

# NEWSLETTER



Happy Thanksgiving  
from Cay, Channel,  
Donna, and everyone at  
D Tails!



Bark Your Calendar! D Tails will be closed on Thursday, November 27, and Friday, November 28, 2014 for Thanksgiving.

## Monthly Classes

**\*Please see next page for detailed descriptions of new classes!\***

### **Mondays:**

**\*Indoor Dog Park\***, 6:00-7:00 P.M.

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

### **Tuesdays:**

Handling, 6:00-7:00 P.M. Please see master calendar at [www.dtails.biz](http://www.dtails.biz) for instructors.

Beginner Obedience, 7:00-8:00 P.M.

### **Wednesdays:**

Advanced Obedience, 6:00-7:00 P.M.

**\*Puppy and Me Class\***, November 19, 7:00 P.M.

### **Thursdays:**

November 6, **Doggie Fun Zone** Meeting at Donna's house, 6:00-7:00 P.M.

**\*Tricks Class\***, November 13, 6:00-7:30 P.M.

**\*Rally-Try It!\***, November 20, 6:00 P.M.

Check out the new, fun classes in November!

Specialty  
Classes at

**D**  **Tails**

of Old Saybrook

Are you looking for some activities to do with your dog now that we have shorter days? Here are some ideas that won't have you committed for weeks on end or hit you hard in your wallet. You must register in advance so give us a call at 860.388.1819 or email at [DDTAILS@CS.COM](mailto:DDTAILS@CS.COM). We will get you signed up for a new experience with your furry friend.



### TRICK CLASS \$20

NOVEMBER 13TH 6PM

An hour and a half of fun, fun, fun!! Bring a hungry dog and some yummy, soft treats, and we will help you teach your dog a dozen or so new tricks! This is a great class for dogs of all ages and their owners. Impress your family and neighbors with what your dog can do after this class!

### PUPPY AND ME \$20

NOVEMBER 19TH 7PM

Do you want some pointers on raising the puppy you always wanted? We can tell you how to get the results you are looking for while exposing him/her to some of what life has to offer. Join us for a short course in puppy rearing, tailored to your concerns.

### INDOOR DOG PARK

\$6

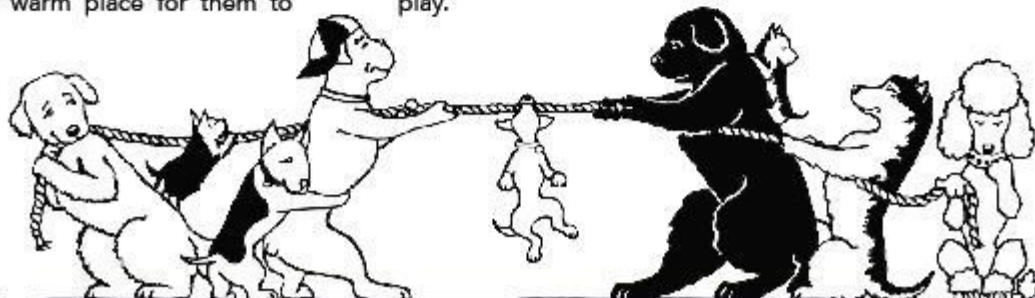
Every Monday Starting 11/3, 6 - 7 PM

For this class, just show up with your pup and get ready for a "Yappy Hour" that rocks. Be prepared to stay and take responsibility for your dogs' antics. We provide some lessons in canine body language and a warm place for them to play.

### RALLY TRY IT! \$20

NOVEMBER 20TH 6PM

Ever wonder what rally obedience is all about? Are you unsure if your dog would be interested in rally and don't want to spend money on an entire series of classes? Here is your chance to find out! Learn some new moves, as you and your dog work through an obedience course as a team!



November  
2014 Specialty

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# ARE YOU READY TO PUPPY UP FOR 2 MILLION DOGS?

On Sunday, November 9, 2014, Hammonasset Beach State Park will be going to the dogs! Please consider joining D Tails on this walk to help fund cancer research! 2 Million Dogs funds research in the relationships and similarities of dog and human cancers. Besides the walk, there will be booths, food trucks, raffles, music, and tons of fun going on! We will have a booth at the event and will have obedience and agility demonstrations. We will have a team to walk as well. You can join our team here:

<http://puppyupshoreline.kintera.org/faf/search/searchTeamPart.asp?ievent=1107115&lis=1&kntae1107115=A3C69D64E04B4F31AC60F59637EAA364&team=6169046>

Anyone participating in the obedience and agility demonstrations needs to be at Hammonasset by 11:15. We still need more volunteers throughout this event. If you can give any amount of your time, please call Donna as soon as possible.



**Puppy Up!**  
**Walk**  
2 MILLION DOGS

**Sunday  
November 9**

**Hammonasset  
State Park**  
1288 Boston Post Rd.  
Madison, CT 06443

**11:00 am**  
Registration

**1:00 pm**  
2-Mile Walk

**11:00-3:00**  
Food, Vendors,  
Entertainment

**Support** *those with cancer*  
**Honor** *the friends we've lost*  
**Walk** *for those we can help*

**PRE-REGISTER BY NOVEMBER 7**  
\$20 pre-registration online  
\$25 registration after November 7

REGISTER ONLINE AT  
**www.2MillionDogs.org**



Did you know that November is "Adopt a Senior Pet" month? If you are thinking about opening your home to a dog or cat, please consider adopting a senior pet. Senior pets have less chance of becoming adopted, but there are so many good reasons to adopt one. They are usually calmer, house-trained, and totally grateful!



