





## **Upcoming Classes**

Monday: There are no classes Monday October 4.

Beginner Obedience, 6:00-7:00 pm. Beyond Basic Obedience, 7:00-8:00 pm.

**Tuesday:** There are no classes Tuesday, October 5.

Handling, 6:00-7:00 pm. Please check calendar for individual instructors. No class on October 26. Beginner Obedience, 7:00-8:00 pm.

Wednesday: There is no class on Wednesday, October 20.

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

Day School will be opening on Mondays beginning October 11. Please make your reservations early so we may staff accordingly.

## **Toller News**

October is a quiet show month, but they sure had a busy September! Zaya and Reef both had a great show in Cape Cod. Zaya earned 2 Grand Championship points and Reef earned another point towards his Championship! Tukka and Pinot both had passes in the coursing ability trials. Poppy and Zaya are officially Champions now, having received their certificates from the AKC. Donna also received her Breeder of Merit certificate from the AKC as well. Vice tried Dock Diving and had an excellent dive of 8' 5"! You can watch the dive on the link below.

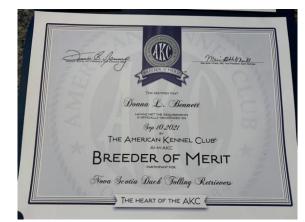
https://www.facebook.com/donna.bennett.73932/videos/553826519275780



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Donna with Zaya and Reef, Breeder of Merit, and Poppy with her official Champion certificate and Zaya's Champion certificate.

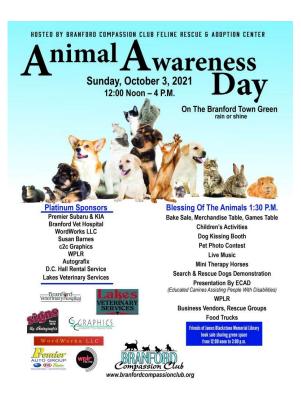
**CHAMPIONSHIP CERTIFICATE** 

Retriever Club (USA)

## **Jpcoming Events**

There are several events happening in the month of October. I've highlighted just a few. The link has many more listings.

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South Windsor Paws in the Park October 9. https://www.facebook.com/swpawsinthepark/





October 10, 10-4 Everything fun for your dog! https://fairfieldcounty.kidsou tandabout.com/content/west port-dog-festival

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If the events have too many people, fall is the perfect time to check our favorite local spots in Connecticut where you and your dog can convene with nature. Please follow leash and cleanup laws specific to each destination. Please note all state parks are open from dawn until sunset and the time of closure will be posted at the entrance.

Hammonassett Beach State Park, Madison: You can park off Route one and walk the Shoreline Greenway, or you can park at any of the beaches and walk from West to East. Don't forget all the trails around Meigs Point Nature Center too. Leashed dogs are allowed on the beaches from November 1-April 1.

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Gillette Castle State Park, East Haddam: Leashed dogs are always welcome. There are many trails around the castle property from easy to moderate. Dogs are not allowed in the castle.

Devil's Hopyard State Park, East Haddam: There are so many trails to enjoy, plus the falls. Leashed dogs are allowed in the picnic areas and on all trails.

Harkness Memorial State Park, Waterford: You and your pup can walk the grounds and there are a few trails. You can also enjoy the beach; dogs can swim but not people.

Chatfield Hollow State Park, Killingworth: Over 400 acres of trails at every level. Plus, you can grill and picnic.

Parmelee Farm, Killingworth: Adjacent to Cockaponsett State Forest. There are many trails from one-half-3 miles.

Bluff Point State Park, Groton: Over 800 protected acres. There are many hiking trails, most with amazing water views.

Rocky Neck State Park, East Lyme: Over 700 acres of hiking trails and sandy beaches to enjoy.

Hubbard Park and Castle Craig, Meriden. There are over 1800 acres of trails and picnic spots. It's uphill to the castle, but on a clear day one can see Sleeping Giant, New Haven, and Long Island Sound.

Sleeping Giant State Park, Hamden: Try to go when the trees are peaking, the view form the tower is breathtaking. Your dog must be a seasoned hiker as this is a steep trail. It's a good idea to put booties on your pup; the path is sharp stones.



Macy loves to hike at Gillette Castle!

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King Roland and his Creepy Court!







Vice and Tukka as Tailgaters and Channel and Zaya as Rufferee and Cheerleader. **Rudy celebrating Dogtoberfest** and Macy as a Unicorn Princess.



