

## NEWSLETTER



Congratulations to Channel who won two five-point majors and two fourth places in overall group! He is quite the show dog!



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Please note, D Tails will be closed on November 26 and 27.

### November Classes

#### Monday

Beginner Obedience, 11/9, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Indoor Dog Park starting 11/16 until spring! 6:00-7:00 p.m., \$6.

Drop-in Obedience, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday

Handling, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Please see calendar for individual instructors.

Beginner Obedience, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

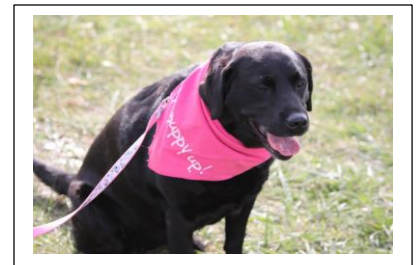
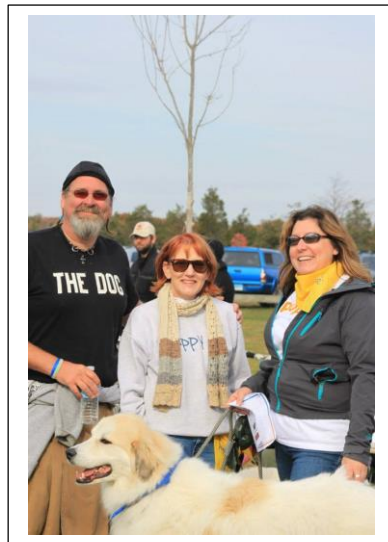
#### Wednesday

Agility Fun, starting 11/16, 6:00-7:00 p.m. This is for any dog and owner who has been through Beginner Agility. It's a great way to keep your dog active and engaged!

Please join us on Sunday, November 8, 2015 for the Shoreline Puppy Up walk. There will be demonstrations, a silent auction, vendors, food trucks, and, of course, the walk! Pre-register with the D Tails team today. Remember, we are walking for Cay and everyone affected by cancer.

<http://puppyupshoreline.kintera.org/faf/search/searchTeamPart.asp?ievent=1137091&lis=1&kntae1137091=6CDBE1269BBC4A70B9CC5F94FBA6283F&team=6516430>

Here are some pictures from last year's event.



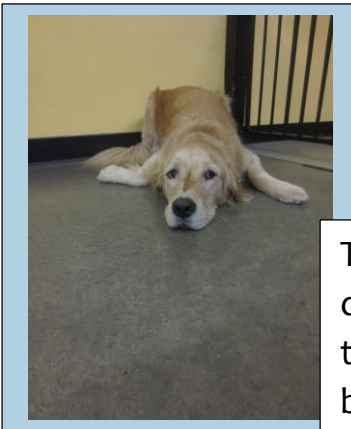
## **Service, working, and therapy dogs: Do you know the difference?**

There have been many stories in the press where people with service dogs have been denied access to certain places lately. Why is this making the news? Well, if you have a service dog, you are entitled to bring that dog everywhere in accordance with the ACLU. Unfortunately, some people have been faking or lying that their animal is actually a service dog. People who have service dogs cannot function without them. Service dogs are dogs that are specifically trained and paired with an owner in need. The waiting list for service dogs is long. They are usually bred into a specific program. It takes many months to pair an owner with the right dog, and train that dog accordingly. If you see a service dog, they will have a special vest and usually a harness. Never disturb a service dog! That dog is working, and his owner could be harmed if you distract his dog.

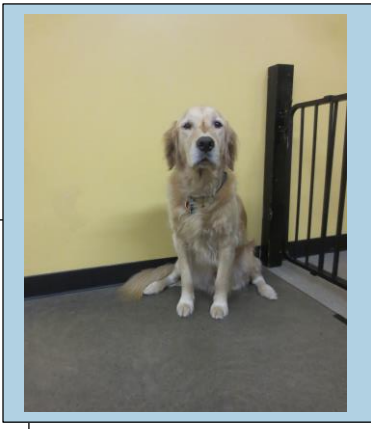
A working dog is also a highly trained dog. Working dogs include, but are not limited to, dogs used in the military, police dogs, and search and rescue dogs. Oftentimes these dogs will be specific breeds such as German shepherd dogs and Bloodhounds. As with service dogs, do not disturb a working dog! They are also on the job and providing a valuable service.

Therapy dogs can be any type of dog, and anybody can train their dog to become one. To have a therapy dog, your dog must be trained in obedience. They must pass their Canine Good Citizen test. They also must pass a test to become a certified therapy dog. Trained therapy dogs are not allowed everywhere like service dogs. Therapy dogs usually have scheduled events that they attend. Therapy dogs (and other therapy animals) have become very popular in recent years. They are being used certainly in times of trauma, but also during periods of high stress too. Many colleges bring in therapy dogs during finals. Courtrooms are using them to calm victims who have to testify. Of course, therapy dogs are best known for their use in hospitals and nursing homes. If you see a therapy dog at work, chances are you can certainly interact with that animal. Just always ask the dog's handler first.

