

D Tails Monthly Ruff

December 2015

Newsletter



Donna and the D Tails' crew wish everyone the happiest of holidays and a wonderful 2016! We will be closed on the following days:

Thursday 12/24/2015
Friday 12/25/2015
Thursday 12/31/2015
Friday, 01/01/2016.

December Classes

Mondays

Indoor Dog Park, 6:00-7:00 PM

Drop-In Obedience, 7:00-8:00 PM

Tuesdays

Handling, 6:00-7:00 PM. December 8, & 15. **Guest handler, Helene Ferarri, on 12/15!**

Wednesdays

Agility Fun, 6:00-7:00 PM. December 2, 9.

If you have any questions regarding any classes, or any class suggestions, please call Donna!

Check out this great montage of dogs enjoying the snow from America's Funniest Videos:

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

A huge thank you to everyone that helped us exceed our team goal for the Puppy Up walk! Here are some pictures of the event. Also, Cay was honored as a cancer hero. So far, she is doing well on her treatment☺



Cancer hero, Finn celebrating his 12th birthday, with Luke and Valerie.



Beth with Blitz and Denise with Lucey



Donna and Channel on the walk.



Ember and Roo had fun on D Tails' agility course!



Ellendale gave the blessing of the animals.



Meet Blitz, a Search and Rescue Dog in Training.

Beth Sullivan has been bringing her dog Blitz to D Tails' Drop-In Obedience classes since he was just a pup. Blitz, now almost two, has grown into a handsome, well-behaved German Shepherd. This summer, Blitz received his Canine Good Citizen and his Therapy dog credentials. But that's not all; for the past 18 months, Blitz and Beth, have been training for search and rescue. This has taken many hours and complete dedication! Beth and Blitz drive to upstate NY on Sundays for the specialized training. This training can take about two years to complete! They are training with a volunteer search and rescue organization that uses air-scenting German Shepherd Dogs to locate missing persons in the wilderness or disaster situations. Because Beth is Blitz's handler, she is getting trained as well. The pair have had first responder medical training, K9 medical training, and map, compass, and GPS navigation training. Right now, Blitz is learning live rescues using human scent. They search in various situations too, including wilderness, urban, disaster, water, crime scene, and cadaver and evidence recovery. Next up for Beth and Blitz is cadaver detection! Beth agrees that this takes a lot of time and hard work, but she is motivated by the possibility of one day Blitz using all of his training to locate someone.

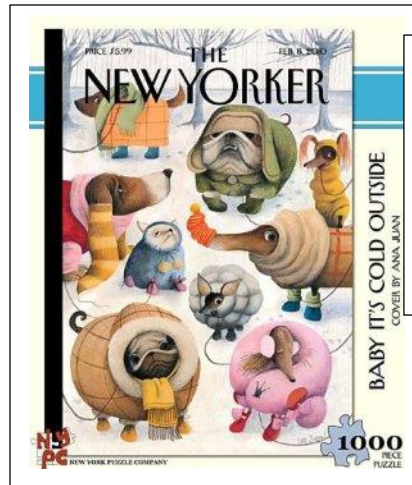


■ Congratulations to Donna and Channel! In November,
■ Channel participated in shows in Springfield and
■ Worcester and continued to win Best of Breed in both!
■ Channel is entered to show at the AKC Westminster
■ show in February! We are so excited!

Dog Lover's Gift Guide



Renowned artist and author Maira Kalman's book about her beloved dog, Pete, and other dogs who have touched her life.



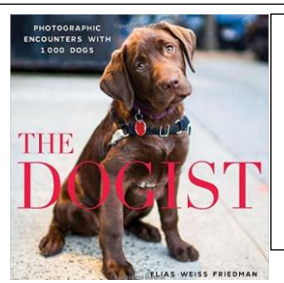
If you like puzzles and dogs, this is for you! A 10,000 piece puzzle of a favorite New Yorker cover.



Max didn't last long at the box office, but it still received decent reviews. It's a heartwarming story that will bring tears and laughter. Rated PG.



Get a nose print of your dog in precious metals. This is a kit where you take a mold of the nose from your dog and send it in. You can get this kit At Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme or at: <http://www.preciousmetalprints.com/>



Famous on Instagram and now in a book! Photographer, Elias Weiss Friedman's encounters with 1000 dogs! All adorable too!



Photographer, Lynn Terry, used an old-fashioned photo booth and many canine models for this delightful book! Who knew dogs were such hams? (We did!)



Not quite a photo booth, but with this kit, you can create funny dog selfies. It has props and a "dog shaming" white board and marker.

If you enjoy wine, here are four vineyards that all help dogs and feature them on their labels.

<http://www.muttlynchwinery.com/About-Us/Our-Story>

<http://www.cruvindogs.com/index.cfm?method=homepage.showpage>

<http://www.thedogs.com/visit/the-winery-than-dogs-built.html>

<https://www.chateaulapaws.com>