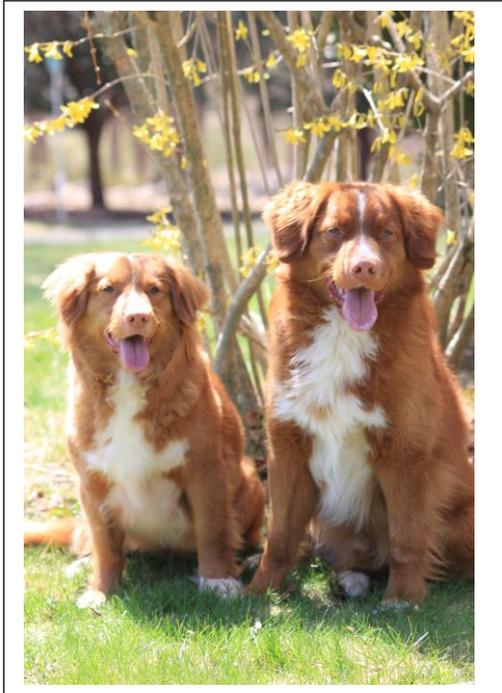


NEWSLETTER



In observance of Memorial Day, D Tails will be closed on Monday, May 28th. There will be no day school and no classes.



Upcoming Classes

Please note there will be no classes while Donna is on vacation from Monday April 30th – Monday May 7th.

Monday

Beginner Obedience, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Last class Monday, May 14th.

Drop-In Obedience, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Classes Monday, May 14th and May 21st.

Tuesday

Handling, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Classes May 8th, 15th, and 29th. Please see calendar on our website for individual handlers. www.dtails.biz

Beginner Obedience 7:00-8:00 p.m. Classes May 8th and 15th.

Thursday

Beginner Agility, 6:00-7:00 p.m. No classes on May 3rd and May 17th.

Beginner Obedience, 7:00-8:00 p.m. No classes on May 3rd and May 17th.

New Beginner Obedience Class starting on June 2nd at 6 PM. Call D Tails for more information or you can register on-line at www.dtails.biz.

Last year, we held a Vest-a-Dog fundraiser to get a bullet-proof vest for a police K-9. Here is an article about the deserving recipient, Tazz, from the Middletown Press.

(MIDDLETOWN, CT – April 11, 2018) - Connecticut State Police Department's K9 Tazz will receive a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from the non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. The vest for K9 Tazz is sponsored by a fundraiser hosted by D Tails Dog Day School & Training Center of Old Saybrook and will be embroidered with the sentiment "Gifted by the Friends of D Tails." Delivery is expected within eight to ten weeks.

K9 Tazz has been assigned to Trooper First Class Matthew Weber at Troop F in Westbrook for three years. K9 Tazz is a four-and-a-half-year-old German Shepherd trained in all aspects of patrol including tracking, evidence recovery, handler protection, criminal apprehension and obedience.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is a 501c (3) charity located in East Taunton, MA., whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. The nonprofit was established in 2009 to assist law enforcement agencies with this potentially lifesaving body armor for their four-legged K9 partners. Through private and corporate donations, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., has provided more than 2,800 protective vests in all 50 states at a cost of more than \$2.4 million. All vests are custom made in the USA by Armor Express in Central Lake, MI.

The program is open to dogs actively employed in the U.S. with law enforcement or related agencies who are certified and at least 20 months of age. New K9 graduates, as well as K9s with expired vests, are eligible to participate.

The suggested donation to provide one protective vest for a law enforcement K9 is \$950.00. Each vest has an average weight of 4-5 pounds and has a value between \$1,794-\$2,283 and a five-year warranty. There is an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s throughout the United States. For more information or to learn about volunteer opportunities, please call 508-824-6978. Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provides information, lists events, and accepts tax-deductible donations of any denomination at www.vik9s.org or mailed to P.O. Box 9, East Taunton, MA 02718.





Tukka did a great job in the Fast Cat trials. Both days of trials, she was in the top ten fastest dogs and just missed a new title by three points on the last day. We knew she was fast! Channel and Tukka's next show is in Maine from May 17-20th. Wish them luck!

Don't forget to check FB at the end of the month, some little redhead is turning two, and we will have a birthday picture up 😊

Do you know your dog's language? No, not barking, but his body language. Most dog trainers and behaviorists feel knowing your dog's body language can help you in all situations from play to aggression. There are many charts out there that are very helpful. I have two links with good information. One is very literal, the other, more cartoony, and would be helpful explaining to young children. Look at the charts, then observe your dog in different situations. They are very accurate.

