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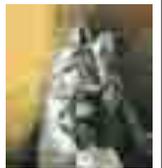
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- Hippie Dog Costume Contest - 4:15pm
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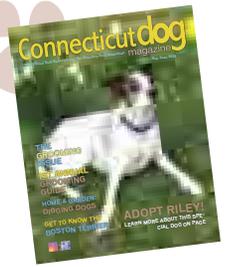
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In the Last Issue...

Riley, the dog who graced the cover in the last issue, had a potential family interested from Block Island but the family was concerned about the lack of veterinary care on the island. Riley is still available for adoption. Please reach out to CT Animal House if you are interested in this lovable dog!



Riley is a pointer mix. She is a 10-year old senior girl who weighs 65-pounds. Riley came to CT Animal House after they had received a call from animal control asking for help. She had a benign fatty tumor removed from her shoulder area. Now that it's been removed, Riley is quite active in her senior years! She loves to play with other dogs. Older children would be best for her. She doesn't mind cats, either. She's loyal, faithful and very sweet. Please give this girl a chance. Call 860-400-2660 or visit www.ctanimalhouse.org to inquire about Riley.

Meet Cover Dog Khloe...

Our new cover girl is Khloe. Khloe is 7-years old. She came into rescue because her owner no longer had time for her and did the right thing by getting her to a rescue. Khloe is sweet and lovable. She gives the most amazing kisses... you might even need a towel! She enjoys receiving affection in return. She loves her people and would make a wonderful companion for the right person in the right environment. An experienced Boston terrier owner would be best for her. Khloe likes a quiet home with a person (or a couple) who are somewhat active, love to walk and live in a quiet area. She does not like other dogs. If you are interested in adopting this lovely lady, please contact Northeast Boston Terrier Rescue, Inc. at www.nebostonrescue.org. Photo credit: Kim Barnet



Khloe

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Fairfield County Events

Summer Camp – Pet Lover

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

265 Federal Road, Brookfield

www.thepotteryfactory.com

Paws and Pints

Sunday, July 21, 2019

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Mill River Park Collaborative, Stamford

www.millriverpark.org

Ice Cream Social & Dog Adoption

Saturday, August 10, 2019

12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Common Bond Market, Shelton

www.spottedogrescue.org

Dog Days, New Canaan

Photo credit: Hybrid Media



Strutt Mutt Newtown Park & Bark

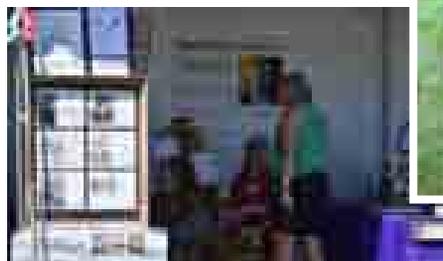
Photo credit: Benay Yaffe

Back in May, the Newtown Park and Bark hosted the 10th Strutt Your Mutt event. Portions of the proceeds were donated to help local spay and neuter non-profit organizations, while some of the funds will be used to upgrade the dog park and purchase disposable waste bags.



Catherine's Butterfly Party, Newtown

Photo credit: Sarah Kwashnak



Hartford County Events

First Fridays: Dog Days of Summer
 Friday, July 5, 2019
 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 4 Railroad Street, Simsbury
www.dogstarrescue.org

Canines & Coffee
 Saturday, July 6, 2019
 Saturday, August 3, 2019
 Saturday, August 17, 2019
 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Green Tails Market, Farmington
www.greentailsmarket.co

Finest Hours July with Dog Star Rescue
 Wednesday, July 10, 2019
 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
 The Hartford Club, Hartford
www.dogstarrescue.org

Wagging Hour
 Friday, July 12, 2019
 Friday, July 20, 2019
 Friday, August 9, 2019

Friday, August 23, 2019
 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 Green Tails Market, Farmington
www.greentailsmarket.com

2019 Connecticut K-9 Olympics
 Saturday, July 20, 2019
 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 285 Shaker Road, Enfield
K9-olympics.police.uconn.edu

Newington Life. Be in it. Extravaganza
 Saturday, July 20, 2019
 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Mill Pond Park, Newington
www.newingtonct.gov

