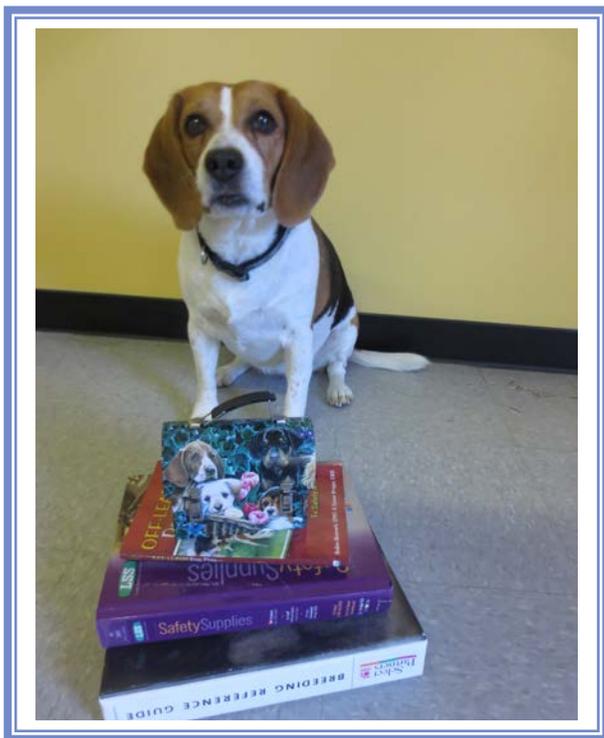
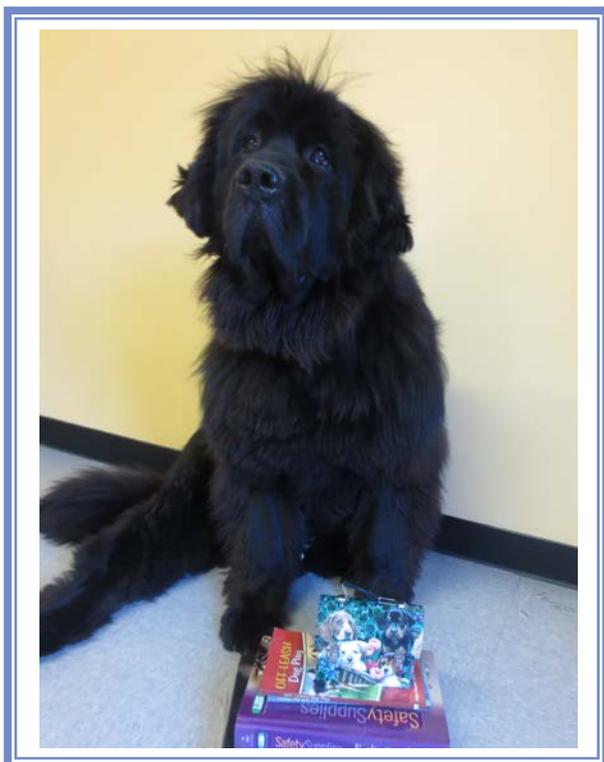


NEWSLETTER



Biscuit and McGee, day-school regulars, are all set for September!



NOSEworthy Information: D Tails says a fond farewell to Ann Chan. She has decided to take a new position at Sweet Luna's on Main Street. We will miss her, and wish her the best of luck!

Because of the above, we have part-time positions open on Tuesdays/Thursdays. If you love dogs, and don't mind hard work, please give Donna a call at 860-388-1819 or email at ddetails@cs.com.

September Classes

Monday

Agility Fun: 16, 23, 30 6:00-7:00 P.M.

Drop-in Obedience: 9, 16, 23, 30 7:00-8:00 P.M.

Tuesdays

Handling: 10, 17, 24 7:00-8:00 P.M.

Wednesdays-New Classes!

Beginner Obedience: 11, 18, 25 6:00-7:00 P.M.

Advanced Obedience: 11, 18, 25 7:00-8:00 P.M.

