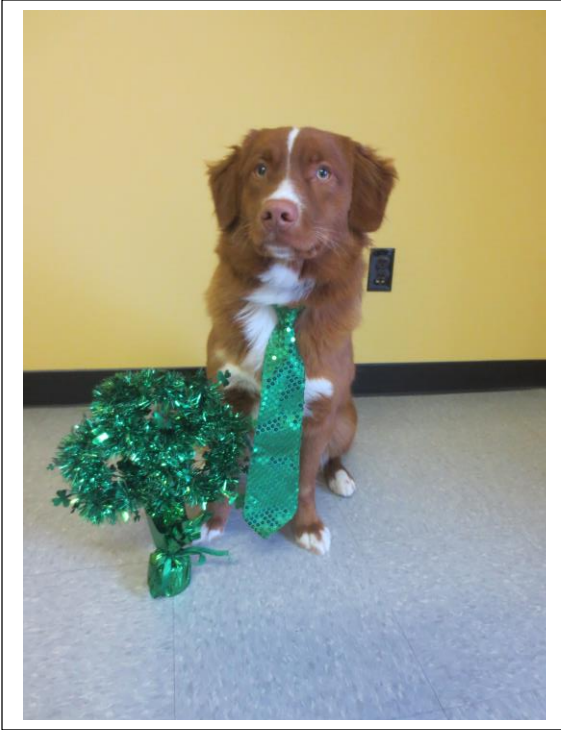


D Tails Monthly Ruff

March 2015

## NEWSLETTER



Channel is all ready for St. Patrick's Day!

### March Classes

#### **Monday**

Indoor Dog Park, 6:00-7:00 pm.

Drop-In Obedience, 7:00-8:00 pm.

#### **Tuesday**

Handling, 6:00-7:00 pm. Please check calendar for individual instructors.

Advanced Obedience, 7:00-8:00 pm. Class begins on March 10, 2015 for 8 weeks.

***You still have time to register for this class!***

#### **Wednesday**

Beginner Agility, 6:00-7:00 pm. Last class, March 4, 2015.

#### **Thursday**

Beginner Obedience, 6:00-7:00 pm.

Beginner Obedience, 7:00-8:00 pm., starting on March 12, 2015. ***You still have time to register for this class!***



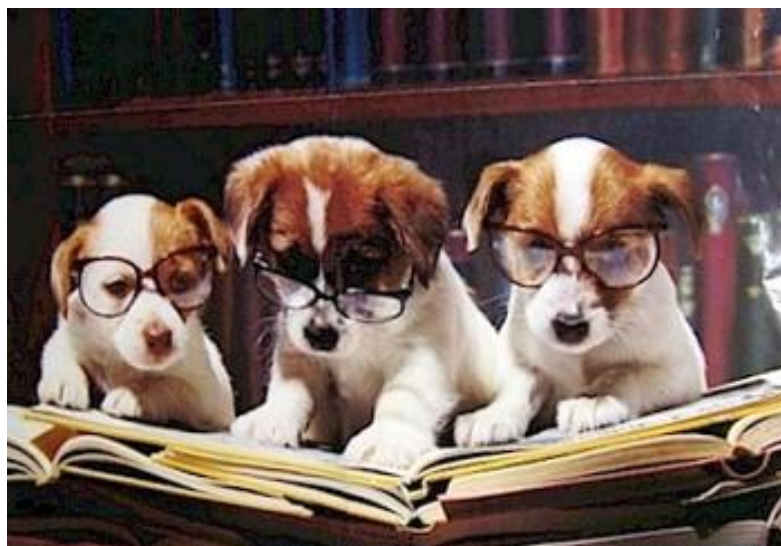
# Bark Your Calendars!

There will be a **Doggie Fun Zone** meeting on **Thursday, March 5, 2015, at D Tails 7:00-8:00 pm**. We would love to see some new faces, in addition to our regular attendees! We want to make this year's **DFZ** the best yet!

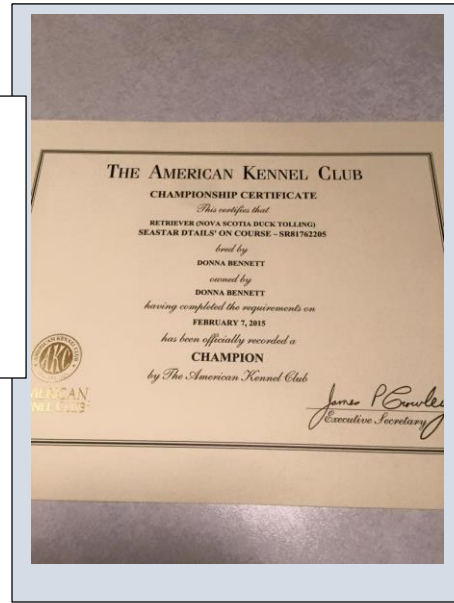
## March Doggie Fun Zone Fundraiser

Do you have old books cluttering up your home? Have the kids grown out of picture books? The entire month of March, D Tails will be collecting hard and soft-covered books in good condition. These books can be on any subject matter, just no magazines. At the end of the month, the books will be sold to a used book store. Any profits we make will go towards **Doggie Fun Zone**. This year we are donating to the Catherine Violet Hubbard Animal Sanctuary. Catherine was a victim of Sandy Hook. Her parents have worked tirelessly to keep her love for all animals and her memory alive with the building of an animal sanctuary in Newtown. You can read all about it here:

