

D Tails Monthly Ruff

September 2014

Newsletter

Celebrating Ten Years in Business!



Molson, Lily, and Buddy have been coming to D Tails' Day School since opening in 2004! They each will receive a free day to celebrate!

Classes in September

Monday:

Beginner Agility, 6:00-7:00 PM.
Drop-in Obedience, 7:00-8:00 PM.

Tuesday:

Handling, 6:00-7:00 PM. No class on September 23. Check calendar at www.dtails.biz for class handlers.

Wednesday:

Doggie Fun Zone meeting, September 3, 6:00-7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend as we start to plan for this annual event!

Thursday:

Beginner Obedience, classes #5-8, 6:00-7:00 PM.
Beginner Obedience, **New Class** starts September 4, and continues through the month. 7:00-8:00 PM.

With the cooler weather, there are so many dog-related events in CT this month. Here is just a sampling:

New Hope Clinic Open house/Adoption event, Sunday, September 14, 11:00-3:00.
214 Canal Street, Plantsville, CT.

Photographer, Seth Casteel of **Underwater Dogs** fame, will be appearing at RJ Julia on Tuesday, September 16, 7:00 PM to discuss his new book **Underwater Puppies**. This event is free, but you must register. www.rjulia.com

Canine Carnival at Viney Hill Dog Park, Essex, CT. Saturday, September 20, 10:00-1:00 PM
D Tails will have a booth at this event!

Dachshund Races and Social at Madison Oktoberfest, Saturday, September 27, starting at 12:00 PM. Please see <https://www.facebook.com/ctdrps/events>

Mutts Gone Nuts, a comedy dog show, at the Durham Fair, September 25-28. Please go to www.durhamfair.com and click on schedule for times. There are multiple shows each day.

And, for many more events in September, please click on the following link. There are events throughout Connecticut every weekend.

<http://www.bringfido.com/event/state/connecticut/?page=1>



Essex Paw Park's
Canine Carnival!
Saturday, September 20th | 10 am to 1 pm | Viney Hill Dog Park, Essex, CT
Doggie games & activities & local vendors | 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place prizes!

A showcase of Man's Best Friend & those who love them

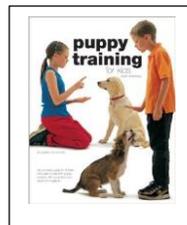
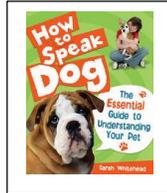
Dogs must be licensed, vaccinated, & wear current tags.
Dogs leashed prior to entering dog park & friendly with people & other dogs.
Registration on-site, at 10am for doggie games.
\$5 each to participate or \$10 for 2 or more.
A portion of event proceeds benefits the CT Humane Society.

Directions to Viney Hill Dog Park: From the intersection of Routes 153 and 154 at the Essex Fire Station, head towards Old Saybrook on Route 154/Saybrook Road for just over half a mile. Bear right onto Gates Road. Turn right onto Cedar Grove Terrace. Follow the road up the hill and turn right onto Hillside Drive. Park entrance will be on your right. For GPS, use 19 Hillside Drive Essex, CT

Do you have a new puppy or dog in your life? Do you have children too? Here are a number of books that can help you and your children care and train your new furry friend. We recommend that you take obedience classes as well. D Tails has new classes starting September 4 and October 2! Call 860-388-1819 for more information.

Puppy Training for Kids/How to Speak Dog by Sarah Whitehead.

Both books are great sources of information. If you have small children, you will need to read with them.

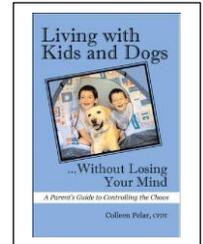


Living with Kids and Dogs...Without Losing your Mind! By Colleen Pelar.

A great down-to-earth book with strategies to create a happy environment for both your kids and your dogs. The author has a very informative website too!

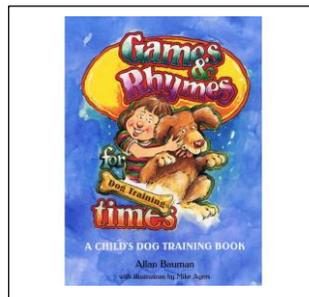
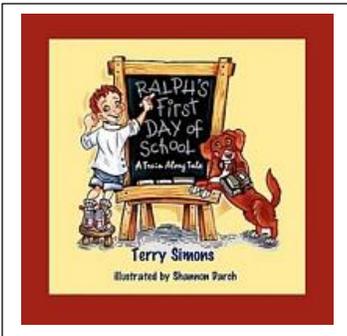
<http://www.livingwithkidsanddogs.com/>

We have this book for sale at D Tails!
Come take a look. \$16.95



Ralph's First Day of School by Terry Simmons.

This book incorporates training and caring for your dog right into the story. Kids and parents will love the illustrations as well.

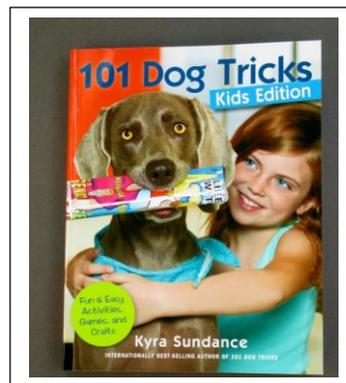
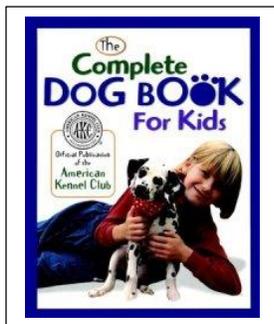


Games and Rhymes for Dog Training Times by Allen Baumen.

Perfect for young children, even emergent readers, the text is simple and to the point. The illustrations are simple and bright too.

The Complete Dog Book for Kids, American Kennel Club.

The title says it all, it is a pretty complete book on choosing the right breed, owning and caring for a dog. Even if you have a mixed-breed, the information is useful. Just ignore the plugs for the AKC.



101 Dog Tricks, Kids Edition by Kyra Sundance. This is a great book meant just for kids (there is a companion adult book, as well.) This book showcases easy steps and illustrations, perfect for kids to follow. Besides training and tricks, there are also games and crafts too. Great for keeping both your child and your dog occupied for hours.

Dog Bite Prevention

Children and dogs just seem to go together. If you check out You Tube you will find numerous videos of kids and dogs. They pull at your heartstrings and make you laugh, but are the dogs happy in all these videos too? It only takes a second for that to change, and a bite to happen. Statistically, children are getting bitten by dogs more than adults. First rule of thumb, never leave a child unattended with a dog. Second, teach your children how to behave properly around your dog and unknown dogs. Here are some informative websites to help you.

<http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/virtual-pet-behaviorist/dog-behavior/dog-bite-prevention> ASPCA has a lot of information to help adults.

<https://www.avma.org/public/pages/dog-bite-prevention.aspx> This site has many links and downloadable brochures for adults and children.

http://www.preventthebite.com/about_history.html This site was started by a mother- daughter team. The child was bitten by a neighborhood dog. She was inspired to help children learn how to behave around dogs. Tons of great information geared toward children. There is a charge for the educational materials.

<http://dogvacay.com/blog/decoding/> This site has helpful pictures on decoding dogs' body language.



Eliza with Cay's puppies from last April☺