## The Importance of Regularly Grooming Your Dog

Regularly grooming your dog is a good habit to have. No matter if your dog has short hair or long fur, it is good to brush at least weekly. Brushing not only removes dirt and dead hair, but also makes their coats shiny. Make sure that before you brush, you run your hands over your pet. This way you can find any ticks or lumps.

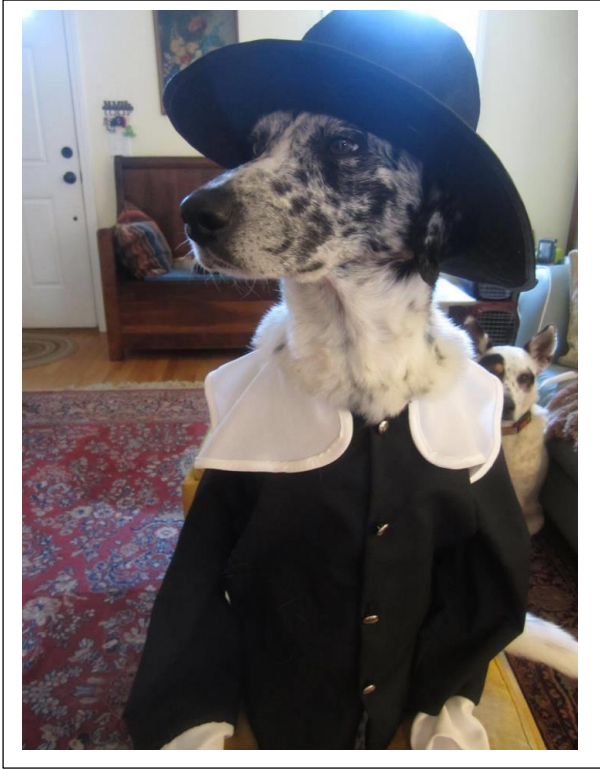
How often should you be bathing your dog? That will depend on your dog. You can bathe, on an as-needed basis. Some dogs need weekly baths, while others may need much less. It is good to start grooming and bathing while your pup is still young, so they become used to a routine. Use a gentle dog shampoo, warm water, and dry your pooch thoroughly, especially in colder weather. You should also get in the habit of brushing your dog's teeth daily. If you can't brush daily, as often as possible is better than not at all. Check their ears as well, they should be clean and have no odor. Nail clipping is a must for all dogs so their nails don't curl into their toe pads. If you are not up to the task of grooming, use a professional. Do your research and ask friends where they get their dogs groomed, and don't be afraid to check the facility first.

Donna recommends Cindy Case of Canine Design in Clinton. Cindy has over 20 years of professional pet-grooming experience. She considers her grooming salon a spa for pets and uses all natural products. She also grooms cats! You can see before and after pictures on her Facebook page. We have Cindy's business cards at D Tails.

<https://www.facebook.com/caninedesignct/timeline>

Pet Valu just opened in Old Saybrook. If you don't want dog hair in your tub, use theirs! For \$10.00, they have three different sized tubs, shampoo, and driers. All you need to bring is your dirty dog; no appointment necessary. If you just need a nail clipping for your dog, Donna will do this in the first week of every month for \$12. Please call Donna at D Tails to let her know.

# Tips for Turkey Day



Are you having a crowd for Thanksgiving? Here are a few tips to keep your dog safe and happy on the big day.

A large number of guests can stress out your pets. Try giving your dog a long walk before guests arrive. If your dogs are crate-trained, put them in when guests are arriving and departing, so they don't slip out. Also, if you have young children coming, make sure they are never left unattended with your dog.

We may over-indulge with Thanksgiving dinner, but it is not recommended for your dog. A piece or two of skinless turkey should be sufficient. Too many fatty foods can cause upset stomach, diarrhea, or even pancreatitis. Onions, alcohol, chocolate, and certain herbs are just a few foods that are toxic to dogs. Turkey bones splinter and can cause serious damage. Do not feed raw turkey unless your pup is already on a raw diet. You can treat your dog to a dollop of pure sweet potato or pumpkin. Keep your dog occupied with treat balls, special bones, or toys, so you can enjoy your dinner with no begging faces. If you cannot clean dishes right away, make certain they are out of your dog's reach.

When the guests are gone, treat your dog to some one-on-one time and an extra hug for being so well-behaved!



## Sweet Potato Dog Treats

- 1 sweet potato, cooked and mashed
- $\frac{3}{4}$ -1 C whole wheat or gluten-free flour
- $\frac{1}{4}$  C rolled oats
- 1 Tbsp. honey or pure maple syrup
- 1 large egg, beaten

Mix all ingredients until combined. Roll out dough on a lightly floured surface, about  $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick. Use festive cookie cutters. Bake in a 350 degree oven, 25-30 minutes until edges are golden.