

# Newsletter



Miss Cay as a Duck for Halloween 😊



## October Classes:

**Please Note:** There will be no classes from Tuesday, October 22-Tuesday, October 29, 2013.

### Monday:

**Doggie Fun Zone Meeting:** October 7, 6:00-7:00 P.M.

Drop-in Obedience: October, 7, 14, 21, 7:00-8:00 P.M.

Beginner Obedience: October 14, 21, 6:00-7:00 P.M.

### Tuesday:

Handling: October 1, 8, 15, 7:00-8:00 P.M.

### Wednesday:

Beginner Obedience: October 2, 9, 16, 30, 6:00-7:00 P.M.

Advanced Obedience: October 2, 9, 16, 30, 7:00-8:00 P.M.

**Thursday: *Just in time for Halloween***

**Tricks Class: October 17, 6:00-7:00 P.M.**

## Bark Your Calendar!

**Fifth Annual Pet Parade**, Saturday, October 5, 2013 11:00 A.M., Town Hall Grounds, Old Lyme, CT (Theme: Wizard of OZ.)

**Animal Awareness Day**, Sunday, October 6, 2013, 12-5:00 P.M.  
Branford Town Green, Branford, CT

**Saint Hubert Kennel Club Obedience-Rally-Canine Good Citizen**, All breeds (even mixed) may enter. Sunday, October 6, 2013. Events begin at 10:30 A.M.

**Weiner Dog Races** at the Shoreline Oktoberfest, Saturday and Sunday, October 19, 20, 2013. Guilford Fairgrounds, Guilford, CT  
[www.shorelineoktoberfest.com](http://www.shorelineoktoberfest.com)

# D Tails Events and Happenings

## RAFFLE

We are holding a raffle for one Five-day pass of day school valued at \$128.00. Cost is \$10/ticket. The drawing will be on Halloween. Only approved day school dogs are eligible. All proceeds go to our Doggy Fun Zone Fundraiser.

Remember, we have a Doggie Fun Zone meeting on Monday, October 7, 2013, 6:00-7:00 P.M. Anyone interested in volunteering, please come!

## A Warm Welcome

Please welcome D Tails' two new employees: Jayme Sullivan and Emily McClelland. They will be working mornings and afternoons on Tuesday and Thursday.

## Art Alert

Have you seen the canvas photographs in the lobby? You may recognize some of the models! Professional pet photographer, Kathryn Schauer's beautiful work will be on display, so please come by and take a look. If you are interested in booking a session for your dog with Kathryn, she will give a discounted session fee for all D Tails' clients who book in 2013. You can pick up her business cards at D Tails or you can see more samples of her work at her website, [www.kathrynschauerphotography.com](http://www.kathrynschauerphotography.com).

## Tricks Class

Don't forget our Tricks class just in time for Halloween. This is a great class for families with kids and their dogs. This class has mental stimulation and fun for you and your dog! The one-night class is \$20.00. Please call D Tails to reserve a spot.

Thursday, October 17, 6:00-7:00 P.M.



# Is Your Dog Masquerading As Something Else?

When you adopt a dog, often his true pedigree is unknown. Most rescues make their best guestimate based on any history they might have on the dog and what he looks and acts like. With genetic testing, all of that has changed. You can now learn what breeds make up your mixed-breed dog.

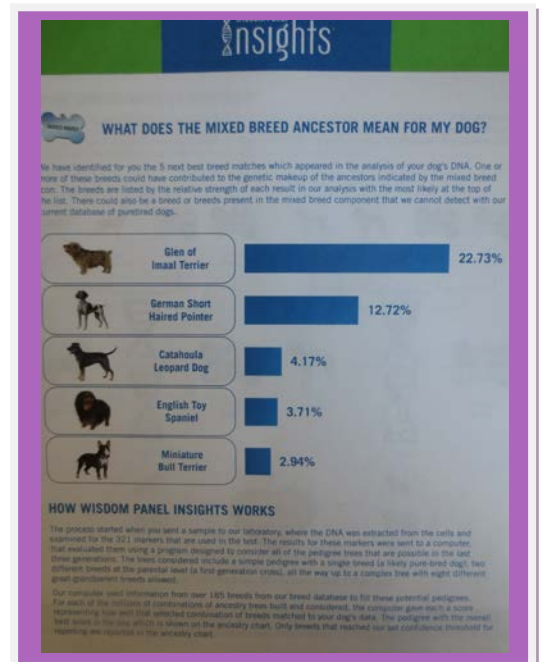
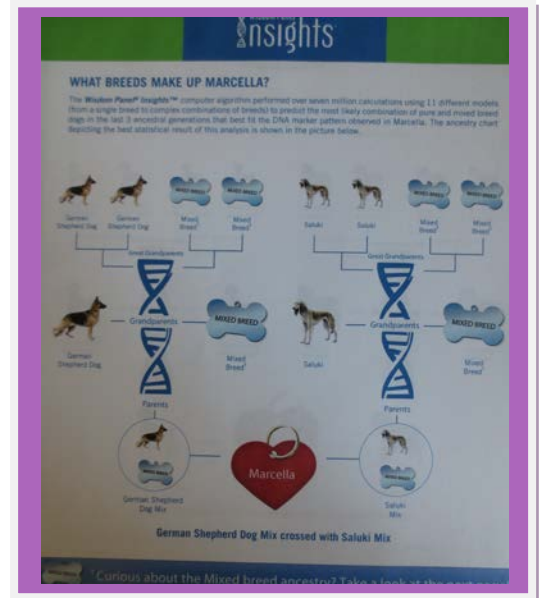
Right now, the cost is anywhere from \$80.00 and up. You can sometimes get deals on Groupon or Living Social. Humane Societies across the nation are hopeful that the price will come down enough that they can test their dogs before they are adopted. Knowing the breed background might help with training and other insights into the dogs' behavior, and make them more adoptable. There is also a downside: with breed specific legislation in many areas, it could also make dogs less adoptable.

So, should you have your dog's DNA tested? Only you can make that call. I chose to have both my dogs tested because I just wanted to know. With Macy, I knew that her mom was a purebred Australian Shepherd. It was the father we knew nothing about. I thought it might help me understand her needs better. I found out that her sire was a purebred German Short-haired Pointer. If nothing else, it certainly explained why she is so prey-driven! With Marcy, we had no idea what she was. When I adopted her, I was told an Australian Cattle dog mix. It seemed plausible to me. Since getting her results back, we call her the non-cattle dog! She is a variety of dogs, but not a cattle dog! She is a true mutt. Are the results foolproof? The answer is no, but it is nice to have more of a piece to my dogs' ancestry puzzle.

I used Wisdom Panel for my testing because that company seemed to have more dog breeds identified than any other. [www.wisdompanel.com](http://www.wisdompanel.com) It seems now that Mars Veterinary, which owns Wisdom Panel, has recently bought out others in the market.

Interesting article on dog DNA

<http://news.msn.com/pop-culture/dog-owners-use-dna-tests-to-fight-mistaken-breed-identity?stay=1>



**HAPPY HALLOWEEN from some of our favorite fur friends!**



**From Left to Right**  
Lola and Gracie, Daisy, Tia,  
Scout, Sugar, Saxon, and Katie!

