no attempts to escape. He is not a barker or a digger. He has been a gentleman with the house cats and everyone he has met. Jeremy would do best in a home with adults or teens and up. For more information, please call Donna at D Tails. Here are a few pictures of Jeremy taken by pet photographer, Kathryn Schauer. Please get the word out, so we can find Jeremy a forever home!



Maybe you can't adopt Jeremy but you might enjoy going to the Hartford Pet Expo at the XL Center, June 21, 2013 10:00 – 6:00 P.M.

<http://hartfordpetexpo.com/>

We Need Your Help!

We are getting ready for our big fundraiser, Doggie Fun Zone, to help support our Puppy Up/2 Million Dogs walk for cancer research. Besides the Doggie Fun Zone course, there will many other fun events! We need volunteers to help keep everything running smoothly. We also need items for our silent auction; they do not have to be dog-related. If you can help us out, please call Donna at D Tails, 860-388-1819 for information.

Doggie Fun-Zone Day



Saturday, June 15, 2013 • 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Plattwood Park, Deep River, CT

Fun and excitement on a high-performance race course!
Half Agility, Half Lure Coursing, All Fun!!!

No Training Needed! Any Dog, Any Size, Any Breed, All Welcome!

Bring your camera! Vendors, Food, & More!

FREE ADMISSION, Bring Your Dog!

\$10. includes one practice run and two runs

All proceeds go to Puppy Up/2 Million Dogs for cancer research

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**Please!
No Retractable
Leashes**



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