



### Valentines Day Photoshoot!

D tails will be hosting a Valentines Day photoshoot for our furkids! Those dogs that have reserved space at day school on February 7, 8, or 9 may have their photos taken, just let us know. Other eager pups can reserve a slot to have their photo taken on Thursday February, 8 from 6-8 p.m. The price for the photo, which comes inside a photo card is \$5.00. Don't forget to call ahead to reserve your 10 minute slot! Photos will be available for pick up on Monday, February 13, 2017.

### February Classes

Mondays:

Indoor Dog Park, 6:00-7:00 p.m. \$6.00

Drop-In Obedience, 7:00-8:00 p.m. \$7.00

There will be no Drop in Obedience class on Monday, February 13, 2017

Tuesdays:

Beginner Obedience, 7:00-8:00 p.m. No classes on Tuesday, February 14, 2017. Check out the Westminster Dog Show!

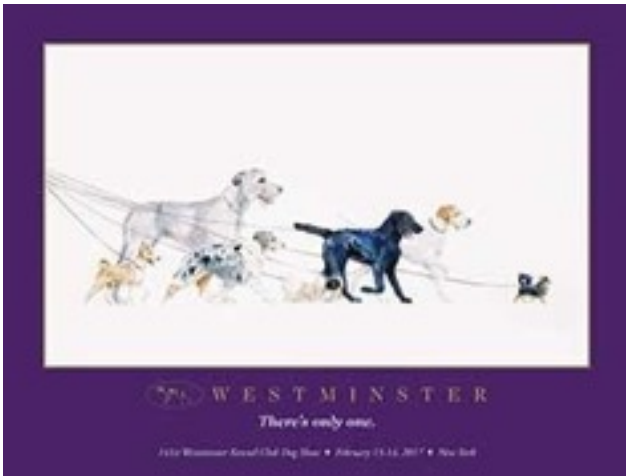
Thursdays:

Beginner Agility, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Beginner Obedience, 7:00-8:00 p.m. New 8-week class starting on February 16, 2017. There is still time to register for this class. You can register on-line at [dtails.biz](http://dtails.biz) or call the shop 860-388-1819.

Due to decreased attendance, there will be no Handling class for the month

# Channel and Donna Return to Westminster!



Channel has placed among the top dogs and is going to the Westminster Kennel Club Show in NYC! Channel made his debut at the famous show last February, 2016. This year, Channel and Donna will be competing against 11 other Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers for the designation of Best of Breed. They will be in Ring 7 at 1:30 PM on February 14th, 2017. Their judge will be Mrs. Mary Ann Alston. Fox sports televises a program on Tuesday from 2-4 PM on Nat Geo Wild. If you are interested in other show listings, the schedule can be seen here: <http://www.westminsterkennelclub.org/plan-your-visit/tv-schedule/>



*2016's Best in Show winner,  
GCH Vjk-Myst Garbonita's  
California Journe, German  
Shorthaired Pointer.*



# For the Love of Dogs

Love Your Pet Day  
February 20!

## Responsible Pet Owner Awareness Month!

Give yourself a pat on the back for properly caring, feeding, exercising, training your pet, and making them feel at home.



### Homemade Dog Treats

#### Ingredients

- 2 cups + 1/2 half cup rolled oats
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup unsalted, low-fat beef broth or chicken broth

#### Instructions

- 1 Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
- 2 Add 2 cups oats, salt, beef broth, and egg to a large mixing bowl. Combine well. Add remaining 1/2 cup of rolled oat and combine.
- 3 Pour onto wax paper and knead dough for about 3 minutes. Let stand for about 3 minutes to begin to become firmer. Press to 1/2-inch thickness.
- 4 Cut with cutter and place onto a parchment paper lined baking sheet.
- 5 Bake for 20 minutes. Remove from oven and allow to cool completely.
- 6 Store in an airtight container for use or store in a zip-top bag in the freezer for later thawing and use.

National Dog  
Biscuit Day  
February 23

# CHOCOLATE: A DOGGY DANGER

## WHY IS CHOCOLATE TOXIC TO PETS?

Made from the beans of the cacao tree, chocolate contains two substances that can harm dogs and cats:

- 1.) THEOBROMINE
- 2.) CAFFEINE

The darker the chocolate, the higher the risk for pets.



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## WHAT ARE THE SIGNS?

Symptoms that a pet has ingested a toxic amount of chocolate usually occur within 6 to 12 hours and vary by amount ingested.

EXCESSIVE THIRST  
VOMITING  
DIARRHEA  
RACING HEARTBEAT  
HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE  
ARRHYTHMIA  
TREMORS  
SEIZURES  
DEATH

## YORKSHIRE TERRIER (6 LBS)

DANGER ZONE: 2.5 OZ. OF MILK CHOCOLATE



## PUG (20 LBS)

DANGER ZONE: 5.5 OZ. OF MILK CHOCOLATE

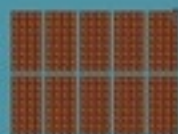


## HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH?

No amount of chocolate is safe for dogs. Even a nibble can make a pet sick, especially for smaller pups. The amounts shown here can cause seizures or worse.

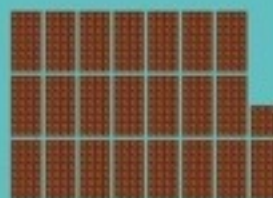
## GOLDEN RETRIEVER (75 LBS)

DANGER ZONE: 15 OZ. OF MILK CHOCOLATE



## MASTIFF (190 LBS)

DANGER ZONE: 35 OZ. OF MILK CHOCOLATE



IF YOU THINK YOUR DOG OR CAT HAS INGESTED CHOCOLATE, CALL YOUR VETERINARIAN OR THE ASPCA ANIMAL POISON CONTROL CENTER AT 1-888-426-4435 RIGHT AWAY.

SOURCE: ASPCA ANIMAL POISON CONTROL CENTER

Most pet lovers know the potentially life-threatening danger of chocolate, including baker's, semi sweet, milk and dark. In darker chocolates, methylxanthines—caffeine-like stimulants that affect gastrointestinal, neurologic and cardiac function— can cause a strand of severe symptoms. Higher fat content in lighter chocolates can lead to life threatening inflammation of the pancreas. However, chocolate is not the only Valentines Day Hazard. Candy that has Xylitol, an artificial sweetener often used in low sugar/sugar free candy and gum, can pose a serious threat to your pet. When consumed, Xylitol stimulates the pancreas to produce insulin, suppressing blood sugar levels and potentially causing liver damage.