

**D Tails Monthly Ruff**

**August 2017**

# **NEWSLETTER**



Welcome  
to the  
Dog Days  
of  
Summer!

## **August Classes**

### **Monday**

Beginner Obedience, 6:00-7:00 pm. August 7, 14, & 21.  
Drop-In Obedience, 7:00-8:00 pm. August 7, 14, 21, & 28.

### **Tuesday**

Handling, 6:00-7:00 pm. August 1, 8, 15, & 29. Please check calendar on our website, [www.dtails.biz](http://www.dtails.biz) for individual handling instructors.

### **Thursday**

Beginner Obedience, 6:00-7:00 pm. This **New** class begins on August 10<sup>th</sup>! You still have time to register by either calling D Tails or going on our website!

### **\*SPECIAL EVENT\***

**Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, Animal Communicator, Sharon Warner will be at D Tails from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. There are only 5 spaces left! Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about your pup! Call D Tails today to register!**

## GOOD NEWS



Channel earned his AKC Grand Champion Silver in June!!! Congratulations to Donna and Channel for such an achievement 😊



Beth Sullivan and her GSD, Blitz, have been training for 3 years to be a certified search and rescue team. In July, Beth and Blitz passed the first part of their test. Blitz had to search 40 acres in two hours for the "subject." Beth had to state her plan of action and stick with it, using her compass and GPS. According to Beth, Blitz is so easy to work with! He is thrilled when he finds the subject and is rewarded! Congratulations to you both 😊

The second half of the test is in September. They will again have to search 40 acres in two hours. The challenge is to find multiple subjects, or there might not even be a subject! Good luck Beth and Blitz; you make an awesome team!

# D Tails Special Event

Come see Pet Psychic, Sharon Warner, at D Tails! Sharon connects with a pet's energy and shares words, knowledge, pictures, feelings, tastes, and even scents with them. She can connect to your pet's energy without regard to physical proximity. She worked hard to develop this skill, after being taught by an animal communicator, and discovered the path the energies of all creatures past and present. She can internalize your pet's pain or discomfort to help you and your vet with diagnosing medical or behavioral issues, sometimes even before symptoms become evident. Sharon also finds personal fulfillment in her ability to offer peace to those of us who have been missing a loved one of any kind, or who need insight into the wellbeing of a passed loved one, or a loved one from whom we have become emotionally disconnected.

Make your appointment now to reserve your time with Sharon and come prepared by writing down all the issues you might want to discuss. Pets need not be present during a session, but please bring a picture of the pet.

Please call D Tails to book your appointment now! 15-minute sessions are \$27.00 with a portion of the proceeds going to our "Vest-a-Dog" Fundraiser. (860)388-1819.



Sharon and her dog,  
Precious.



Beth and Sharon in a  
session.

## Dehydration and Heat Stroke: the symptoms, the differences, and what to do!

Summer weather can be tough on everyone, especially if you are a dog. Dogs' bodies are 90% water and just a loss of 10% can cause dehydration. Dogs can lose water by normal panting and drooling. Symptoms to look for are sunken eyes, dry, sticky gums, no urination, and lack of elasticity in the skin. To test for elasticity, pick up your dog's skin. If it pops back in place, he is hydrated, if not, the skin will not go back in place. If you think your dog is dehydrated, immediately move him in the shade or air conditioning and give him cool water. If your dog needs encouragement to drink, you can add salt-free chicken broth or Pedialyte to the water. If you feel your dog is severely dehydrated, get him to the vet as soon as possible.

Heat stroke in dogs is even scarier than dehydration. Heat stroke occurs when a dog can no longer maintain his proper body temperature by panting. His organs will begin to fail and you will only have minutes to cool him down before it becomes fatal or he suffers permanent organ damage. The symptoms of heat stroke are excessive panting, pale gums with a red tongue, confusion, vacant expression, vomiting, and collapsing. Timing is critical in saving your dog! Move him in the shade or in front of a fan or air conditioner, put in cool bath or hose down, (remember a hose in the hot sun will have hot water for several minutes) give water, massage legs to stimulate circulation, and monitor body temp rectally. Anything over 101 degrees is dangerous. Get your dog to the nearest veterinarian immediately.

You can avoid these frightening situations by being smart about the weather. Remember that heat is not the only factor! High humidity and rising dew points are just as dangerous. If you are uncomfortable outside for any length of time, your dog will be too. Remember dogs cannot sweat like we do. Minimize activity on hot and humid days, especially during the hottest hours of 10:00 am- 2:00 pm. Exercise your dog in the early morning or at night. Do not leave you dog in a hot car or outside without access to fresh, cool water and shade. Consider having a baby pool filled with cool water. Just like people, dogs are more comfortable in air conditioning or the coolest place in your house. Even inside, dogs should always have access to fresh water.

