# **NEWSLETTER**



Have a safe and happy Fourth of July. D Tails will be closed on July 4, 2018 in observance of the holiday.



### **Upcoming Classes**

#### **Monday**

Beginner Obedience, 6:00-7:00 pm, July 2 – July 23. New Class starts Monday, July 30. You still have plenty of time to register for this class! Call D Tails or apply on the website, <a href="www.dtails.biz">www.dtails.biz</a>. Drop-In Obedience, 7:15-8:15 pm. Classes will be held outside at the following locations in this order: Fort Saybrook, Kavanaugh Park, Clark Park, Fort Saybrook, Kavanaugh. Please check our Facebook page for any inclement weather announcements.

#### Wednesday

Nosework II, 6:15-7:15 pm. Classes continue July 11 through the end of the month.

#### **Thursday**

Beginner Obedience, 6:00-7:00 pm. Advanced Obedience, 7:00-8:00 pm.



Fourth of July can be a scary time for your pups. If you have a dog that does not like the noise and commotion, please take some precautions on that day. Put your dog in the quietest room in the house and give him something to do. You could be with him or give him a special toy or bone to play with. Drown out some of the noise with music. Use a comforting product to wrap him in such as a Thundershirt. When he does need to go out, make sure he is safely on a leash. Always have up to date identification, just in case your dog gets scared and runs.



# **BIG NEWS!**

There has been lots going on at D Tails lately and we feel it is time to share our news with our customers. D Tails will be moving to a new home on September 1 of 2018. Don't worry; it's a stone's throw away! The space is smaller, which means we will not be accommodating as many dogs per day, so get your reservations in early. All else will remain the same.

### Hitting the Mark

D Tails recently finished their first Nosework I Class. I can't begin to tell you how much fun this class is! No matter what breed or age, your dog can use its nose. Watching each dog work is amazing as they all have their own style of alerting. Give us a call to sign up for the next Nosework I Class. You won't regret it! D Tails would like our customers to share in the make up of our newsletter. If you have a cute picture of your pup, have discovered a great toy, or read a new book that was dog friendly, please tell us so that we may tell others. All submissions should be emailed to <a href="mailto:ddtails@cs.com">ddtails@cs.com</a>.

D Tails mourns the loss of day-schooler, Sadie Stirna. Sadie lost her battle with cancer. Run free over the Rainbow Bridge, sweet Sadie. Donna and Channel have an upcoming dog show at the Big E in Springfield, The Yankee Classic. The show starts on July 4 and ends July 8. Channel shows on July 6 and 7. Wish them luck!





## Poison Ivy and Dogs

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Did you know that you can get poison ivy from your dog? It's true. Because of your dog's fur, they will usually not be affected by poison ivy. However, the oils will remain on that fur for some time and can transfer to you when you pet your dog. What to do? If you suspect your dog has been in poison ivy, wash your dog and then yourself with an oatmeal-based wash to soothe the skin and get the oils off.



Cay, Tukka, and Channel soaking up the sun!

# **Upcoming Events**

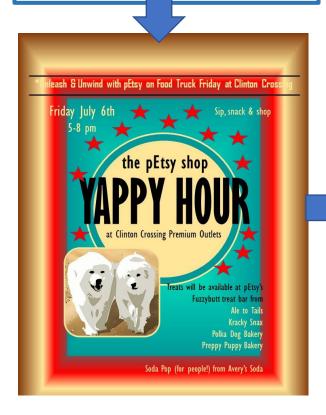
The Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme will be having their Midsummer Festival. Enter your dog in The Parading Paws Dog Show sponsored by Vista Vocational Life Innovations on Saturday, July 28. Click the link for registration and contest times.

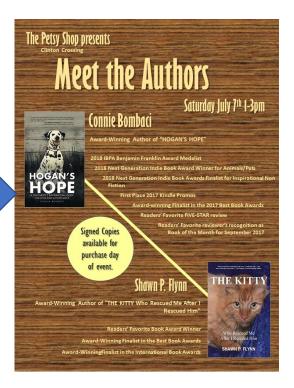
http://florencegriswoldmuseum.org/calendar/parading-paws-dog-show-4/

Petsy, at the Clinton outlets, has three events scheduled for July. Yappy Hour on July 6, A book signing on the 7<sup>th</sup> and a paint night. Please contact Petsy for more information on the paint night.

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# Heads and Tails

### **Summer Hiking**

Two hiking spots worth mentioning. When I hiked Timberland Preserve in Guilford a few years ago, we were in a drought. It is a wonderful place to hike with your dog, especially now that the streams, ponds, and lakes are full. If your dog likes water, this is the place. There are over 600 acres of well-marked trails. Dogs must be on leash. Be sure to click the link for more information and to download a map.



The second spot is Farm River State Park in East Haven. It has a very small parking lot, maybe 4 or 5 cars can fit, but when I have been there, I am usually the only car. This is easy hike with beautiful views of the sound. Dogs must be on leash.

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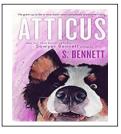


#### **Summer Reads**

Atticus, A Woman's Journey with the World's Worst Behaved Dog, by S. Bennet. Adult fiction about a woman very down on her luck who comes across a puppy in worse shape than she. It's their story of how they recovered and became a family.

Short Adventures of a Long Dog, by Jessica Neal. A very sweet rhyming book about a Dachshund's adventures in the park one day with beautiful illustrations. Truly meant to be read aloud to the younger set. She also has written Long Dog Halloween and Christmas.

Max's Story: A Dog's Purpose Puppy Tale, by W. Bruce Cameron. This is the fourth Puppy Tale book in the series for middle grade readers. Max may be the smallest pup at the dog park, but he knows his way around the city and decides to show a new friend the ropes. The lesson is how to make new friends.







Coming out in August

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Dav Pilkey of <u>Captain</u> <u>Underpants</u> fame will have his new book, <u>Dogman, Lord of the</u> <u>Fleas</u> just in time for the start of school. Great books for proficient elementary readers who love to laugh.

Dog Days, a new movie coming out on August 10, stars Vanessa Hudgens of HS Musical. See the trailer here.

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