

Newsletter



Happy May Day!

Happy Mother's Day!

Happy Memorial Day!

D Tails will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2016 in honor of Memorial Day.



May Classes

Monday

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

Drop-In Obedience, 7:00-8:00 PM. Donna hopes to begin outside classes on May 23, 2016. The location is still to be determined. She will inform everyone in the class beforehand and via Facebook. The time for outdoor class is 7:15-8:15 PM, weather permitting.

Tuesday

Handling, 6:00-7:00 PM. Please check calendar on our website for individual instructors.

There will be no class on May 3, or May 24, 2016.

Beginner Obedience. New class starts on May 10, 2016. There is still time to register for this class. You can register by calling D Tails or on our website at www.dtails.biz.

Thursday

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

Advanced Obedience, 7:00-8:00 PM. This round of classes ends on May 19, 2016.

Please note, there will be no classes May 2-May 6, 2016, while Donna is on vacation. Also, there will be no classes held on May 30, 2016, in observance of Memorial Day.

Donna and Channel had a busy show month in April. Channel won two Best of Opposite Sex and two Best of Breed ribbons! May will be just as busy, with two large shows in Maine and New Hampshire. Good Luck Channel!

Cay Update

Good news, Cay has finished her chemotherapy treatment, and besides hair loss, she is feeling great!



Long-time employee, Jason Upham, will be graduating from Eastern Connecticut State University, with a BS in Computer Science this month. Stop by and congratulate him! He is currently looking for permanent employment as a website designer. If anyone has any leads, please let him know!

Safe Play

Sometimes when dogs play, they can get mouthy or over excited and that could mean disaster. If your dog has a play date or goes to the dog park, here are some safety tips to remember. If your dogs are in a safe, contained area, have them play “naked.” That means no collars, harnesses or leashes. Certainly, you should never allow your dog to play with any training collar, such as a choke or prong. It’s very easy for dogs to get tangled or worse, choked, by their own collar. Sometimes a tooth can get stuck in a collar, and that is very scary for the dog and you! Both you and the dog could suffer injuries. If you feel they must have their collar on, make sure that it has a quick-release buckle. In the event that the worst happens, and two dogs are stuck in their collars and are struggling, it does not hurt to have some tool that has cutting capabilities. Of course, you should always have a first aid kit in your home and car.

Below are two fun upcoming events for your pet and your family! The first is an OSHS senior project which features Doggie Fun Zone on May 7, 2016. The second is “Help Willy’s Friends” pet fair on May 15, 2016.

A Lively Fair for Dogs & Their People

THE BARKING MARKET

OLD SAYBROOK

Awesome Food Trucks, FABULOUS MUSIC, Great Vendors & THE DOGGIE FUN ZONE for energetic canines, plus nationally known AUTHOR RICK WOODFORD will give a cooking demonstration and sign copies of his book "Feed Your Best Friend Better".
 Chris Jurelli from THE SIMON FOUNDATION, Microchip Clinic for kids and adults - so come out and help OS High School Seniors and the Reel & Cody Fund take a bite out of canine cancer!

May 7th, 2016
11am to 4pm
 Clark - Fireman's Field
 210 Elm Street, Old Saybrook
info@reelcody.org | reelcody.org
 RAIN OR SHINE!

All proceeds donated to the Reel and Cody Fund a CT Registered 501 (c)(3) Charitable Organization. Event organized in part by OS Seniors' High School Senior Class. All Proceeds Donated to Animal Cancer Treatments.

Friendly, Leashed Dogs Welcome!

Help Willy's Friends 7th Annual Pet Fair

Sunday, May 15th 11am-4pm, Coginchaug Regional High School
 Rain or Shine, 135 Pickett Lane, Durham, CT 06427

Free Admission • Face Painting • Pet Photos • Nail Clipping

Come watch and cheer for your favorite adoptable pets in the **Parade of Stars**

Super Pet Adoption Day

HWF
www.helpwillysfriends.org

Shelters & Rescue Groups Will Be There To Help You Find The Perfect Pet For You & Your Family

For More Info on Vendor Space, Auction Donations, and Sponsorship Call Mark At 203-988-1718

Heads and Tails

Road Trip Anyone?

Summer is almost here, and it is time to plan vacations. If you are taking your furry friends with you, Triple A is a great place to get information on dog friendly hotels. However, you could actually stay *in* a dog in Cottonwood, ID! That's right, the Dog Bark Inn is actually a giant beagle! This B & B is run by a husband and wife team who originally were chainsaw artists creating dogs. Now they have the world's largest dog! They still have their art as well, which includes 60 different breeds of dogs! Their pricing is quite reasonable, but they are booked far in advance. Right now they have six days in September that just opened up. You can find more information here:

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

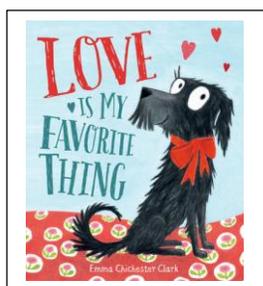
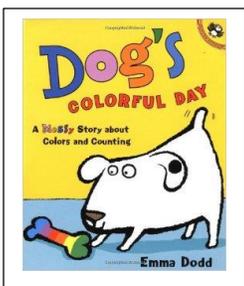


Good news for abused animals in CT:

<http://www.wfsb.com/story/31833931/bill-to-protect-abused-animals-passed-by-house-leaders>

Thank you to Kari for sharing this on your FB. I think this is such a sweet idea. You make your dog's footprints into a painting of a bouquet of flowers. If anyone tries this with their dog, please email me a picture at mantha465@aol.com. I will put it in the next newsletter!

<http://www.smartschoolhouse.com/diy-crafts/dog-hacks/18>



Next month I will share some great dog books for summer reading, but here is a preview of two for the younger set, ages 2-5.

This was first published in 2003, but it's a good one! [Dog's Colorful Day](#) by Emma Dodd is a sweet story of dog, who is white, that gets underfoot, and ends up multi-colored and spotted! Besides literacy, you have counting and the science of mixing colors. Your children will just love the silly story and pictures. The author also has an ABC book and a sound book.

[Love is my Favorite Thing](#) by Emma Chichester Clark, was based on the author's dog and unconditional love. This exuberant pup, named Plum, loves everything, but especially her family. They love her too, even though sometimes, she gets into trouble. The illustrations are super and children will love Plum!