



D Tails Monthly Ruff

January 2018

# NEWSLETTER

Looks like Donna had three partiers on New Year's Eve!



## January Classes

### ***Monday***

Indoor Dog Park, 6:00-7:00 PM. There will be no class on Monday, January 29, 2018.

Drop-In Obedience, 7:00-8:00 PM. There will be no class on Monday, January 29, 2018.

### ***Tuesday***

Handling, 6:00-7:00 PM. Classes will be held on January 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Please check our website for individual handlers.

Beginner's Obedience, 7:00-8:00 PM. First class starts on January 9<sup>th</sup>. You still have time to register for this class. You can register on-line at [www.dtails.biz](http://www.dtails.biz) or call at 860-388-1819. There will be no class on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

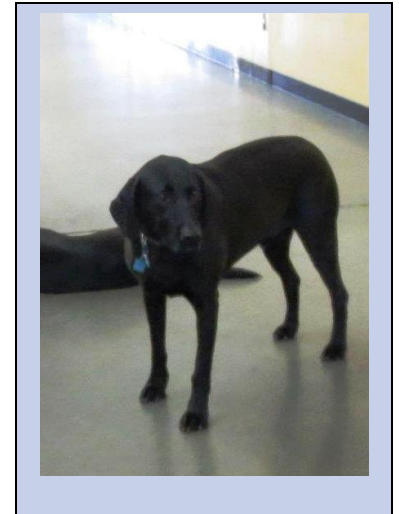
### ***Wednesday***

Beginner Obedience, 6:00-7:00 PM. Classes are 1/3 and 1/10.

Beginner Agility, 6:00-7:00 PM. New class starts on January 17<sup>th</sup>. You still have time to register for this class! Call Donna at D Tails for more information.

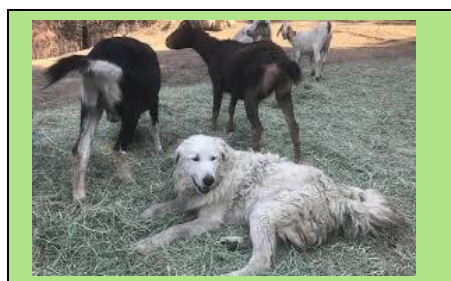
## *In Memoriam*

In 2017, we lost three very special Day School dogs: Reba Kelley, Biscuit Lennox, and Jackson Licht. Donna and the D Tails staff will hold their memory forever.



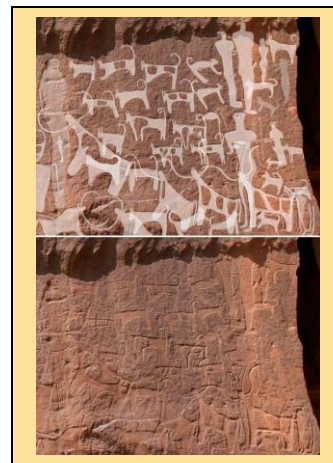
Did you hear about the Great Pyrenees that withstood the largest wildfire in California's history and kept his herd of goats safe too? A family had to evacuate quickly as the path of the fire had changed. They packed one Pyr, but the other refused to come. They had to go. When they returned, their home was gone. Amazingly, their dog and goats were safe! I think he has a good chance of getting a Hero Dog Award! See the story here:

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2017/10/15/dog-stays-behind-with-familys-goats-as-california-wildfire-destroys-property.html>



Bark Magazine recently featured an article about finding ancient petroglyphs of leashed dogs during a hunt. This find changes the thinking of when dogs were originally domesticated. You can read the article here:

[https://thebark.com/content/ancient-art-features-dogs-leash?utm\\_content=buffer4f2c4&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook.com&utm\\_campaign=buffer](https://thebark.com/content/ancient-art-features-dogs-leash?utm_content=buffer4f2c4&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook.com&utm_campaign=buffer) and a NY Times article as well:  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/11/20/science/dogs-rock-art.html>





# Puppy, It's Cold Outside!



Did you know that a cold winter can be just as dangerous as a hot summer for your pups? Dogs, even though they have fur coats, can get frostbite and hypothermia just like humans. Even cold weather dogs like Malamutes and Huskies are not immune to the elements. Here are some tips to keep your best friend safe. Older dogs, smaller breeds, short-haired dogs, and puppies will need extra protection like a warm coat and shorter stays outside when the weather gets to the freezing mark. With the temperatures that we are having, you really need to be vigilant. Remember that snow and ice can get in between dogs' pads and cause problems. You might want to put your dogs in boots. There are many brands out there. The trick is to get your dog used to the booties before you need to use them. I have Muttluks booties that have a leather sole, waterproof shell, and a fleece lining. Ruffwear, another brand of dog boots, has tips on how to break the booties in and get you dogs to wear them. If your dog just won't tolerate the booties, you can use a salve like Musher's Secret to coat their paws. Remember if you are walking your dogs on the street or sidewalks, wash their paws when you get in to wipe off salt and de-icer. Remember, if you see a pet in a car or outside for a long period of time, in these harsh conditions, call animal control or the police.

Here are the signs of hypothermia: dog is whiney or anxious, dog won't stop shaking, has ice on his body, slows down or stops moving, tries to burrow. If you suspect hypothermia, immediately warm your dog, and then call your vet.

You can find tips about getting your dog to wear boots here:

<https://blog.ruffwear.com/2017/12/18/6-tips-for-breaking-in-ruffwear-dog-boots/>



Blitz and Scout out for a walk. Beth needs to put Scout in boots or else her pads are a mess. Once Scout is outside, she walks normally. These boots are made by Ultra Paws and are recommended.



Musher's Secret is the great for pads. We sell it at D Tails too!



Remember to get a de-icer that is safe for your pets like Safe Paw.



Make sure your dog is dressed for the cold weather.

Remember in extreme weather conditions like frigid temperatures, snow, and blizzards, dogs can lose their sense of smell. Ice may not be all the way frozen. Always leash your dog and have a current ID tag.