<https://modernmagazine.com/articles/how-read-your-dogs-body-language/415>

<https://barkpost.com/dog-body-language-charts/> Can you tell what Channel and Cay are saying in the picture?

Have you made any nice weather or summer plans with your dogs? Since it looks like nice weather has finally arrived, here is a page from Visit Connecticut for good places to hike with your dog. Dogs are required to be on leash at all state parks, but the list offers some off-leash places as well.

http://www.ctvisit.com/articles/great-places-hike-your-dog?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=Paid%20Social&utm_campaign=AKWinter2018&utm_content=HikingDog_0426

Here are some ideas for summer vacation if you enjoy museums and traveling. There are numerous museums dedicated to dogs in the US and abroad. This NY Times article examines them all.

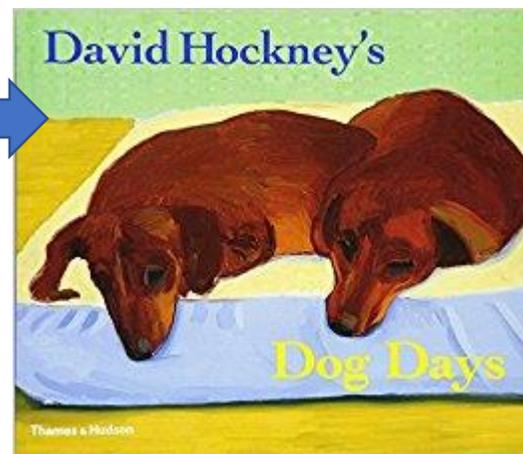
<https://mobile.nytimes.com/2018/04/22/travel/dog-museum.html>

Another article from the NY Times that is a wonderful read. It's about a woman who never liked dogs and how she's changed her mind.

<https://mobile.nytimes.com/2018/04/28/opinion/sunday/the-most-unpopular-dog-in-germany.html>



And, for those of you who do not know David Hockney, this is to what they are referring.



Heads and Tails

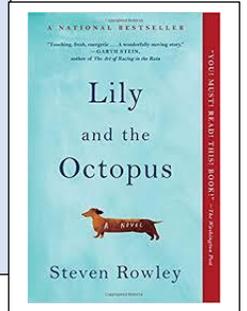
In honor of May Day, here is a video of a May Pole dance with dogs from the UK.

Enjoy 😊

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HM9kmWGOaK8>

Two years ago, we reviewed a book, Lily and the Octopus by Steven Rowley. If you haven't read it, do so before the movie comes out! Amazon just bought the rights and the author will be an executive producer. You can read more about the production here.

<https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/bookmark/amazon-studios-picks-up-heartbreaking-hit-lily-octopus-1102510>



*Unleash & Unwind with pEtsy on Food Truck Friday at Clinton Crossing

Friday May 4th 4-8 pm Sip, snack & shop

the pEtsy shop
YAPPY HOUR
at Clinton Crossing Premium Outlets



Treats will be available at pEtsy's Fuzzybutt treat bar from
Ale to Tails
The Lucky Dog Cookie Company
Kracky Snax
Polka Dog Bakery

Soda Pop (for people!) from Avery's Soda

*Unleash your mind, but please keep your Pup on leash!

Come this Friday, May 4th to Clinton Crossing for Food Truck Fridays, 4:00-8:00 PM. Petsy will be hosting a Treat Bar Yappy Hour, so bring your on-leash furry friends!

Pink's 5th Annual Wiener Dog 100 Race will be held at Lake Compounce on May 26th. You must be pre-registered to race. You can find more info here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/834910830026681/>



9th ANNUAL
Strutt Your Mutt!
May 19th 11am-2pm
at Fairfield Hills
Keatings Farm Ave. (next to flagpole)
Registration begins at 10:30am



\$10 per dog, Limit 3 dogs per handler

Easy 2K dog walk around the scenic flat path
Vendors • Games • Food and... The Strutt Your Mutt Pageant!!



Sponsored by Friends of Newtown Park and Bark & Newtown Parks and Recreation
For More Information: (203) 270-4373
More info on Facebook or NewtownParkandBark.org

Paws in the Park in South Windsor, CT will have a food and craft event for dogs and families on Saturday, May 6th, 11:00-3:00 p.m. You can find more information here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/264221517332053/>

Thomaston Feed is hosting a Dock diving extravaganza in Cheshire, CT on May 13th and 14th. You can find out more here:

<https://form.jotform.com/70635600060141>