



NEWSLETTER



February is National Pet Dental Health Month

Bark your Calendar!

FEBRUARY 9 TH.:

NAIL CLIPPING \$12

NON- ANESTHETIC TOOTH SCALING \$140

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Is Your Dog in Good Weight?

According to recent surveys, more than half of America's pets are considered overweight or obese. These dogs and cats are at higher risk for developing arthritis, diabetes, kidney and heart disease, high blood pressure, and many forms of cancer. Believe it or not, it's fairly simple to slim down your dog and reduce its risk of these serious diseases. A dog of ideal weight, has a slight waist when viewed from above and its ribs can be felt. Here are three simple steps to achieve this condition:

1. Learn Your Dog's Needs

Ask your vet about your dog's body condition score (BCS). Then, using the BCS scale, you can easily determine whether your dog is underweight, overweight, or right on track.

2. Measure Meals

Make sure you know exactly how much you are feeding your dog. Studies have shown that feeding as few as 10 extra kibbles of food per day can add up to a 10% weight gain in a year.

3. Exercise

As little as 20 to 30 minutes of a daily brisk walking is all it takes to boost immune function, improve cardiovascular health, and reduce many behavioral problems as well as weight.



UPCOMING CLASSES:

Agility

- Look for classes starting in March

Don't forget!

- Drop-in obedience class on Mondays: 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Handling class on Tuesdays: 6:30-7:30 p.m.



Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

Pet First Aid

This course, offered by New London Adult Education, is ideal for all pet owners! "Pet First Aid and Disaster Response" covers common health and safety related issues, CPR, first aid basics, when to seek professional care, and disaster planning steps for proper care of pets.

3 Sessions - One night only

Session 1: Saturday, 3/3

Time: 12:00-4:00 pm

Location: New London Adult Education

Cost: \$50

Session 2: Tuesday 4/17

Time: 6:00-9:00 pm

Location: Waterford High School

Cost: \$50

Session 3: Wednesday 4/18

Time: 6:30-9:00 pm

Location: Montville High School

Cost: \$50

Register at www.newlondonadulted.org

First Company Governor's Foot Guard Athletic Association Dog Show and Obedience Trial

The First Company Governor's Foot Guard will sponsor the First Company Governor's Foot Guard Athletic Association Dog Show and Obedience Trials on February 19th 2012. This will be the 81ST edition of this annual event. The AKC sanctioned show is an All Breed, Obedience and Junior Showmanship (AB/O/JSHW) event. Some of the proceeds of the show are used to fund scholarships awarded each year to two pre-veterinary students at the University of Connecticut.



Where: **XL Center (formerly Hartford Civic Center) Exhibition Hall**

1 Civic Center Plaza, Hartford, CT

When: **Sunday, February 19, 2012, Gates open at 8:00 AM and judging begins at 8:30. Best in Group and Best in Show judging begins early afternoon.**

Admission: **Adults \$10, senior citizens, military personnel (w/ID) \$5 and children under 12 are free**

Interested in entering? There's still time!

Entries close Wednesday, 02/01/12

**Things To Do
With Your Dog!**

Canine Good Citizen!

What is the Canine Good Citizen Program?

The Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Program is a two-part program that stresses responsible pet ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs. The CGC Program lays the foundation for other AKC activities such as obedience, agility, tracking, and performance events. All dogs who pass the 10-step CGC test may receive a certificate from the American Kennel Club.

The evaluation consists of ten objectives. All items must be completed satisfactorily or the team fails. Evaluators sometimes combine elements during the actual test. Test items include:

- Accepting a friendly stranger.
- Sitting politely for petting.
- Allowing basic grooming procedures.
- Walking on a loose lead.
- Walking through a crowd.
- Sitting and lying down on command and staying in place.
- Coming when called.
- Reacting appropriately to another dog.
- Reacting appropriately to distractions.
- Calmly enduring supervised separation from the owner.

Your dog does not have to be a purebred or registered with the AKC or any other canine organization to earn a CGC. The goal is to promote good citizenship for all dogs.



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