Thursdays

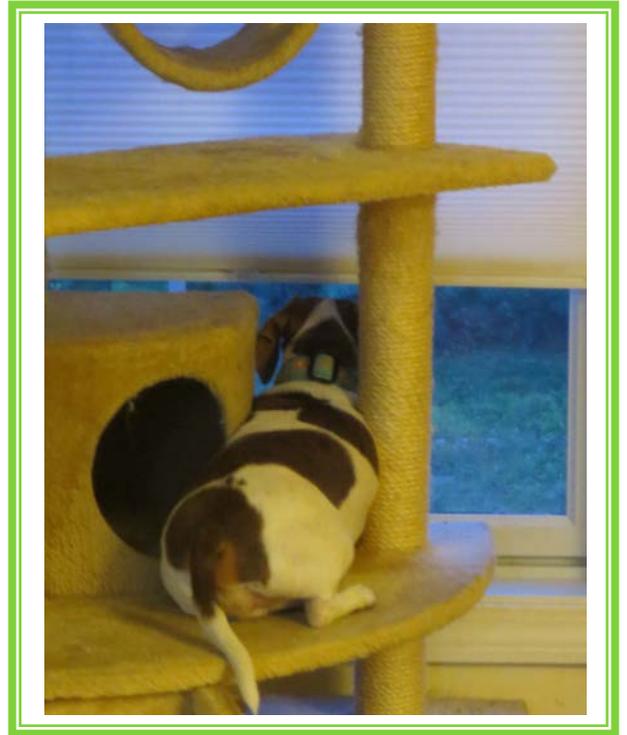
Beginner Obedience: 5, 12, 19, 26 6:00-7:00 P.M.

We have a **Doggie Fun Zone Meeting** on Monday September 9, 6:00-7:00 P.M. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Doggie Fun Zone will also be in Newtown from August 30-September 10, 2013 at Cassio Kennels, 173 Mount Pleasant Road. Call (203)426-2881 for more information.

