

# D Tails Monthly Ruff      March 2018

## NEWSLETTER



### Classes

#### Monday

Indoor Dog Park, 6:00-7:00 pm. **March 5 is the last dog park of the season.**

**Don't miss it!**

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

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

#### Tuesday

Handling, 6:00-7:00 pm. March 6, 13, & 20<sup>th</sup>. Please look at our calendar for individual instructors.

Beginner Obedience, 7:00-8:00 pm. March 6 & 13<sup>th</sup>.

Beginner Obedience, 7:00-8:00 pm. ***New class starts on March 27<sup>th</sup>.*** You still have time to register for this class. Call D Tails or register online at

[www.dtails.biz](http://www.dtails.biz).

#### Wednesday

Nosework, 6:00-7:00 pm.

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#### Thursday

Beginner Agility, 6:00-7:00 pm. March 1, 8, 15, & 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Donna and Channel had another good showing at Westminster this year, though he did not place. The Toller breed section was very large with champions from the US, Canada, and Europe. It was a very tough field! Despite this, Donna was very happy with how Channel showed. If you did not get a chance to see it live, you can watch it here: <http://www.westminsterkennelclub.org/breed-results/breed-videos-2018/NSDT-2018-video/>

Last weekend, Donna, Channel and Tukka showed at the Big E Fairgrounds for the Rockland County Kennel Club. Channel won Best of Breed on Saturday and Tukka won Best of Breed on Sunday! Congratulations all around!

A special shout-out to Beth Sullivan for taking the photos at Westminster ☺



Left to right: Channel getting glammed up. Donna Checking Channel's stance in the ring. Channel listening intently to Donna. Channel impressing the judge. A pooped pup; Channel asleep at the hotel.



# Tukka's big win!

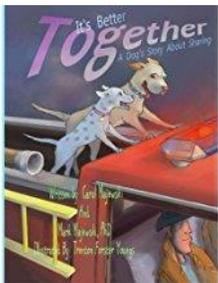
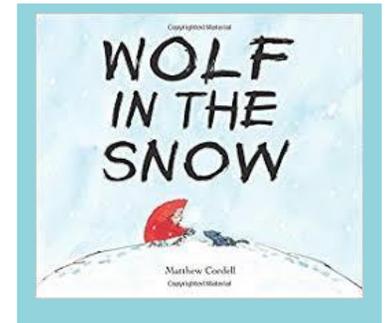


March 2<sup>nd</sup> is Read Across America Day in honor of Theodore Geisel, AKA Dr. Seuss. Did you know that dogs love listening to your voice? If you have a new reader in your home, having them read to your dogs is a low-stress way for them to practice. It also is good for the dog, since owner's voices give them comfort. Many shelters have volunteers read to their animals to lower their stress levels. There is also a nation-wide READ program, that pairs dogs with children to help them read in schools and libraries.

Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter in Branford has reading to their animals on Thursday nights. For more information, you can contact them at (203)315-4125 or [cbarbaro@branford-ct.gov](mailto:cbarbaro@branford-ct.gov). The New Haven register had a nice article about the program that you can read here:

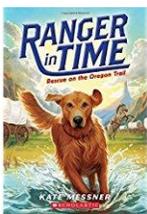
<https://www.nhregister.com/shoreline/article/Volunteers-read-to-the-animals-at-Dan-Cosgrove-12537751.php>

Below are some newer books about dogs you might want to check out.

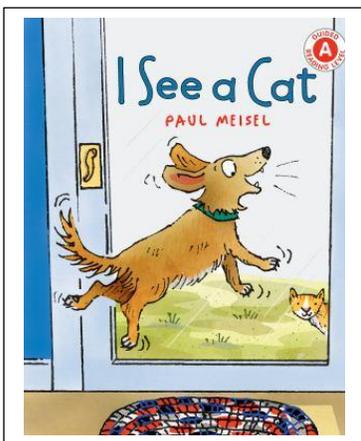


It's Better Together; A dog's story about Sharing by Carol Majewski: Maxwell and his sister are registered therapy dogs that visit schools and libraries. This is a third book in a series that deals with sharing. She is a Connecticut author! Good for K-2.

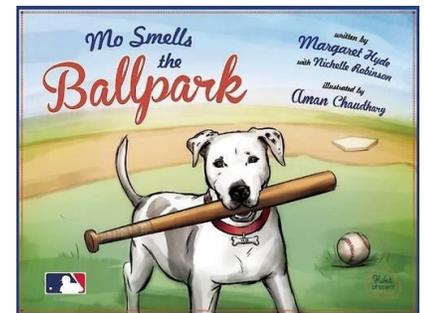
Wolf in the Snow by Matthew Cordell: This book is a 2018 Caldecott winner. A little lost girl and a lost wolf cub must trust each other to find their way home. A very sweet story for ages pre-K-1.



Ranger in Time series by Kate Messner: This is Magic Tree House only with a time-travelling dog. Fun books with historical merit. Good for grades 2-4.



I See a Cat by Paul Meisel is perfect for an emergent reader (pre-K, K.) The dog sees many things out his window but is happiest when he sees his boy and they can explore together.



Mo Smells the Ballpark by Margaret Hyde: In honor of spring training, here is a fun book about Mo the dog who goes to the ballpark and dreams of being in the big leagues. Good for pre-k-1.

# Heads and Tails

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THE BLUE HOUND  
COOKERY & TAPROOM

The Blue Hound Cookery and Taproom is having their third annual fundraiser for Homeward Bound on Sunday, March 11 from 2:00-6:00 pm. You can find more information here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/162311>



Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter is having their annual pasta dinner fundraiser on Sunday, March 25 from 3:00-6:00 pm. It will be at the Italian American Social Club in Branford. The cost is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children. Here is more information:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/917066345126851/>

There are two new dog movies coming out. Isle of the Dogs, rated PG 13, is a futuristic tale about dogs being exiled to an island, and the boy who hijacks a plane to find his lost dog. See the trailer here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dt\\_kig8PVU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dt_kig8PVU) This movie will be released on March 13.

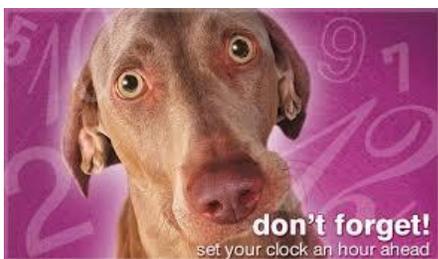
The other movie is on Netflix and comes out on March 16. It is an updated version of Benji by the same creators of the original movie! You can watch the trailer here:

<http://ew.com/movies/2018/02/12/benji-netflix-trailer/>



Meet Riley, the Weimaraner pup who is helping the Museum of Fine Arts Boston. He is being trained to sniff out bugs that can harm the museum's collections that are in storage. He's pretty adorable, but don't expect to run into him if you go to the museum. Riley will strictly be working behind the scenes. You can read more about Riley here:

<https://www.bostonmagazine.com/arts-entertainment/2018/01/10/mfa-dog-riley/>



Before you go to sleep on Saturday, March 10, set your clocks one hour ahead!