4th Annual Caroline Dorman
 Memorial Benefit
 Sunday, July 21, 2019
 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 50West, Plainville
 860-351-5066

2019 Police K-9 Expo Certification Program
 Friday, August 23, 2019
 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Farmington Polo Grounds, Farmington
www.hometownfoundation.org

Clear the Shelters
 Saturday, August 17, 2019
 6:30 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 Protectors of Animals, East Hartford
www.poinc.org

Dream Ride
 Thursday, August 23, 2019
 Friday, August 24, 2019
 Saturday, August 25, 2019
 Farmington Polo Grounds, Farmington
www.dreamride.org

Putts for Mutts Golf Tournament
 Saturday, August 24, 2019
 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 Airways Golf, West Suffield
www.yappytails.org

Bark 'N Dash Family Dog 5K Run/Walk, Granby

Photo credit: Granby Recreation



Going Off-Leash near Hartford

The Rocky Hill Dog Park at Elm Ridge Park is a 1.5-acre fenced off-leash park where dogs can run and play. There's a separate area for small dogs. Drinking water is available. Rules: Dogs must have a current rabies vaccination tag and be licensed. Dogs must enter and leave the park area on a leash. Pet owners must clean up after their dog. Only two dogs allowed per person.

The Glastonbury Dog Park at Riverfront Park is a 2-acre off-leash park that is located on Welles Street. There is a separate area for small dogs. There are benches, waste receptacles and pet waste disposal bags. Bring water for your dogs. Rules: Dogs must have valid rabies tag and dog license. Dogs must also be on a leash when entering or exiting the park. Pet owners must clean up after their dog. Only two dogs allowed per person.

Paws for Applause, Hartford

Photo Credit Susan Wollschlager



Paw it Forward Challenge: Help Heal Pets



Puppy Madness Naming for Charity



Growing up had a lab retriever and in 8th grade made a bet of straight A's we get another. Maximus highlighted coming home after high school. Working in a family business having an office dog seemed right. We received over 150 name suggestions and then bracketed for votes coinciding with the NCAA tournament. For each vote donated .99c, resulting in over \$1,100 spread among the organizations. Shamrock won the contest over Barkley Von Woofenhauser, which we kept the clever last name. Being the insurance dog, he is out newest "Agent" which we call him around the office.

What if you could help save an animal's life just by walking? Now you can! Connecticut Humane Society (CHS) teamed up with Woof-Trax and The Walking Company for a fun challenge. Here's how it works, if CHS adds 500 new walkers (walking for CHS pets) on the free WoofTrax app, the pets win \$1,000 from the Walking Company!

That's correct, dog lovin' folks can actually help raise money for pets in need just by walking! Its easy to do... simply download the "Walk for a Dog" app on your smart phone and select Connecticut Humane Society as the charity you'll be "walking for" then open the app every time you walk, regardless if you walk with your dog or not. You must walk at least 10 times before Friday, August 30, 2019. Visit www.cthumane.org for more information.

Cooking for Dogs



Cooking Gone to the Dogs takes place for an entire week at the Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust in Woodbury. Running from 1 – 5 p.m. starting Monday, July 15, 2019 and ending Friday, July 15, 2019, children get to cook for dogs making dog cupcakes, bones and treats. Donations will be made for those children who do not have a dog. There's a limit to how many students can join. For more information visit www.flandersnaturecenter.org

Great Country Mutt Show, Cornwall

Photo credit: Chet Krayewski and Christine Snyder



Litchfield County Events

Annual July 4th Pet Parade and
Turn of the Century Fest

Thursday, July 4, 2019

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Litchfield Historical Society, Litchfield

www.litchfieldhistoricalsociety.org

August First Friday: Dog Daze of Summer

Friday, July 5, 2019

Friday, August 2, 2019

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Valley Spirit Wellness Center, Washington

www.explorewashingtonct.com

Night for Little Guild

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

5:00 p.m. - closing

AJ's Steakhouse, Goshen www.littleguild.org

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Adoption Event

Saturday, July 13, 2019

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

PetValu, Winsted

www.littleguild.org

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2nd Annual Wine & Woof

Sunday, July 28, 2019

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunset Meadows, Goshen

www.littleguild.com

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Middlesex County Events

Adoption Awareness
 Saturday, July 13, 2019
 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 Goodspeed Opera House, East Haddam
www.goodspeed.org



Hammonasset Beach State Park allows leashed dogs in the picnic areas, ball fields, nature trails, and bike paths year-round. However, dogs are only allowed on the beaches from November 1 until the end of March. Keep in mind that visitors that bring their pet onto the beach from April 1 through October 31 are subject to fines if caught.

