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February 2021

## NEWSLETTER



### February Classes

#### **Monday**

Beginning Obedience, 6:00-7:00 pm.  
Beyond Basics Obedience, 7:00-8:00 pm.

#### **Tuesday**

Handling, 6:00-7:00 pm. There is no class on February 23. Please check our calendar on our website for individual instructors.  
Beginning Obedience, 7:00-8:00 pm.

#### **Wednesday**

Beginner Nosework, 6:00-7:00 pm.  
Competitive Nosework, 7:00-8:00 pm.

February is Pet Dental Health Month. Keeping your dog's teeth clean is key to a healthier dog. Here's excellent information from veterinarians.

<https://www.avma.org/resources-tools/pet-owners/petcare/pet-dental-care>



# Toller News

We are adding to the pack.  
Channel and Tukka are expecting  
puppies around Valentine's Day!

Channel turns 7 on February 21!  
Happy birthday Channel and the  
Island Litter!

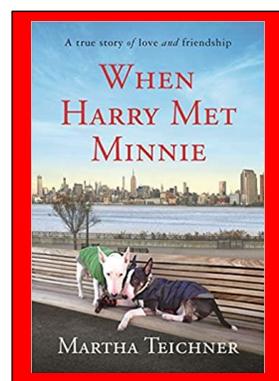
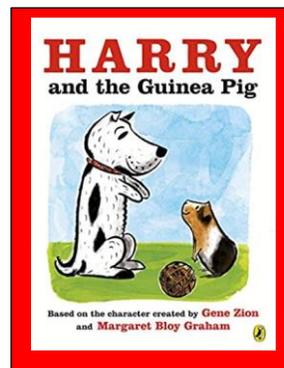


In other news, The Great Barrington  
Kennel Club will be holding a  
conformation show at the Big E the  
first weekend in February. Both Zaya  
and Poppy will be shown for  
conformation. The Competitive  
Nosework class will also be  
participating in the scent-work trials.  
We wish everyone good luck!

It has been frigid outside lately and it looks like the trend may continue. Please pay close attention to your dogs when they are outside. Most dogs are not equipped to handle these temperatures especially older dogs and puppies. The rule of thumb is if you are bundled up and cold, your dog probably is too. If you see a dog that is tied out in this weather for more than 15 minutes, please call your local animal control or police department. Even though dogs have an excellent sense of smell and direction, they can become disoriented in a lot of snow. Be mindful of any body of water that you perceive as frozen. With our up and down temps, it might not be completely frozen. There have already been several dogs rescued from frozen ponds in the news. Do not forget to protect their paws! Booties or salve, like Musher's secret, will protect from frostbite and ice balls. Also, if you are struggling with caring for your pet during this pandemic, please reach out for help. Please do not dump your dog. If you can help a dog in need, Lincoln is being cared for by Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter. He was found in the morning, shivering with frostbite and other medical issues. You can learn more about Lincoln here:  
<https://patch.com/connecticut/branford/shelter-opens-investigation-dog-left-die-17-degree-night>

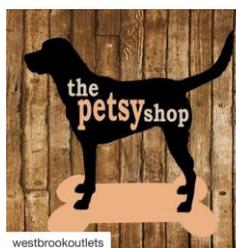
# Heads and Tails

Two new books about quite different Harrys! The estate of Gene Zion has created a New Harry book, Harry and the Guinea Pig. In true Harry fashion, he's a little put out that his family is watching their neighbor's guinea pig and trouble ensues. This book is ideal for pre-school aged children. The next book is a memoir When Harry Met Minnie by Martha Teichner. A story about friendships made in NYC dog parks, a bull terrier whose owner is dying and needs to find a new home, and the instant love between the dogs and their humans. You can hear a bit of the story here. Fair warning, I teared up in a five-minute clip. <https://www.cbsnews.com/video/when-harry-met-minnie-a-nyc-fairy-tale-of-puppy-love-and-friendship/>



It's Back!!! Petsy is opening again in the same store location they were before the holiday season. Clinton Crossings, diagonally across from Off Fifth. They will be moving into the space this month and will have a soft opening. We will keep you updated with information on their grand re-opening. In the meantime, you can order the Petsy Box here:

<https://thepetsyshop.com/get-the-petsy-box>



Are you a Pug parent? There is a Pug Meet-Up at the Union Street Dog Park, 59 Fair Street, in New Haven. February 28, 11:00-1:00 pm.

<https://www.meetup.com/New-Haven-Pug-Meetup/events/>

This is an amazing feel-good story about Nanook, the Husky in Alaska, who has saved many lost hikers! I think Nanook should be in the running for the National Hero Dog Award.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/husky-saves-deaf-hiker-on-alaska-trail-others-come-forward-saying-he-rescued-them-too/>

Do you have a silly sleeper? Did you know that March 15, 2021 is National Napping Day? We would love to see pictures of your dogs in their silliest sleeping positions. We will feature them in our March newsletter. You can email your pictures to [mantha465@aol.com](mailto:mantha465@aol.com) or PM on our Facebook page.



Miss Macy, letting it all hang out. 😊