

D Tails Monthly Ruff January 2019

Newsletter



Expecting big things in 2019!



Upcoming Classes

Monday

Indoor Dog Park, Last one on January 7th, 2019! 6:00-7:00 pm.

Beginner Obedience, 6:00-7:00pm. First class starts on January 14, 2019. **You still have time to register for this class. You can register on-line or call D Tails.**

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

Tuesday

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

Beginner Obedience, 7:00-8:00 pm. First class starts on January 8th, 2019. **This class is full.**

Wednesday

Beginner Nosework, 6:00-7:00 pm.

Advanced Nosework, 7:00-8:00 pm.

There will be no classes the week of January 28, 2019. There will still be Doggie Day Care.

New Class Being Offered!

Donna would like to start a Tracking class on Sundays. Tracking uses your dogs' natural ability to smell and track a scent, but they take all cues from you, the handler. There is competitive tracking and search and rescue tracking. If you and your dog would like to experience this class, please call Donna immediately at 860-388-1819.

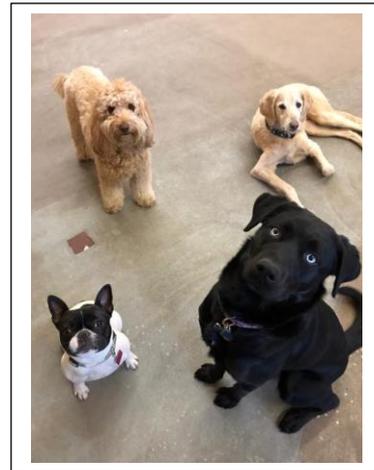
More information on tracking can be found here:

https://www.whole-dog-journal.com/issues/13_7/features/Dog-Sports-Competitive-Tracking_20027-1.html

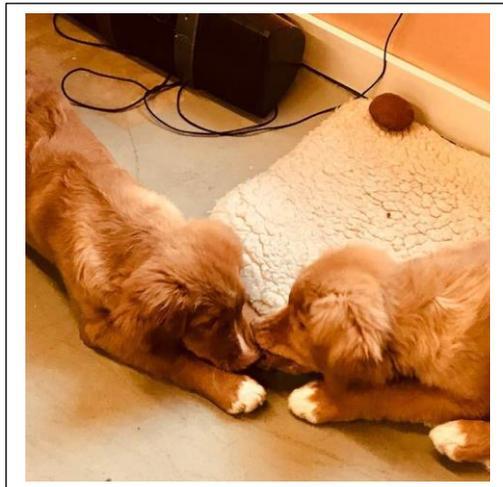
Doggie Day School News



D Tails mourns the passing of Molson Daniels. Molson had been going to Doggie Day School since D Tails first opened. Molson was a true sweetie who loved his walks and especially loved to rub his scent the full length of our clean wall. Run free, sweet Molson.



Taylor with the Day School pups on New Year's Eve. Photo thanks to Ellendale Hoffman. Day School pups at full attention and Donna's little helpers, Zaya and Pyrat.



Heads and Tails

Last year, we reviewed a book titled *A Dog's Way Home*. This January 11th, it will be in the movies. It stars Ashley Judd, Jonah Hauer-King, and Alexandra Shipp. From the trailer, it looks like some things are different from the book. It does have a happy ending though. It's rated PG. You can view the trailer here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1pKdCHvH310>

Did you hear the Saint Louis Blues Hockey team have adopted an English lab puppy as a mascot? They hope this pup will eventually become a service dog. You can watch the pup, Barkley, playing on the ice with his teammates here.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vOMWHwrO88A>

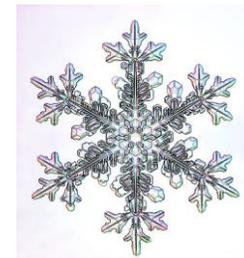
Do You have your 2019 calendar yet? If you still don't have one, here are two good choices. Not to be outdone by the Vancouver firefighters, the Vancouver Police department made a calendar of their K9 dogs working and playing. It is very cute. You can learn more here:

<https://www.thethings.com/canadian-k9-unit-releases-charity-calendar/>

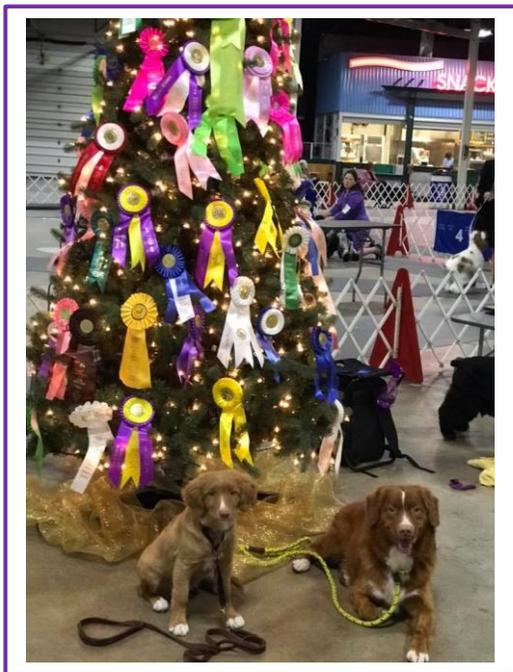
If you would like a firefighter calendar, look no further than the Colorado Rescue Dog calendar. Not only does it have firefighters but adoptable puppies and dogs too! You can learn more here, they have their own website!



Just a reminder that you should never let your dog off leash by any "frozen" bodies of water. Right now, with the warm weather we've been having, nothing is frozen yet. The thing is, it is very hard to tell if a pond or lake is frozen solid. We don't want anyone to lose their dogs or themselves by falling through the ice. In December in Michigan, there was such a tragedy. A woman's dog fell through the ice; she tried to rescue him. The dog eventually escaped, but sadly, his owner did not. If you see a situation like this, call 911!



Show Dogs



Channel, with puppies Zaya and Pyrat, competed in a show in the beginning of December. Channel earned Best of Breed. Zaya and Pyrat went against each other and split Best of Breed Puppy. Pyrat won on Saturday and Zaya won on Sunday! Congratulations to all three dogs, and Donna too!

Pictured are Zaya and Channel.

Upcoming Shows

Donna with Channel, Denise with Rio, Nancy with Danny and Lizzy, and Instructor Terri with Norman and Ramu will be going to the Big E exposition grounds for a two-day show on February 2 and 3. The handlers and dogs will be competing in nose work trials after taking classes at D Tails. There will be five trials per day in the following nose work categories: container, interior, exterior, buried, and handler recognition. Both Channel and Rio will be in conformation as well. This is going to be a long, hard weekend for all handlers and their dogs. We wish them all well and hope for ribbons too!

