

D Tails Monthly Ruff

August 2020

NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the Dog Days of Summer! D Tails will remain closed on Fridays this month, but they hope to be open Monday-Friday in September.

August Classes

Monday

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

Drop-in Obedience, 7:00-8:00 pm

Tuesday

Handling, 6:00-7:00 pm. Classes will be on August 4 and 18th.

Please check the calendar on our website for individual instructors.

Beginner Obedience, 7:00-8:00 pm. **New class starts on August 18th. You still have time to register for this class, call D Tails for information.**

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Beginner Obedience, 6:00-7:00 pm. Last class in the series on August 8th.

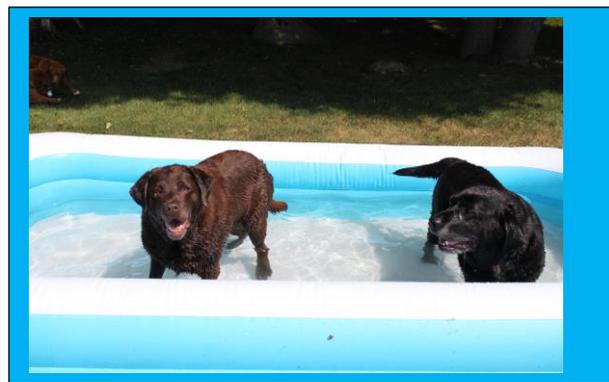
The Heat Is On

It seems that we had the dog days of summer starting in the middle of July. It certainly has been a challenge staying cool. So how can your pup cool down? First, remember that your pups have a fur coat and the way they cool down is through their paws and panting. It is easy for them to overheat. If you have air conditioning, they appreciate it as much as you do. There are cooling activities though such as pools, beaches, and boating. If you have a swimming breed, there are many places in CT that allow dogs to swim, from state parks to beaches. You can discover these spots on the DEEP website, linked below. Certain breeds love the water and have adaptations to help them swim, like webbed paws. Newfoundlands and most of the retrievers are a few. Dogs will even appreciate swimming pools, either the real thing or the wading pools you can buy at your local store. There are many breeds who are not swimmers like dogs with shorter legs or flat-faced dogs. (There are always exceptions to every rule.) The key is to know your dog. If they swim and love the water great, but like with children, one should always watch them. If you have a dog who is a reluctant or poor swimmer, you can always get a dog life vest. Even if your dog is an avid swimmer, on boats, you should always have a life vest just in case. Don't have a pool? What about a hose or the sprinkler? Many dogs will have just as much fun with them. Below are some pictures of the Toller crew enjoying some time in the Pool. Thanks to their Auntie Pam, Cocoa, and River for sharing their pool. 😊

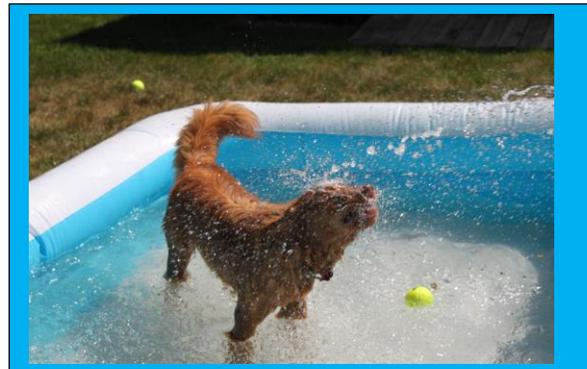
<https://connecticut.cbslocal.com/top-lists/top-places-where-dogs-can-swim-in-connecticut/>

<https://www.ctvisit.com/articles/great-places-hike-your-dog>

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2014/rpt/pdf/2014-R-0133.pdf>



Above: Zaya in the back then Tukka, Nala, and Channel.
Auntie Pam's labs, Cocoa, and River.
Nala loving the pool and the hose.



Heads and Tails

Happy Second Birthday to the Rum Litter! Zaya and Pyrat are both ready to celebrate on August 6th!



Myles, Willow, Finn, and Ember are four dachshunds that live on a lake in Michigan. You can see their swimming and boating antics on Instagram.

<https://www.instagram.com/mylesandwillows/>

Here is a link to Macy playing with the sprinkler when she was a younger pup.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=73TykoeZRIU>

Goldens Dax and Tucker have a blast eating ice cream.

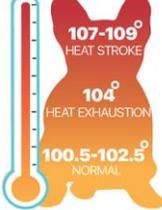
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Can my dog eat this?		
YES	YES, BUT . . .	NO
BANANAS  Rich in potassium and vitamin C	APPLES  . . . don't let him eat the seeds!	AVOCADOS  Can cause vomiting
BLUEBERRIES  High in antioxidants	LEMONS  . . . he may not like the bitter taste.	CHERRIES  Can cause cyanide poisoning in large quantities
KIWIS  Good source of vitamin C and potassium	ORANGES  . . . they're high in natural sugar; give in moderation.	GRAPES  Can cause kidney failure
PINEAPPLE  Try frozen for a cool treat!	PEACHES  . . . remove the pit; it can cause intestinal blockage.	RAISINS  Can cause kidney failure
STRAWBERRIES  High in fiber and antioxidants	WATERMELON  . . . remove the rind first!	

EXTREME HEAT

KEEP YOUR PET COOL, WHEN IT'S HOT.

DOG TEMPERATURE



SIGNS OF HEAT STROKE

-  Heavy panting, difficulty breathing, excessive thirst
-  Bright red tongue and mucus membranes, which turn grey as shock sets in
-  Thick saliva, drooling, vomiting, and/or diarrhea
-  Unsteadiness and staggering
-  Lethargy

By the time signs of heat stroke are visible, it's often too late.

DANGERS OF HEAT STROKE

104° body temp. + >15 MINS suffering = **CAN CAUSE** collapse, seizures, coma, organ failure, death

DOGS WHO ARE MORE AT RISK



SHORT NOSED
ex. pug, bulldog



LONG HAIR
ex. border collie, lhasa apso



YOUNG & SENIORS
ex. puppies, dogs 7+ yrs. old