<http://cvhfoundation.org/about/cvh-animal-sanctuary/>



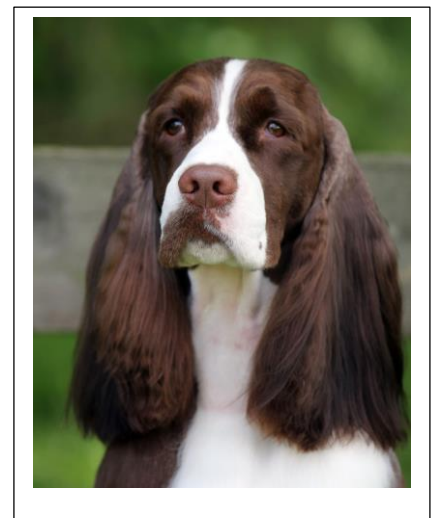
Congratulations to Channel. He attained the points needed to become a Champion! In two weeks, he, with Donna, will be on his way towards Grand Champion! We will keep you updated on his progress.



Handling instructor, Nancy Bitters, who holds classes at D Tails, showed at Westminster last month. Nancy is an owner, breeder, and handler of GCH Cerise Chanel Exclusif, "Danny," an English Springer Spaniel. Bitters, of Waterford, says that Danny is a natural and loves the ring. Danny did not win any awards at his first Westminster, but he already has plenty! He has been in over 100 shows and has won such coveted awards as Best in Breed and Spaniel Specialty in the States as well as Canada. Nancy and Danny were also first to be featured in the on-line publication, "Dog Show Journal" in an article highlighting owner/handlers. You can find that article here: <http://thedogshowjournal.com/>

If you are interested in showing your pure-bred dog, come to D Tails and take a class from a professional; Nancy Bitters! Nancy's next class at D Tails will be Tuesday, March 10, 2015, 6:00-7:00 pm.

You can find the schedule here: <http://www.supercalendar.org/view.html?name=janpace>



So handsome!

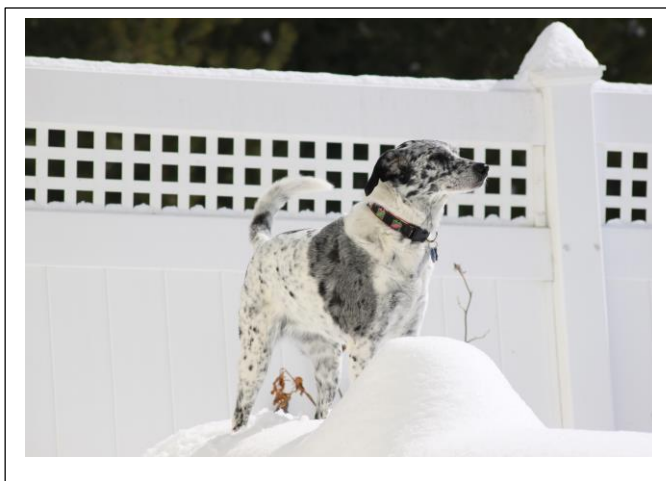
GCH Cerise Chanel Exclusif, "Danny"

Nancy and Danny at the Springfield Kennel Club Show.

Old Man Winter doesn't seem to want to loosen his grip this year. Here are a few things to be cautious of as winter hopefully turns into spring. Do you have a dog that is an escape artist? Even if you have a stockade fence or invisible fencing, heavy snow and ice can be a problem. With all the snow, and especially the drifting snow, it may be much easier for your dog to jump over. Invisible fencing doesn't always work with layers of snow or ice. You might have to be more vigilant when your dog is outside. The weather getting warmer also can pose a few problems. We make think everything is frozen solid, but any body of water that is tidal is never completely frozen. The movement can cause weak spots on the ice. Even a few days above freezing, can cause soft spots on the ice. Keep your dog on a leash to be safe. Also, when the snow melt does happen, water will be flowing much faster, and therefore is more dangerous. If you are walking your dog and they won't wear booties, remember to wash their paws to get any snow-melting chemicals off them. We are still having single-digit temperatures, with even worse wind chills. Remember, just because your dog has a fur coat, does not mean they can withstand these brutal temperatures. Limit their time outside, and completely dry them off when they come inside.



### Case in Point



This is Macy, who will be 9 next month. She is definitely an opportunist. Here she is using the snow drifts to climb onto the propane tank to get a better view of what's beyond the fence. I knew just what she was thinking! It's a good thing I was out and saw her do this. I had to shovel yet more snow, but now, she will not have easy access over the fence.