Winn Dixie at the Goodspeed Opera house

The Goodspeed Opera House is showing *Be-cause of Winn Dixie* in the theatre from June 28, 2019 – September 1, 2019. This show has a live dog that will appear on the stage as well as in the auditorium. Service dogs are allowed. However, if you have a service dog, please contact the box office immediately. For your safety and the safety to your service animal, you will need to be seated in a location that would be appropriate. Visit www.goodspeed.org for more information on pet policies, the performance, show times, special offerings and packages or for ticket information.

Essex Steam Train Goes to the Pets!



On Mondays throughout July and August, the Essex Steam Train & Riverboat will donate \$1 from every ticket that is sold on their regular daytime train and train & boat excursions. The Essex Steam Train and Riverboat have been donating to rescue since the end of June to organizations such as Homeward Bound in Chester and Valley Shore Animal Welfare League in Westbrook. Donations will continue to go to a different rescue organization each week. However, due to the food license, aside from service animals, no pets will be allowed at the station, on the train or on the boat. If

you are interested in purchasing tickets or learning more about the rescue organizations, please visit essexsteamtrain.com. Here is a list of the remaining weeks and the name of the rescue organization that will be receiving the donation for that week:

July 1, 2019: Connecticut Humane Society in Newington

July 8, 2019: Double Dog Rescue in Unionville

July 15, 2019: Forgotten Felines in Westbrook

July 22, 2019: Homeward Bound in Chester

July 29, 2019: Valley Shore Animal Welfare League in Westbrook

August 5, 2019: Connecticut Humane Society in Newington

August 12, 2019: Double Dog Recue in Unionville

August 19, 2019: Forgotten Felines in Westbrook

Meet & Greet in Middletown

On Saturday, July 13, 2019 from 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., Protectors of Animal (POA) will be at the Petco in Middletown for interested families to meet some of the dogs they have available for adoption. Visit poainc.org for more information.

Out shopping?



The Tanager Outlets in Westbrook and the Clinton Crossing Premium Outlets in Clinton both allow properly leashed dogs that are well-behaved in the common areas. It's up to the individual stores if they will allow dogs to go inside the stores.

New Haven County Events

Project Precious Rescue Anniversary Fundraiser, Milford

Images provided by Project Precious Rescue



Mug & Pup Club Night
 Wednesday, July 3, 2019
 Wednesday, July 10, 2019
 Wednesday, July 17, 2019
 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 Connecticut Brewery Collective, Wolcott
www.ctbrewerycollective.com

Find a Friend for Life
 Sunday, July 14, 2019
 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 33 Branford Road, North Branford
www.findafriendforlife.org

Dogs in the Real World
 Saturday, August 3, 2019
 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
www.refinedcanine.com

Meet Pet Portrait Artist Shawna Lee
 Wednesday, August 7, 2019
 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
 CoWorker Hub, Middlebury
www.shawnalee.com

Woofstock
 Saturday, August 10, 2019
 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
 The Branford Green, Branford
www.woofstockonthebranfordgreen.org

Woof Walk
 Saturday, August 10, 2019
 11:00 a.m.
 The Branford Green, Branford
www.woofstockonthebranfordgreen.org

Appetizer & Dessert Crawl and Dog Adoption
 Sunday, August 18, 2019
 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 The Shops at Yale, New Haven
www.theshopsatyale.com

Dogs & Storks Workshop at Yale
 Tuesday, August 27, 2019
 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
 1 Long Warf Drive, New Haven
www.refinedcanine.com

Dog Days

Articles and photographs were provided by Dog Days



Dog Days organized an adoption event at Paws Pet Resort in Cheshire on May 18, 2019 and May 19, 2019. It was a picture perfect weekend with every dog, more than 80 dogs, leaving the event site with their forever families. Ten stations throughout the event were manned by a crew of more than sixty volunteers and business professionals all who donated their time and talent. Stations were set up to pre-screen and interview incoming adopters, help adopters choose the right dog for their lifestyle, introduce a new dog to their resident pets, and speak with a trainer, veterinarian and a nutritionist.