Beating the Back to School Blues

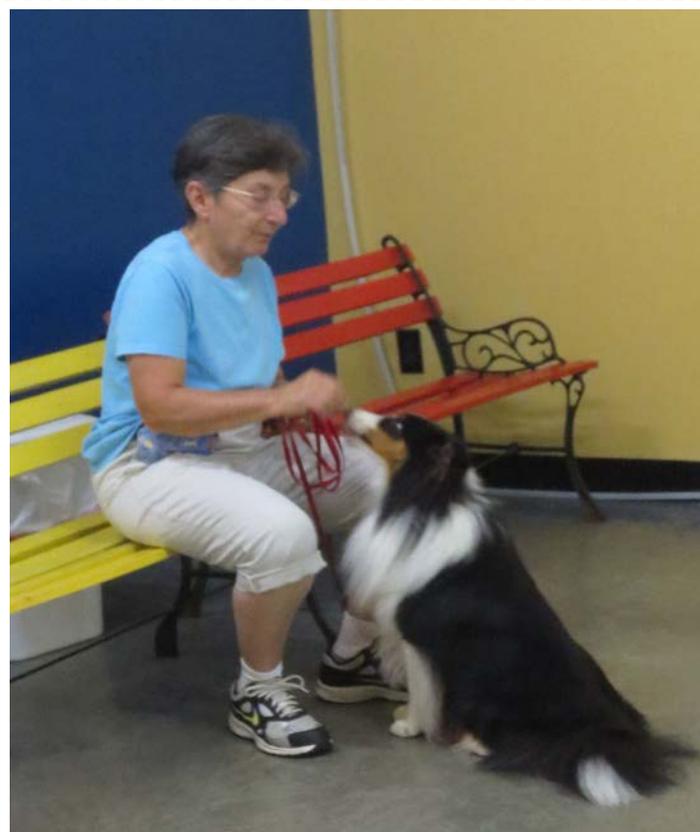
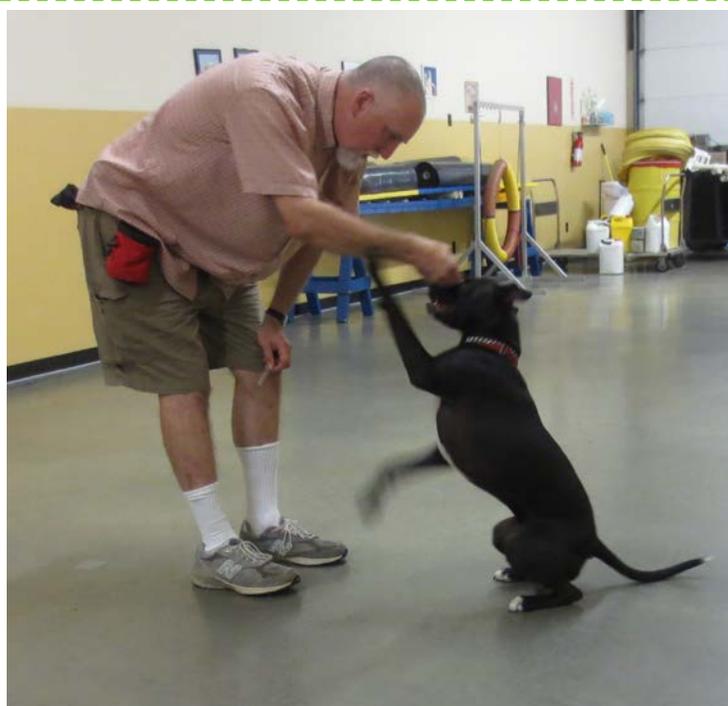
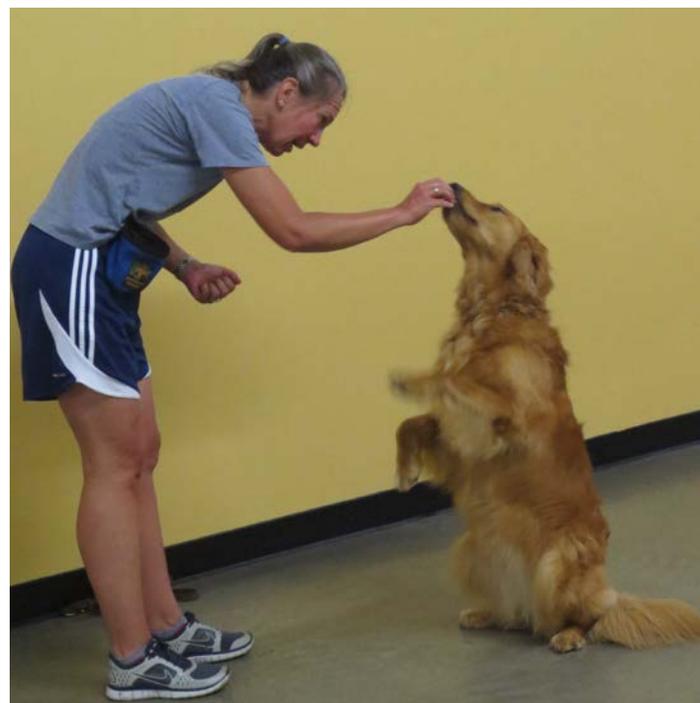
Adults might be gleeful when September rolls around and the kids go back to school, but our furry friends may not. If your dog has become used to you or your children home from school for the summer, back to school time can be a hard transition for them. Just like you get your kids back on schedule, you can do the same for your dogs. If they are going to be spending a lot of time home in a crate, make sure you have them spend a few hours a day crated before that happens. Make sure that you exercise them before they are crated, and consider a mid-day walk too. Long drawn out goodbyes are not good for the dog. Leave just as you would if you were going to run an errand: a quick goodbye, and that's it. If you are stressed, tense, sad, etc. your dog will pick up on those emotions and could act out. When you or your kids arrive home, again greet normally, and then make sure your dogs gets plenty of play time. Consider day-school for your dog. That way they will be occupied when you are. If you have a child going away to college, know that your dog may feel their absence. If your dog becomes overly anxious, or displays any destructive behavior, you may want to consult your vet. Extra love and exercise will help until they come back again. Be prepared for a joyful reunion 😊



Rudy always watches out the window for our return! Macy has been very mopey since her buddy went to college.



Fall is the perfect time to teach your old or new dog tricks! Here are pictures from the last Tricks class Donna held. If you are interested in teaching your dogs to do tricks, please call Donna. If there is enough interest she will have more Tricks classes.



Don't let the dog eat your homework!



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Chewing is a normal behavior for a dog. They explore with their mouths. Chewing excessively and destructively are signs of either a bored or anxious dog. If you suspect your dog is bored, there are many ways you can help. The first is to exercise your dog with walks or play time. You can buy toys that either hide other toys or food for stimulation. Safe, natural bones, such as antler bones, are a good choice too. With the kids back to school, consider a class for you and your dog. It is always a good idea for dogs to be obedience-trained. Continuing training not only gets you a well-trained dog, but stimulates his mind too. Consider other classes, like agility, scent work, or a tricks class. These will all give you and your dog quality time together and stimulation as well. If you are exercising your dog and he still is displaying excessive behavior such as chewing on his paws, or pulling out fur, it may be time to talk to your vet. There could be other issues at hand, such as anxiety or allergies.