

NEWSLETTER

Meet Donna's and D Tails' newest crew member!



Welcome, Tukka, a new addition to Donna's pack. She was born on May 31, 2016. Her official name is Susquaddilla DTails' Big Break, but she is called Tukka, which means "lucky windfall." Will she be another Grand Champion? We will just have to wait and see☺

August Classes

Monday

Beginner Obedience, 6:00-7:00 PM

Drop-In Obedience, 8/1 and 8/8 will be held outside, 7:15-8:15 PM. Classes will be held back at D Tails, 7:00 PM-8:00 PM starting on 8/15/2016.

Tuesday

Handling, 6:00-7:00 PM, Please see calendar on our website, www.dtails.biz, for individual instructors. Please note that there will be no Handling class on August 23, 2016.

Thursday

Beginner Agility, 6:00-7:00 PM.

Please Note:

Our Handling instructor cancelled for Tuesday night, August 2, 2016. We are trying to find a replacement though. Please call to confirm class before you come. We will also put the information up on our FB page!

Dock Diving

Do you have an active, healthy dog that has a high toy drive and loves water? If you do, dock diving may just be your event! Dock diving is literally just what it sounds like: dogs jumping off docks. However, it truly is a learned sport. You must have a healthy dog that can handle the demands of sprinting, jumping, and swimming. He should love to do those as well. Your dog should also have a high toy drive or prey instinct. He will need a special toy that he is willing to retrieve. Luckily, we are fortunate to live near water and that is all you need to practice. You first get your dog super excited about the lure (toy) you are going to throw. On leash, you take them to the end of the dock, and toss the toy in as far as you can, then you bring your dog back and release. They should sprint to the end of the dock and jump as far as they can. In competition, retrieving the toy is not mandatory. The jumps are usually measured by the end of the dock to the base of the dog's tail. So, you need to train your dog to jump off the dock as close to end as possible. Some competitions count where the dog's nose hits water. There is also another type of dock diving competition called "Extreme Vertical." In this event, the dogs are trained to jump off the dock as high as they can to reach a lure attached to a bar. There are three major national dock diving groups: Dock Dogs, North American Diving Dogs, and Splash Dogs. All of these groups allow any type of dog, but North American Diving Dogs does offer titles for AKC registered dogs. Donna's Toller, Cay, loves to dock dive and she will be diving in local events this fall. If you would like to try dock diving with your dog, here are some helpful links. Also, there is a link to upcoming events in Connecticut.

<https://dockdogs.com>

www.splashdogs.com

<http://northamericadivingdogs.com/>

There is a wild card event at the Hebron Harvest Fest on September 8-11, which means anyone can attend. (No previous experience or qualifying jumps.) Also, the Connecticut River Museum usually hosts "Dogs on the Docks" which includes dock diving the second weekend in October. The dates are not on their calendar yet.

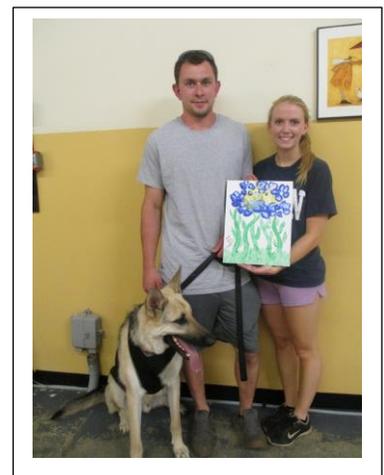
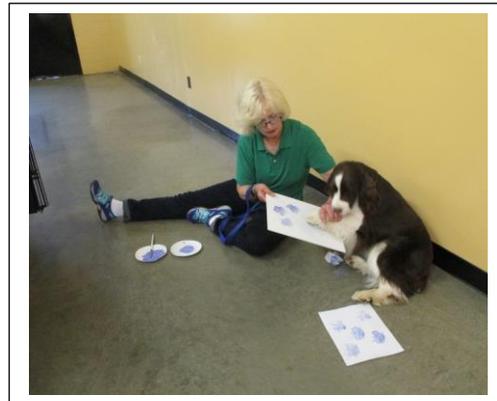
<http://www.hebrontharvestfair.org/visitors/daily-schedule/>

<http://www.ctrivermuseum.org/>



Not Cay, but another dock-

A big thank you to all that participated in our first *Wine and Design* event. I think it went very well, and everyone created a unique piece of art from their dogs! In our September newsletter, we will have more information about other *Wine and Design* events at D Tails. Some of these events will include your dog, and some will not, but will have a dog-theme. Here are some pictures of the event.



Heads and Tails

Upcoming August Events:

CONNECTICUT YANKEE DACHSHUND CLUB's
annual **FUN DAY** will be held at
Devitt Field, (15 Southworth St.) DEEP RIVER, CT
on
Saturday, August 6, 2016, 11am-3pm
Corner of Main St. (Route 154) & Southworth St.



C.Y.D.C. invites you to their annual Fun Day. **Bring your dachshund(s)!**
Learn about the breed and mingle with your fellow dachshund enthusiasts.

You and your dachshund can participate in: **Best Trick contest, Agility obstacle course, game of "Musical dachshunds", Bobbing for Wieners, best costume, &.....Dachshund Racing!**

Participation in events is **optional**; Entry cost (\$10.00 per dog) covers **all events**. There will also be: an **Obedience Demonstration, Nail Clipping** available for a nominal fee, & a variety of **dachshund items for sale**.

Recommended: Pack your lunch, bring water for Fido, & a chair for yourself. We will have hot dogs (of course!) & drinks available for purchase.

Directions from I 95: take Exit 69 (Route 9, northbound), proceeding toward Essex/Hartford. From CT Route 9, take Exit 4. At end of Exit 4 ramp, turn left onto CT Route 154 northbound towards Deep River. Proceed 1.1 miles; then turn right at light onto Southworth St. Devitt Field and parking lots will be alongside Southworth St. on left.

from 'points North' (Hartford, Middletown, etc.): Take CT Route 9, Southbound to Exit 4, turn onto Route 154 northbound, proceed as above.

Go to www.facebook.com/ConnecticutYankeeDachshundClub for more information.

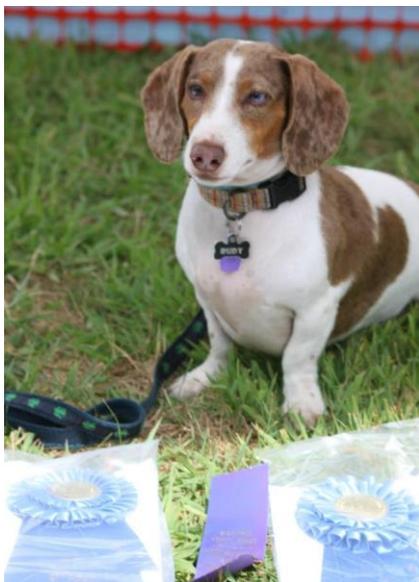
"A running dachshund is proof that Mother Nature has a sense of humor."...Anonymous



<https://www.facebook.com/BranfordWoofstock/>

Rudy will be defending his title this Saturday:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1021420181240056/>



Excellent Ed, by Stacy McAnulty and illustrated by Julia Sarcone-Roach. This is a cute new book for the 4-8 group, about a pup who wants to be excellent at something. Unfortunately, he comes from a large family where everyone is excellent at something before he is. This is a sweet book about being yourself and learning about your own special gifts. The illustrations are pretty sweet too!

