# D Tails Monthly Ruff

# <u>May 2014</u>

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# **May Classes**

# Mondays:

Beginner Obedience 6:00-7:00 p.m. Drop-in Obedience 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Closed May 26, Memorial Day

# **Tuesdays:**

Beginner Agility 6:00-7:00 p.m. May 5, 13

Beginner Obedience 6:00-7:00 p.m. May 27, 2014. Advanced Obedience7:00- 8:00 p.m. May 5, 13

Wednesdays:

# Doggie Fun Zone Meeting 6:00-7:00 p.m.

# **Thursdays:**

Beginner Obedience May 8, 15, 22 6:00-7:00 p.m. Agility Fun May 29 6:00-7:00 p.m.

D Tails will be closed Monday, May 26, 2014, in honor of Memorial Day. We hope you enjoy your day! Kathryn Schauer photographed Cay's puppies before they went to their forever homes. Lucky for us, Donna is keeping Channel, the first puppy on the left.

# Bark your Calendar

Local events for dog lovers and their families.

# Saturday, May 3, 2014

Reynolds' Subaru 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Pet Adoption Day, 10:00-2:00. Tons of rescue groups will be there along with refreshments, a raffle, and lots of fun! <u>www.ReynoldsSubaru.com</u>

Super Dogs Wild, Wild Woof, Mullins Center, Amherst, MA 4:00 p.m. Have you seen a Super Dog performance? The dogs are truly super!

www.mullinscenter.com/events/detail/superdogs

# Saturday, May 10, 2014

Tractor Supply Company, Old Saybrook, Pet Adoption Day, 12:00-3:00 Call 860-388-9641 for more information.

# Saturday, May 17, 2014

Dachshund Races at Lake Compounce, Bristol, CT 1:00 p.m. 50 Dachshunds will be racing to see who is the fastest, along with the grand opening of Pink's Famous Hollywood Hot Dogs restaurant! Come enjoy the fun. Hosted by Connecticut Dachshund Rescue and Pet Services. https://www.facebook.com/events/799761366718250/

# Sunday, May 18, 2014

Help Willy's Friends Pet Fair, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Coginchaug Regional High School. This is their sixth annual event. There will be adoptable pets, tons of vendors, demonstrations and more! http://www.helpwillysfriends.org/

# **April Showers Bring May Flowers and Allergies**

Is spring a hard time for you with all the leaves, grasses, and flowers blooming? It can be hard on your dog too! If you notice your dog chewing, scratching, shaking his head, or rubbing his face, he might have seasonal allergies. Your dog's itching and chewing could cause hot spots which can get infected. Here are some things you can do at home to make you and your dog more comfortable during allergy season. Bathing your dog more often during allergy season will remove the allergens, make sure to use a pet shampoo that is for sensitive or irritated skin. Wash your dog's paws whenever he has been outside. That way, less allergens will come in your home. Consistently vacuum floors and areas, like bedding, where your pet frequents. Changing your air filters monthly will help keep the air cleaner. If your dog is still miserable, then do not hesitate to take him to your vet. They might feel it is necessary to prescribe an antihistamine to get him through.



Buoi, now named Bravo, running through the grass and violets.



Here is a very interesting article regarding dog allergies and honey from the Whole Dog Journal. Click the link below.

http://www.whole-dogjournal.com/issues/10\_9/features/Bee-Honey-Products-Help-Canines\_15967-1.html?s=FB050114

Bath is a four letter word in my household, but I have had some success with pet grooming products from Burt's Bees. Marcy, pictured above, has seasonal and food allergies. This shampoo seems to help.



On Memorial Day, we honor those we have lost to war. On June 14, 2014, you can help a veteran who has suffered greatly. Sergeant David Tupper, an Old Saybrook graduate, was injured in the line of duty. D Tails along with Mungo Works, will be holding our Doggie Fun Zone Day to help Sergeant Tupper with the care and training of his service dog, Jäger.



To do this, we need your help! Every Wednesday in May, we will be having a Doggie Fun Zone meeting at D Tails at 6:00 p.m. We need more volunteers to make this a great event for Sergeant Tupper! We would love to have more vendors, if you know anyone who would be interested, please let us know. We are asking for a \$25.00 donation/vendor. We would love items to raffle! We also need to get the word out! If you would like to help by printing the above poster and hanging them everywhere, please email Donna at <u>ddtails@cs.com</u> or Samantha at <u>mantha465@aol.com</u>. We will email you back with the attachment!



Left: Sergeant David Tupper and his service dog, Jäger.

Right: United States Marine Corps Photograph



# TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO PURCHASE YOUR RAFFLE TICKET!

We are holding a raffle for a one-of-kind portrait of your dog. These raised funds will help to offset costs for **Doggie Fun Zone**, a fundraiser on June 14, 2014 for Sergeant David Tupper and his service dog. We are only selling 130 tickets, which are \$10.00 each. They will be available at D Tails, along with samples of the artist's work. Drawing will be held on Friday, May 9, 2014. You do not need to be present to win.

Portrait commission of one dog by Diane Blasius, Mungo Works (see www.mungoworks.com for more samples) done in watercolor underpainting with pigment pencils for all the detail, or you can have your custom portrait hand painted on a china plate or platter. You can choose a head portrait or full body pose.

Diane will use your photo, or take one of her own if she so needs.







