



# NEWSLETTER



Congratulations to Donna and Channel on a fantastic showing at Westminster this year. Channel received Grand Champion Select in his group!



## March Classes

### Monday

Indoor Dog Park, 6:00-7:00 PM. March 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

Drop-in Obedience, 7:00-8:00 PM. March 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Tuesday

Handling, 6:00-7:00 PM. March 14<sup>th</sup> and March 21<sup>st</sup>. Please check the calendar for individual handlers.

### Thursday

Beginner Agility, 6:00-7:00 PM. March 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

Beginner Obedience, 6:00-7:00 PM. March 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 30<sup>th</sup>. *This is a new class. You still have time to register for this class. Call Donna at D Tails or go to [www.dtails.biz](http://www.dtails.biz) to register!*

Beginner Obedience, 7:00-8:00 PM. March 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>.

Donna, Channel, and a posse of dedicated friends traveled to New York City last month for the Westminster Dog Show. Channel did great for only his second time at Westminster☺ If you missed the live steam, you can still watch it here.

<http://www.westminsterkennelclub.org/breed-results/breed-videos-2017/nsdt-video/>

Enjoy the snapshots from Beth Sullivan and Julie Paradis.



The judge watches Channel's movement.



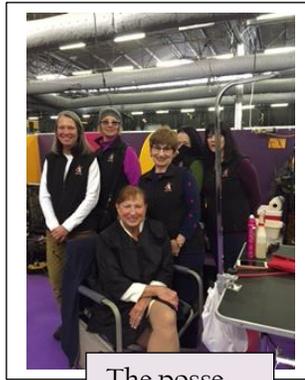
Waiting to go before the judge.



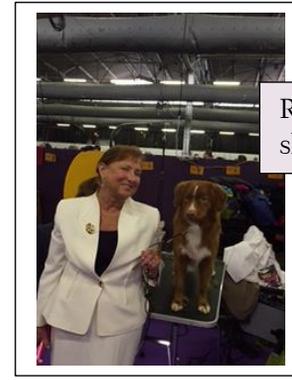
The judge examines Channel to determine how well he meets the standard of his breed.



"Looking Good!"



The posse.



Ready for the show ring.



Enough about Channel. Look who the next grand champion will be.

Tukka has already started her winning streak. She was entered in three shows last week. There was stiff competition for two of the three days but Tukka showed like a pro and won a few ribbons!



# Heads and Tails



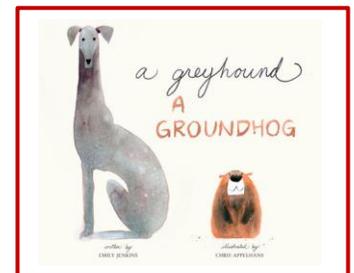
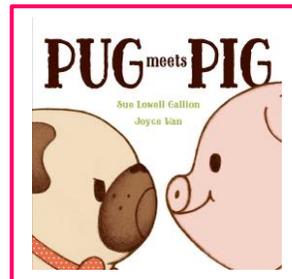
March 2<sup>nd</sup> marks Theodore Geisel's 113<sup>th</sup> birthday, AKA Dr. Seuss! Read Across America is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> year! What does this have to do with dogs? Well, there are some great reading programs that involve dogs! The first program is R.E.A.D.; reading education assistance dogs. These dogs are trained similarly to therapy dogs. The dogs and their trainers go to schools and libraries and work with struggling readers. Oftentimes when children struggle with reading, they are shy about reading out loud. Reading out loud is a key tool in aiding comprehension and word skills. When a child reads to a dog, they are not judged, and therefore, will be more willing to try. You can learn more about this program here: [http://www.therapyanimals.org/Read\\_FAQ.html](http://www.therapyanimals.org/Read_FAQ.html)

A local program at Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter is pairing readers with shelter animals. This is open to anyone who reads, and you can read to any animal. This program aims to help shelter animals feel loved. To have a person read to them is soothing and can calm an anxious animal down. It can be therapeutic to the reader as well. This program recently started and is on Thursday nights from 6:00-6:45 PM. If you are interested, you can contact Chris via email at [cbarbaro@Branford-ct.gov](mailto:cbarbaro@Branford-ct.gov). You can see pictures and find more information on their Facebook page.

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



Two delightful books for the pre-K to first/second grade set are Pug Meets Pig by Sue Lowell Gallion, illustrated by Joyce Wan and A Greyhound A Groundhog by Emily Jenkins, illustrated by Chris Appelhans. Pug meets Pig is about a pampered pug whose world turns upside down when Pig comes to stay. It's a sweet book about learning to share and being helpful. A Greyhound A Groundhog is meant to be read aloud and it is all about play. The illustrations are wonderful too. Both books are great for emergent readers.



Upcoming event! March 12<sup>th</sup> Blue Hound Tap Room. More info here: [https://www.facebook.com/HomewardBoundCT/?hc\\_ref=SEARCH&fref=nf](https://www.facebook.com/HomewardBoundCT/?hc_ref=SEARCH&fref=nf)

Have you heard about Mary and Secret? Mary is a 16 year old from Washington and Secret is her 2 year old Australian Shepherd. Mary has taught Secret many things. In honor of St. Patrick's Day, here is a video of Mary and Secret Irish step dancing.

[https://www.instagram.com/p/BJW3UHghTh1/?taken-by=my\\_aussie\\_gal&hl=en](https://www.instagram.com/p/BJW3UHghTh1/?taken-by=my_aussie_gal&hl=en)

You can follow them on instagram at: [https://www.instagram.com/my\\_aussie\\_gal/?hl=en](https://www.instagram.com/my_aussie_gal/?hl=en)

## Spay It Forward CT Fundraiser

**Spay Neuter Adopt Love**

Homeward Bound CT and CT Animal House are teaming up to raise funds for spay and neuter of CT Shelter dogs. Every dog that leaves the pound/shelter spayed/neutered means less future dogs in shelters and less need for euthanasia

Thanks to the Generosity of Tracy & Matt Carroll  
Owners of the Blue Hound Tap Room...

Join us for our Second Spay It Forward CT Fundraiser!  
Beer, Wine, Wonderful Food and a Silent Auction

Where: The Blue Hound Tap Room  
107 Main Street, Ivoryton, CT 06442

When: March 12th, 2pm-6pm

Tickets: \$25 Per person, includes one free drink and hot appetizers- cash bar, silent auction

\*tickets available online at [www.homewardboundct.org](http://www.homewardboundct.org)  
And At the Door or Blue Hound Tap Room