

D Tails Monthly Ruff

February 2023

NEWSLETTER

♥ HAPPY
Valentine's
DAY ♥



Upcoming Classes

Monday

Beginner Obedience, 6:00-7:00 pm.
Beyond Basic Obedience, 7:00-8:00 pm.

Tuesday

Handling, 6:00-7:00 pm. There will be no class on Feb. 28.

Wednesday

Beginner Nosework, 6:00-7:00 pm.
Competitive Nosework, 7:00-8:00 pm.



An Arctic blast of frigid air is coming through this Friday and Saturday. Be mindful of your pets, especially puppies and seniors. Here are some tips on how to prevent and treat frostbite.

<https://www.dailypaws.com/dogs-puppies/health-care/dog-conditions/dog-frostbite>

Toller News

This month Channel, from the Island Litter and Vice, from the Bad Kids Litter celebrate their ninth and second birthdays. Happy birthday to them and all their littermates!

The Fall Litter have gone to their forever homes except for Frosty. Frosty, now known as Ketch, will join Donna's pack. She is super cute and playful!

Pyrat, Reef, and Krill are showing this weekend at the Great Barrington Kennel Club event. We wish them the best of luck.



Vice, 2, left, and Channel, 9, right.



Ketch is three months old today!



Know the Signs of Hypothermia

Hypothermia is when your dog's core temperature drops below their average range. For dogs, it's 99 degrees or lower. Your dog can become hypothermic if they are left out in the cold too long or have been swimming in cold water too long. Dogs can also become hypothermic during surgery. Senior dogs, dogs with health issues, and short-coated dogs are more susceptible. Puppies are also at risk because their system is too young to regulate. Besides taking their temp, there are other tell-tale signs. If your dog is whining, shivering, showing signs of stiffness or clumsiness, has pale gums, or has labored breathing, your dog is too cold and needs care immediately. If your dog is wet, dry them carefully and thoroughly. Then warm them with blankets near a heat source. You can use hot water bottles if they are on top of the blankets and not on your dog's skin. Never use a heating pad or hair dryer, too hot too fast is not good. Dogs usually can recover from mild to moderate hypothermic episodes at home, but if they become unconscious, emergency vet care is necessary. Your vet will use warm IV fluids that target organs to warm them up. As always, if you are concerned, err on the side of caution, and take your dog to their vet. Hypothermia can be deadly.

Heads and Tails

If you have or love Bully breeds, this event may be for you. All in fun, dogs compete, football bracket style, in different categories until one is crowned. This is at the Xcel Center on February 4th and you can find more information here:

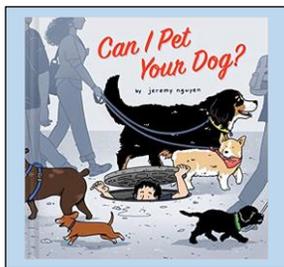
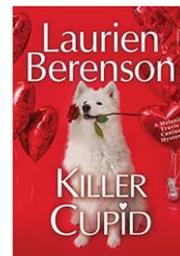
<https://www.xlcenter.com/events/detail/stack-warz>



Don't forget the Puppy Bowl on Super Bowl Sunday, February 12th at 2:00 pm. This year they have even more rescue pups from over 120 US shelters!

<https://www.discovery.com/shows/puppy-bowl/see/meet-the-players-of-puppy-bowl->

Two fun reads just in time for Valentine's Day. Killer Cupid is a *Melanie Travis Mystery*. She finds herself and her prized poodle suspects in a romantic Valentine weekend murder. Murder at a Scottish Wedding is a *Scottish Shire Mystery* where Scottie dog, Wallace, is eager to help his mom solve crimes.



Can I Pet Your Dog? is a humorous account about wanting to pet any and every dog, no matter the obstacles. Before you give out a collective groan being dog owners in that situation, it has a cute and surprising ending.

As always, all books are available at your local independent bookstore, RJ Julia. They also have gifts for your furry Valentine .

Petsy also has many great gifts for Valentine's Day too. Check Val and her store out on the weekends during winter at Clinton Premium Outlets.

<https://www.avma.org/events/national-pet-dental-health-month>

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