All state of Connecticut rescues and pound were invited to attend our events and the Cheshire event had rescues driving in from as far as Mississippi and Georgia.

Here are a few of the event highlights: Frito, a 13-year-old boy who had lived his entire life in the shelter found his forever home! Daisy Mae, a young pittie mix who needed eye surgery was adopted by one of our volunteers and Dog Days helped to raise the money to pay for the surgery. Volunteers from ages 8 to 80 participated in the event weekend to help homeless

dogs. All adopters were screened for references including vet references and home visits that were conducted to ensure the dogs were placed in appropriate homes.

Our next event will be in October at the Paws Pet Resort and Spa in Cheshire. Please visit www.godogdays.org for more details.

Dog Days is a Connecticut based 501(c)3 dedicated to finding homes for shelter dogs by rescuing, organizing adoption events and raising money for other rescues and pounds.

New London County Events

Agility Runs Thrus
Wednesday, July 10, 2019
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
My Dog's Place, East Lyme
www.mydogsplace.com

Parading Paws Dog Show
Saturday, July 27, 2019
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Florence Griswold Museum, Old Lyme
www.florencegriswoldmuseum.org

Puppy Social, Mystic



My Dog's Place offers Puppy Socials! Playgroups are for pups from 10-weeks old up until 6-months old. It's an hour of off-leash play so your pup can get plenty of exercise and supervised socialization. The Puppy Social takes place on Mondays at 7:15 p.m. and Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. at the Mystic location and on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. at the East Lyme location. To find out more on what you need to bring your puppy to Puppy Social then visit www.mydogsplace.com.



Rocky Neck State Park



Rocky Neck State Park allows leashed dogs on the hiking trails and picnic areas north of train tracks year-round. Dogs are never allowed in the campground or in areas south of the train tracks, beaches or boardwalk.

A Dog's World was recently voted as one of the top three winners in the Pets: Pet Boarding/Daycare category for The Bulletin. Congratulations to A Dog's World! Turn to page 35 to see their ad.

Animal Control Appreciation Day, Ledyard



TOLLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY



Mission for Papi

Sarha's Second Chance Dog Rescue is committed to helping dogs in need find homes. For those dogs that have medical issues and cannot be placed in a home, the rescue also acts as a sanctuary. Currently Papi is a senior dog that needs a right eye removal. Everything has been done to try and save his eye but it just won't heal. For Papi to have a better quality of life, his eye needs to be removed. Please help Papi with a donation that can be made directly through the rescue's website at www.sarah2ndchance.wixsite.com or through Tolland Veterinary Hospital, 860-875-5748. Photo credit: Sarah's Second Chance Dog Rescue

WINDHAM COUNTY COMMUNITY

Help Zodiac

Zodiac was a homeless dog mom with seven puppies in Georgia. She was malnourished and had an eye infection. The lady who found Zodiac and her pups had called animal control several times but nobody came to help. That's when East Coast Canine Rescue took in Zodiac and her puppies. Zodiac had one surgery done in Georgia but it was unsuccessful. She's on medication now and will undergo another surgery. She's currently being fostered on a farm and exposed to farm animals. She loves everyone. She's dog and cat friendly. East Coast Canine Rescue is accepting donations for her medical expenses. She is available for adoption. Her puppies have all been adopted. Please help Zodiac with her medical expenses and give her a home.



