

NEWSLETTER

Did you know that April is Prevention of Cruelty to Animals month? Wear orange to support this cause, and if you see or have good reason to suspect animal abuse, please report it.



Happy Passover

Happy Easter

Celebrate Earth Day



Archer bunny above, and Marina bunny, right.



Buoi bunny above.

April Classes:

Monday:

Drop-In Obedience: 7:00-8:00 p.m. *No Class Monday, April 28!*

Tuesday:

Beginner Agility: 6:00-7:00 p.m. *No Class Tuesday, April 29!*

Advanced Obedience: 7:00-8:00 p.m. *No Class Tuesday, April 29!*

Wednesday:

Beginner Obedience: 7:00-8:00 p.m. *April 2nd & 9th only!*

Thursday:

Beginner Obedience: 6:00-7:00p.m. *April 3, 10, & 17 only!*

Please note: *There will be no classes from Thursday, April 24-Thursday, May 2, 2014.*

Doggie Fun Zone Meeting

There will be a DFZ meeting on **Wednesday, April 2, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** at D Tails. This event is happening in June, and we need all the volunteer help that we can get! Please come, if you interested in being a part of this fun day. This event is a fundraiser for Sergeant Tupper and his service dog!



Come see the puppies before they go to their new homes!

Here's your chance to see Cay's puppies up close and personal. Donna will be bringing the pups to D Tails on [Sunday, April 13, 2014 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.](#) The puppies will be in a large X-pen so you will be able to witness all their cute antics. Please do not bring your dogs, and you will not be able to handle them. They have not had their first round of vaccinations yet. Believe me, their cuteness is infectious!

Right now the puppies are 5 weeks old. They are in the socialization phase of their development. They are sleeping much less, playing more, and getting into everything! They are being weaned and are eating solid food. They are also growing by leaps and bounds. At last weigh in, they were all 6 to 7 pounds!



Two **Doggie Fun Zone** Fundraisers in April!

On-line Fundraiser:

www.threescoopsofvanilla.com

Three Scoops of Vanilla is an online auction house. The owner decided to combine her love of jewelry-making and her love for charity work together. Her three scoops of vanilla are her three yellow labs. On **April 24**, go to her website and click on this link: <http://www.threescoopsofvanilla.com/featured-groups-party-page.html>. She will have a bracelet for sale (see picture on right) which was created exclusively for our event. 25% of the proceeds will go towards **Doggie Fun Zone** day to support Sergeant Tupper and his service dog. If you like and share this event on Facebook, we will also get a percentage of all other sales as well. ***This is a one day event only.***



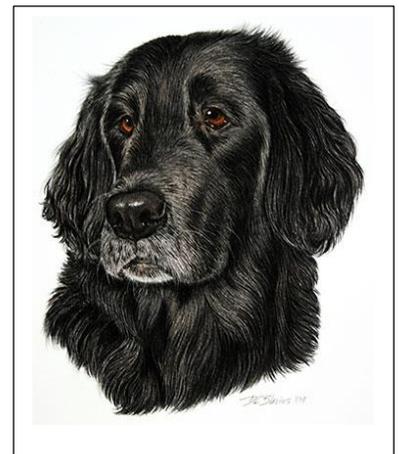
Win a Portrait of your Dog

You still have time to buy a 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 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.

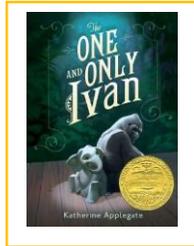
Diane will use your photo, or take one of her own if she so needs.



Book Reviews for the Younger Set

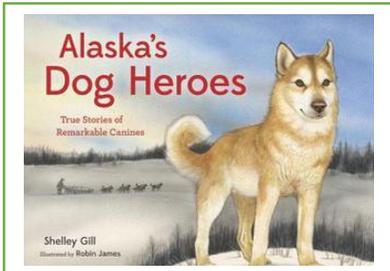
The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

This book not only won the Newbery Medal but also was on the NY Times bestseller list. The main character is a gorilla, but his best friend is a dog. This is a sweet, touching story about animals in an attraction. It tells how they became a family and eventually found a better life for themselves. For grades 4-8, but even adults will enjoy this.



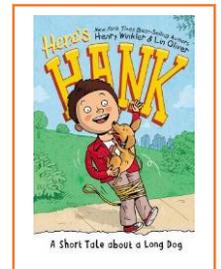
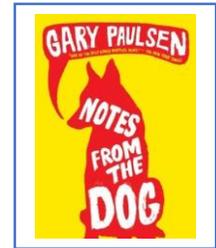
Alaska's Dog Heroes: True Stories of Remarkable Canines by Shelley Gill

It's always good to introduce exciting and relatable non-fiction to young readers. These are true stories about amazing dogs from Alaska's history. Some will be familiar, like Balto, while others aren't lucky enough to have a statue in Central Park. They certainly are all fun to learn about! For grades 1-4.



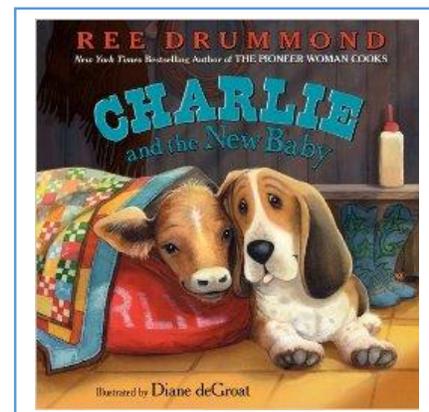
Notes from the Dog by Gary Paulsen.

Not a new book, but my favorite from Paulsen. This is a coming of age book, where the dog plays a minor part. Two boys with their own struggles spend summer vacation learning what life is all about from a college student battling cancer. Bittersweet, but worth the read. For grades 5-9.



Here's Hank, A Short Tale about a Long Dog by Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver

This book was written by the actor Henry Winkler and is the second book in the Hank series. They are semi-autobiographical accounts of Winkler's childhood. What makes them stand out is the fact that Winkler suffered through school with dyslexia and was not diagnosed until he was 31! These are simplistic stories for a struggling reader; even the font is weighted on the bottom to help prevent the flipping of letters. In this story, Hank, who struggles in school, works extra hard to get his grades up so he can adopt a dachshund from the pound. Grades 1-3.



Charlie and the New Baby by Ree Drummond, illustrated by Diane deGroat

This picture book comes out later this month. There are a number of books in this series. They are sweet stories about a silly Basset Hound and his ranch, that the pre-k set will truly enjoy. What I love are the illustrations. While they have not won a Caldecott, they are bold, bright, and eye-catching. These books will be picked up and read many times. Also, new, is the Charlie "I Can Read" series. These are for level one emergent readers. If your child loved Charlie as a toddler, he will be eager to read about him when he starts school.