

# NEWSLETTER



## ***May Classes***

***Beginner Obedience:*** Thursday May 9, 7:00-8:00 P.M. or Tuesday May 14, 7:00-8:00 P.M.

***Beginner Agility:*** Thursday, May 9, 6:00-7:00 P.M.

***Agility Fun:*** Monday, May 6, 6:00-7:00 P.M.

***Searching:***\* Monday, May 13 and Monday, May 20, 6:00-7:00 P.M.

***Drop-in Obedience:*** Mondays 7:00-8:00 P.M.

***Handling:*** Tuesdays 6:00-7:00 P.M.

## ***\*New Searching Class\****

Join D Tails for a fun, new class which consists of a little bit of nose work combined with some tracking. Classes will be held on Monday, May 13 and Monday May 20, 6:00-7:00 PM. **Pre-registration is required**, email Donna at [ddetails@cs.com](mailto:ddetails@cs.com).

## ***F or Y our I nformation:***

- Day School does not permit flea and tick collars. Please remove them before drop-off.
- It is not too late to enter our raffle to win a custom portrait of your dog! Tickets are just \$10.00, and all proceeds will be used to off-set the cost of our Doggie Fun Zone fundraiser for [2milliondogs.com](http://2milliondogs.com).

## ***Fun events for your dog and family!***

5/18 Day on the Green in Clinton

5/19 Willy's Fair

5/18 & 5/19 Dog Days Pet Adoption Days at the Saybrook Industrial Park

5/19 OS Lions Pet Fair at the High School

5/26 Kennilworth Kennel Club Match at Devitt Field, Deep River

# Car Safety Tips for Warmer Weather

Now that spring and warmer weather has finally arrived, you can count that dogs and their owners will be out and about. Consider the following tips on how to keep your pooch as safe as possible.

- Restrain your dog, even for short car rides. Accidents can happen at any time. A loose dog is not only a hazard while you are driving, but can be thrown out of a car in an accident. You can crate your dog, keep them in the back with a guard, or use a pet harness or safety seat.
- Never let your dog sit on your lap while you are driving. In some states, including Connecticut, it is illegal to do so. Don't put your dog in the front seat; they cannot withstand a deployed airbag.
- Reconsider driving with the windows all the way down. Your pup may love the wind in her face, but road debris could harm her. Also, the temptation to jump out after that squirrel, cat, bird, etc. may just be too great.
- Never leave your dog in your car for any length of time in warm weather. Even if you crack the windows, your car can still reach deadly temperatures. Parked in the shade, your car could be up to 20 degrees warmer, but in direct sunlight, in less than five minutes, your car can reach up to 40 degrees warmer.
- Do not to leave your dog in the car unattended because he may be stolen. In this tough economy, police, in some areas, are reporting an increase in stolen dogs.
- For longer car trips, always have food, water, a first aid kit, and most importantly, make sure that your dog has identification.

Get out, enjoy the warm weather, and do it safely with your dog in mind!



Visit these sites for tips on vacationing with your dogs:

<http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/pet-care-tips/car-travel-tips.aspx>

<http://petspot.aaa.com/pet-friendly-travel/preparing-your-pet-for-travel/>

# What is Dogscaping?

It's gardening time! What does that have to do with your dog? With the warmer weather, your dog will want to spend more time outside. Just as household plants pose a risk to your dog, outdoor plants can as well. You can get a complete list of hazardous plants here:

<http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/poison-control/plants/>.

Making your yard safe for your dog is considered *Dogscaping*. Dogscaping is just landscaping with your dog in mind. Your dog's yard should be as inviting to your dog as it is for you. Basic dogscaping should include a secure area, shade, and water. You can do so much more though! Does your dog like to dig? Consider putting in a sand box just for him. You can hide treats in the new space so he has something to dig, and he will catch on fast. Do you have a water-lover? Then, how about a baby pool, so he can cool off? Does your dog like agility? How about adding a tunnel? The ideas are endless, and you and your dog will have so much fun!



Raised beds turned to dog beds, not quite the dogscaping that was intended!

Related reading material you might enjoy.

[Dog Friendly Gardening: Creating a Safe Haven for You and Your Dog](#) by Karen Bush.

[Dogscaping: Creating the Perfect Backyard and Garden for You and Your Dog](#) by Thomas Barthel.

[Dog Friendly Gardens, Garden Friendly Dogs](#) by Cheryl S. Smith

[Barkitecture](#) by Fred Albert



# Get into the Zone, the *Doggie Fun-Zone* and Volunteer!

There will be a volunteer planning meeting on Friday May 10th at 6pm at D Tails. This meeting is for anyone who would like to help out at the Doggie Fun Zone day on June 15th. If you would like to volunteer that day but cannot attend the meeting, please email Donna at [DDTAILS@CS.COM](mailto:DDTAILS@CS.COM). We need your input and your help. This is a fundraiser for [2milliondogs.com](http://2milliondogs.com).