Already this summer, there have been dogs who have perished being left outside or when hiking when the weather has just been too hot and humid. Don't let your beloved dog become a statistic!

# Upcoming Events



Come join the fun at the Niantic Farmer's Market this Thursday from 3:00-6:00 pm. The first 25 dogs receive a free treat! More details here:

[https://www.facebook.com/events/484596811888109/?acontext=%7B%22source%22%3A5%2C%22page\\_id\\_source%22%3A185757068144020%2C%22action\\_history%22%3A%7B%22surface%22%3A%22page%22%2C%22mechanism%22%3A%22main\\_list%22%2C%22extra\\_data%22%3A%22%7B%5C%22page\\_id%5C%22%3A185757068144020%2C%5C%22tour\\_id%5C%22%3A%22%7D%22%7D%2C%22has\\_source%22%3Atrue%7D](https://www.facebook.com/events/484596811888109/?acontext=%7B%22source%22%3A5%2C%22page_id_source%22%3A185757068144020%2C%22action_history%22%3A%7B%22surface%22%3A%22page%22%2C%22mechanism%22%3A%22main_list%22%2C%22extra_data%22%3A%22%7B%5C%22page_id%5C%22%3A185757068144020%2C%5C%22tour_id%5C%22%3A%22%7D%22%7D%2C%22has_source%22%3Atrue%7D)

## Don't forget!

Dachshund Fun Day is this Saturday, August 5, at Devitt Field in Deep River, 11:00-3:00 pm. There will be agility courses, races, games, and lots of fun for your Dachshund. You can learn more here:

<https://www.facebook.com/165272457011311/photos/a.212333648971858.1073741827.165272457011311/723712797833938/?type=3&theater>



Noon to 6:00 PM. Don't forget, there will also be a WoofWalk for Hope which begins at 11:00 am. It is about 2 miles long and ends at the Green. You can register for the walk here:

<http://www.woofstockonthebranfordgreen.org/woofwalk>.



Rudy and his ribbons from past Dachshund Fun Days!



This will be a fun, informative event for you and your pets where you will learn about chemical-free living. This is a Make and Take event for \$8 in Higganum on August 19. Find more information here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dog-days-of-summer-make-take-tickets-36358859327?aff=es2>

# Upcoming Events-continued

**B.A.A.C. 10th ANNUAL!**



**Motorcycle Rally & Pet Adoption**

CAR/BIKE SHOW  
KISSING BOOTH  
GREAT FOOD  
LIVE MUSIC  
VENDORS  
RAFFLES  
PRIZES

**Saturday  
Aug. 19th  
2017 @ 1p  
North Haven  
Fairgrounds**

\$20 Admission | \$5 ages 6-12 | Free ages 6 & under  
Fully Vaccinated, Non-Aggressive Pets Welcome  
*pets that are not comfortable, with children, crowds or live music, please leave them home*

BIKERS AGAINST ANIMAL CRUELTY, INC. (B.A.A.C.) is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization comprised motorcycle enthusiasts that advocate against animal cruelty, promote responsible pet ownership and fundraise to help defray the cost of urgent medical care for ownerless victims of animal cruelty.  
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You can find out more about Bikers Against Animal Cruelty on their Facebook page.  
<https://www.facebook.com/BikersAgainstAnimalCrueltyInc/>

Save the Date!



**CT Shoreline Walk**

**Sunday  
October 8, 2017**

Gulford Fairgrounds  
Lovers Lane  
Gulford, CT 06437

11 am Registration  
1 pm Walk  
11 am-3 pm Festival

Pre-Register by October 6  
\$20 Pre-Registration online  
\$25 Registration after October 6  
[www.PuppyWalk.org](http://www.PuppyWalk.org)



**AUGUST 26**



**NUTMEG FARM .NET**

**RAT HUNT FUN DAY & PICNIC**

Nutmeg Farm  
10 AM

Spent the day with us having fun with your dogs and trying out new games. BYOB We will provide the main dish, so please bring a side dish or dessert to share.  
RSPV

**COST: FREE**

Nutmeg Farm in Portland, CT is having a Rat Hunt Fun Day and Picnic on August 26 at 10:00 am. You bring a side or dessert to share and they will provide a main dish. This is a free, fun event! Find more information here:  
<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=1562040867150215&set=gm.1294059860705314&type=3&theater>