

D Tails Monthly Ruff

June 2023

## NEWSLETTER

### A Message from Donna

It is hard to believe it has been 28 years since D Tails began in my backyard. Over those years, D Tails has evolved from my backyard to a horse arena, an open field, a large space on Center Road, and later, the smaller space we now occupy. D Tails has gone full-circle, and it is time to step out.

Covid hit us hard. It set us back to the days when D Tails first opened on Center Road. With people working from home, there was less of a need to use dog day school. Many people were leery of group training. I was fortunate that a small group of loyal customers stood by D Tails, but we never really came back to anything close to where we were.

Deciding to close has been an extremely difficult decision for me. I have always loved what I do and cared deeply for everyone I've worked with—dogs and their people. Recently, I have experienced something I never had before while in business. I am no longer excited to go to work. The headaches and heartbreak have killed my spirit. Our last day of business will be Friday, August 18, 2023.

I can't begin to thank the thousands of customers who have shared their pets with me over the years. I could not have done business for as long as I have without your support. I have also been fortunate to have some fantastic staff that have shared my passion for dogs and become family through our shared love of them. I will never be able to thank everyone enough who has been a part of D Tails.

I will miss so much about D Tails: from my regulars at day school to the joy of success from my students in class. I am leaving with so many memories of the daily antics too! I hope to be able to teach somewhere at some level and to spend more time with my own dogs. It's time to enjoy my retirement.

## Meet the Dog of the Month, Ellie Parkhurst

Ellie Claire is an 11 1/2 golden doodle who came to us from a breeder in NY state called Lakeshore Doodles. After many years of thinking about adding a dog to our family, Ellie became our daughter's bestie as well as the love of our lives . She is our first family dog and after classes at DTails , we could not have gotten any luckier. She is a truly the shadow we were told she would always be, loves her people and her DTails friends. The unconditional love from Ellie holds a special place in our hearts and to be blessed with these paws has made our family complete over the years .



## Upcoming Classes

### **Monday**

Advanced Obedience, 6:00-7:00 pm. New Class starts on June 5<sup>th</sup>!  
Beyond Basic Obedience, 7:00-8:00 pm.

### **Tuesday**

Handling, 6:00-7:00 pm. **No class on June 20<sup>th</sup>.**  
Beginner Obedience, 6:00-7:00 pm.

### **Wednesday**

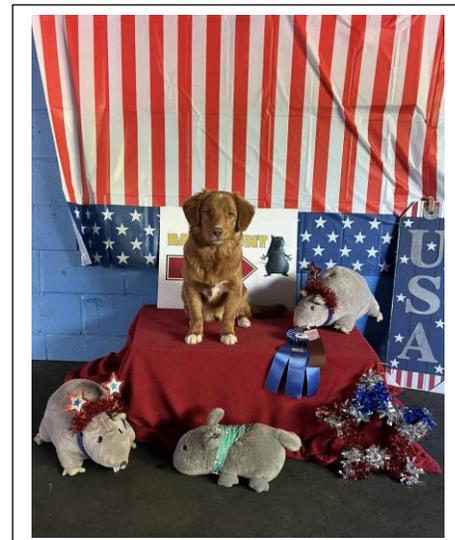
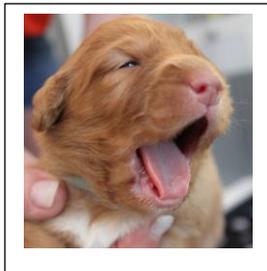
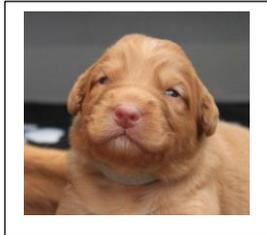
Competitive Nosework, 6:00 pm. **No class on June 14<sup>th</sup>.**

# Toller News

Poppy, co-owned by Danielle Schumacher and Donna gave birth to five puppies, one boy and four girls on May 16. A first-time mom, Poppy is doing great! Meet the Beach Baby litter and their names are Race, male, after the Race Point Lighthouse, Sunny, Isla, Sandy, and Salty. Shown below in that order.

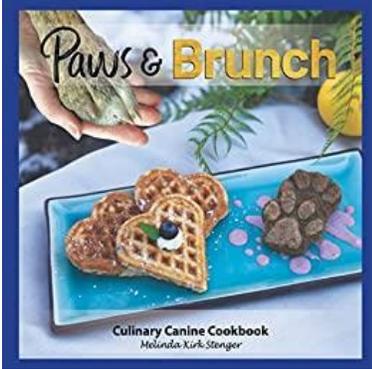
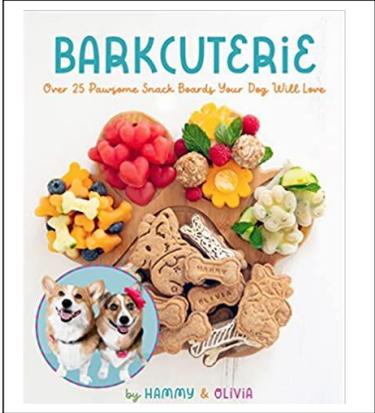
Both Ketch and Zaya did a great job at Barn Hunt trials. Zaya moved up to Open trials and earned a second place with her time of 1:25.56 and Ketch took first place in Novice with her time of 1:16.43.

Both Ketch and Zaya will show in conformation this weekend in Wrentham, MA. Ketch will also show in conformation and Vice in Fast Cat and Dock Diving Father's Day weekend in Brooklyn, CT.



# Heads and Tails

Two new books for the foodie. Both have fun recipes your pup will love and both are available at our local indie bookstore, RJ Julia.



**2nd annual!!** **Pets in the Park** 

**June 4th, 2023**

 **11am to 4pm** 

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