There are a number of dogs that come to D Tails' Drop-in class that are working therapy dogs. Both Cay and Channel have their therapy dog certification and Donna has been bringing them when she visits her father at his assisted living facility. Beth Sullivan and Blitz, Barbara Mlynarski and Theoden, and Sally Barrett with Bleu are also working therapy dogs. Theoden is a reading buddy for seventh graders at West Middle School in Groton. He has been working every Thursday (known as "Theoden Thursdays!") since last March. His "mom" says when she gets his bag ready, he knows he is working that day, and waits patiently at her back door. Theoden has his own picture in the yearbook, and the students love to take selfies with him. Bleu works in Middletown in the occupational therapy department in a nursing home. He has been working three times a week for the past year, and is very well-loved. Beth and Blitz have gone with Donna and her fur kids too. Blitz and Beth are training in search and rescue as well. We will have more on Beth and Blitz in next month's newsletter.

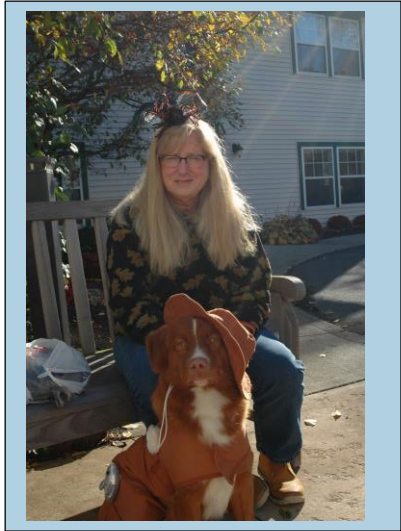


Theoden's calm demeanor makes him the perfect reading buddy!



Bleu knows how to make patients feel better and pose for a picture!

On Halloween, Donna, Channel, Beth, and Blitz visited Donna's dad. Everyone enjoyed the visit!





# Heads and Tails



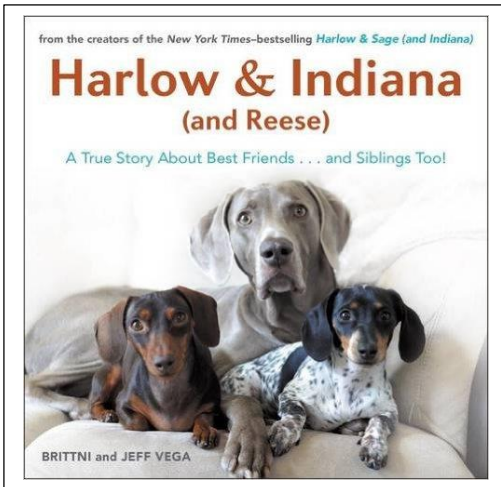
Now that fall is really here, here are some fun videos of dog and leaves! Enjoy!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7xEX-48RHCY>

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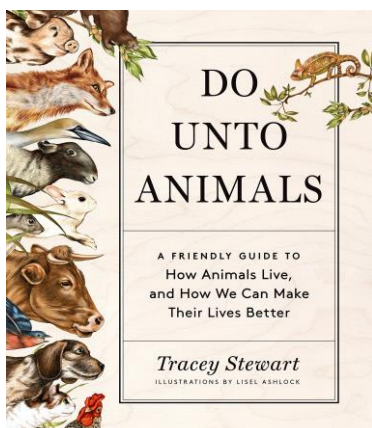
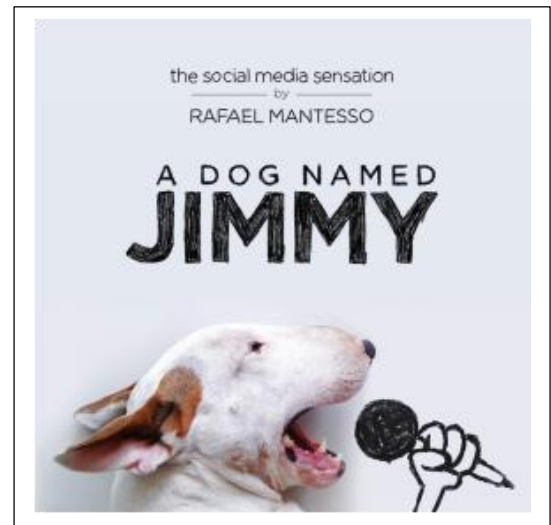
And one to honor our veterans on November 11.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RKBcs9tNWg8>



The second book from Brittni and Jeff Vega, which continues the story of Weimaraner, Harlow, and mini Dachshunds Indiana and Reese. Another very sweet story, and of course, the photos are amazing. I don't know how Brittni and Jeff get them to pose, or maybe, they just really love each other. Their expressions are priceless!

When artist Rafael Mantesso's wife left, he was left in a bare apartment with his dog Jimmy Choo. This book is how he chose to deal with his (and his apartment's) emptiness. Rafael posed his Bull Terrier, Jimmy Choo, and drew around him. He started on Instagram and now this. Some of the pictures may be considered PG 13.



Tracey Stewart is an animal advocate, and her love for animals shines through in this memoir. Not only does she believe in making animals' lives better, but in turn, mankind will be better as well. RJ Julia in Madison has signed copies!



Our favorite animated dog, Snoopy, has a movie coming out this Friday! Both Charlie Brown and Snoopy have separate quests; Snoopy meets the Red Baron!