



NEWSLETTER



Bark your Calendar!

JULY 12TH:

NAIL CLIPPING \$12

NON- ANESTHETIC TOOTH SCALING \$140

CALL TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

(860) 388-1819



UPCOMING CLASSES:

Beginner Obedience starts July 9th:

6:00-7:00 P.M.: Basic leash work for you and your dog. As well as socialization and problem solving. Material covered: focus, heel, automatic sit, patience, stand, down, stay and come.

Prerequisite: Dogs must be at least 16 weeks of age.

Equipment needed: 6' Leather or cotton leash

Drop In Obedience:

Mondays 7:15-8:15 P.M.: The same great obedience class OUTDOORS! 336 Main St, Old Saybrook

Prerequisite: Obedience lessons from D-Tails or permission from the instructor.

Handling Class:

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 P.M.: Learn how to show your dog in the conformation ring like a professional handler!

Firework Fear

July is a hopping time for fireworks and the loud noises and flashes of light can catch your dog off guard and cause anxiety. Here are a few tips on how to prepare for the evening and help your pet stay calm throughout the festivities.

1. DO NOT bring your dog to the firework display areas. Animals may become frightened and nervous. In addition to the main display other people may have personal fireworks, which are unpredictable and unsafe for pets to be around. Never leave your pet in the car, this could be a deadly mistake

2. If you live near the location of the fireworks display, leave your pet inside in an area where he/she can do the least amount of harm to him or herself and your home. Leave the TV or radio turned on to a loud volume, which will help keep the unusual and inconsistent loud noises from frightening your pet.

3. A tired and full dog will be less anxious. Before the night of the fireworks display, take your dog on a walk that is longer than usual, or play a rigorous game of catch, and your pet might sleep through the whole thing. Include extra carbohydrates with your dog's meal that day.

4. If you are staying inside with your pet for the event, try to stay in a familiar environment. This will help lower stress levels and encourage a night of fun for everyone.

5. The moment you notice your dog becoming overly anxious or stressed out, begin to comfort your dog. A nice and calming belly rub can usually help. You can also try to distract your dog with toys and treats. Remember not to punish or "baby" your dog during times of stress, this may only make the problem worse. Stay calm and in control.

Make Water Play Safe And Fun

When getting wet, it's important to stay safe and have fun. These are some products that will keep your dog safe while in the water.

Life Jackets

Just like humans, dogs need to stay afloat in the water and buying a life vest just for your furry friend will make for a safer swim.

Toys That Float

Not only are floatable toys great for playing, but they are also designed for safer play in the water. They let your dog close his mouth while he swims to avoid choking.

Swim Snoods

Protect your dog's ears while he's in the water. These bands cover your dog's ears to prevent water from entering the ear canal and causing infection.

Ramps

Help your dog easily exit your swimming pool by using a sturdy and comfortable ramp.

All Paws On Deck

During the summer days, boats can become a popular place for dogs. Although boating with your dog can be a blast, doing so safely requires some planning. The U.S. Coast Guard suggests that you:

Consider your dog. Not all dogs enjoy boating, especially if they end up in the water instead of on deck.

Get a life jacket. The Coast Guard suggests getting a foam-filled vest for dogs who will intentionally be going in and out of the water. A dog who's expected to go in the water will do fine with a life jacket that automatically inflates if he tumbles into the water.

Check for fit. The straps of the life jacket shouldn't interfere with your dog's ability to move comfortably, and the jacket should fit snugly enough that he won't slip out of it when he's wet or being pulled out into your boat.

Apply some restraint. When the boat is moving, your dog shouldn't be. Attach a leash to the "D" ring on the back of your dog's life jacket. Don't attach a leash to a regular collar, though because it could choke your dog.

Handle with care. Smaller canine swimmers will benefit from a life jacket that has a handle on the back, easing retrieval from the water or transfer between boat and dock.

Things To Do With Your Dog!

Treibball

What is Treibball?

Treibball is a competitive sport for dogs of all ages and sizes—it promotes better teamwork and communication between a dog and his handler. It's great fun for any energetic dog who works well off-leash and needs a job, or any dog who likes to herd and doesn't have sheep!

Treibball began in Germany to give their energetic dogs some much needed mental and physical stimulation. However, it's a great game—perfect for American dogs and their owners, too! It's fun for any dog that loves to play chase games, to herd or just use their amazing, problem-solving ability.

Playing Treibball uses a combination of classic obedience and herding cues. The game consists of your dog working off-leash and obeying your cues. Your dog uses his nose or shoulders to drive eight balls into a goal within 10 minutes. It takes thinking, communication and coordination of the team to get the driving done, and all those balls in the goal.

At the sound of a whistle to start timing, the handler directs the dog to the point ball, and the dog drives that ball into the net first. Then the handler chooses which balls for the dog to bring in, and in what order. The dog can be directed to bring in all the blue balls, all the large balls first, or any combination of size and colors, but the dog should only bring the ball to which he is directed. The game stops when all eight balls are in the net/goal and the dog lies down in front of the goal, just like penning sheep!

Visit www.americantreibballassociation.org for more information.

