

## February Classes

#### Monday:

Beginner Obedience, 6:00-7:00 pm. Drop-In Obedience, 7:00-8:00 pm.

#### Tuesday:

Handling, 6:00-7:00 pm. February 5, 12, 19. Please check the calendar on our website for individual Instructors. Beginner Obedience, 7:00-8:00 pm.

### Wednesday:

Nosework, 6:00-7:00 pm. New class begins on February 6<sup>th</sup>! Advanced Nosework, 7:00-8:00 pm.

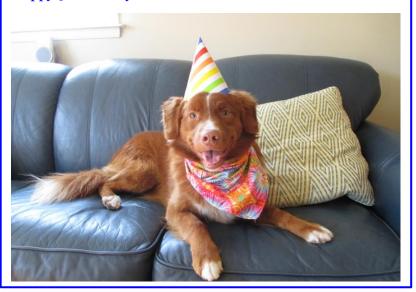




# Brrr, Doggy it's Cold Outside!!!

With the polar vortex that we are experiencing, it is just too cold for dogs to be left outside for any length of time without monitoring them. If you continue to walk your dogs, make certain that you and your dog are dressed for the weather. Dogs should have protection on their paws, wear coats, and don't forget ears are very susceptible to frostbite too. Even cold weather breeds like Malamutes, Huskies, and Samoyeds should not be out for an extended period in this weather without a warm place to go. We're lucky that we are only going to have this cold for a short time!

Happy 5<sup>th</sup> birthday to Channel and his Island littermates!



Donna with Channel and Tukka have a busy show schedule this weekend. They will be in Springfield on Saturday and Sunday. Channel will be competing in nosework trials and both dogs will be in the ring for conformation as well. We wish them the best of luck!

Donna and Channel are taking a break from the AKC Westminster Dog Show this year. Even though they aren't competing, there is still plenty to watch! On Saturday, February 9, they introduce the breeds and have agility trials and finals. There are two new breeds competing this year. The Nederlandse Kooikerhondje, hails from the Netherlands, and is known for duck hunting, will be in the sporting group. The Grand Basset Griffon Vendeen, which originated in France, will show in the hound group. You can see both the breeds here:

#### https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R-WkGSX7RN4

You will also be able to see the obedience trials and, of course, the best in breed, group, and show. If you have Comcast/Xfinity, you will be able to watch on FS1 channel 271 or 1620 HD.

Also, if you love all things dog, then there are two art shows that you shouldn't miss. The AKC Museum of the Dog has reopened in New York at the AKC headquarters, 101 Park Avenue. Also, William Secord Gallery will have an exhibit of 19<sup>th</sup> century dog paintings. It runs from February 9-March 15. The Gallery address is 29 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> floor.

https://museumofthedog.org/ http://www.dogpainting.com/exhibition.cfm

https://www.westminsterkennelclub.org/plan-your-visit/general-info

# HEADS and TAILS

Don't forget: Pet Psychic, Sharon Warner will be at D Tails on Saturday, March 16, 10:00-2:00 pm. \$25 for a 15-minute session. Call Donna at D Tails to reserve your time. (860) 388-1819

Mark your calendars for Spay it Forward in March!

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Mystic Seaport will be holding their first annual Ice Festival on February 16-18. On Saturday, the New England Saint Bernard Club will be there from 11:00-3:00 pm and on Sunday, the Newfoundland Club of New England and the Connecticut Valley Siberian Husky Club will be there. They will be talking about their winter working dogs and giving demonstrations too. There will be many other familyfriendly events. You can read all about it here:

https://www.mysticseaport.org/event /ice-festival/ Remember your furry friend at your Superbowl party and for Valentine's Day. Petsy, at Clinton Crossing Outlets, has edible and wearable goodies for both events!



The 15<sup>th</sup> annual Puppy Bowl is on Animal Planet on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 pm Eastern time. There are 93 puppies from over 50 different shelters. Two of the pups have special needs. You can check out the line up for Team Ruff and Team Fluff on Animal Planet. During halftime, you get to see kittens too.

https://www.animalplanet.com/tvshows/puppy-bowl/