A word of warning about using \$4 microchips:

Recently a deceased dog was found in a dumpster in North Windham. He had an unregistered microchip starting with 990. This prefix is typical of the cheapest microchips on the market and there is a reason for that: The suppliers of those chips do not maintain a database that can match an unregistered microchip with its purchaser (most likely a rescue group or a breeder). If an unregistered microchip from a company that maintains a database of its microchip sales (like 24 Pet Watch) is detected in an animal, we can call the company and ask who purchased that microchip. Many times those



entities (municipal pound, humane society, rescue) will have internal records of the microchip numbers, and the owner can be tracked that way. In the case of the deceased dog, we may never know who left it in such an ignoble way instead

of giving their friend a respectful burial or cremation. Note to rescue groups: Do not count on your adopters to properly register the microchips. Do it yourself or have your adopters do it in front of you before they leave, and make sure your group is entered as an emergency contact. The animals' lives may depend on it. Joan Lamont, Windham Animal Control Officer

Windham County Events

Dog Days at Hanks Dairy Bar
 Sunday, July 14, 2019
 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Hank's Dairy Bar, Plainfield
 860-933-2221

Assessing Behavior in Shelter Dogs

Story and photos by Laura Selvaggio Burban



Can you imagine in one day losing your family, your home and going to jail for doing nothing wrong? Now imagine everyone around you is staring or pointing at you, antagonizing you, sticking fingers in your area, judging you so harshly because of your anxious, fearful or possibly aggressive behaviors. This happens every day throughout the United States to thousands of shelter dogs.

I spent 5 years conducting research in 7 Connecticut animal shelters. On multiple occasions, I even slept in a kennel for 7 days straight throughout different seasons to evaluate dog's behaviors and their environment. I never left the kennel except for using the restroom. This unique experience gave me a better perspective of what abandoned/homeless shelter dogs are exposed to.

Myself, along with other scientists and animal professionals, determined environmental conditions of sound, temperature and humidity in which dogs appeared to have less maladaptive behaviors. We named these conditions the Canine Comfort Index (CCI).

Sound is of major concern when studying kenneled shelter dogs. Without baffling panels, kennel sound levels can reach over 120 decibels regularly. What does 120 decibels sound like? It sounds like a constant chainsaw! Temperature and humidity can vary drastically from day to day in kennels due to many animal shelters with kennels open to outdoors.

My research suggests that canines exposed to sound levels above 80 decibels may demonstrate greater maladaptive behaviors in kennels. Long-term exposure could cause permanent hearing loss resulting in undesirable behaviors such as loud consistent barking/whining, pacing, biting fencing etc. We also determined that unspayed/unneutered kenneled dogs may have the added physiological stress of being ready to mate, but yet unable to access another dog. Altered dogs' behaviors were



considered more desirable to adopters. This research also found dogs labeled as pit bull mix breeds showed a higher proportion of stress than dogs labeled as non-pit bull breeds.

Environmental factors have significant effects on shelter dog's behaviors. These behaviors could be modified with alterations. Alterations to consider would be housing canines in more ideal conditions.

The CCI recommended levels are temperatures between 65-75 ° F, humidity levels between 45-55% and sound levels under 80 decibels.

My hope with writing this article is to inspire others to conduct research to help shelter animals. Ultimately, continued research conducted on shelter dog's welfare will help society have a better understanding of improving adoptions, decreasing length of stay and therefore decreasing euthanasia.



Laura Selvaggio Burban has been a life-long animal advocate. Laura currently serves as the Director of Branford's Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter, which also serves North Branford since 2008.

Since becoming the director of the shelter in 2008, Laura has created initiatives to promote animal awareness and responsible pet ownership in Branford and the surrounding communities. In 2010, Laura started the Summer Animal Camp Program for children. The animal camp is an education-based program that fosters respect for all living creatures. This program provides children with a well-rounded, diverse, hands-on experience interacting with various species.

Laura received her Master of Science Degree in 2018 from the University of Connecticut. Her degree was focused on Environmental Factors that Affect kenneled Shelter Dogs. She also received a Graduate Certificate in 2016 from UCONN in Nonprofit and Governmental Management. Laura's received awards from the Branford Police Department for animal cruelty investigations, was recognized by the State of Connecticut in her work to stop animal cruelty, and was acknowledged as one of the "Top Five Players" in Animal Rescue by New Haven Living Magazine. She also received the Board of Directors special award in 2019 from the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce for her work with helping the community as Executive Director of the animal shelter.

Enter the 2019 Connecticut Dog's 2nd Annual Cover Contest

This year, Connecticut Dog partnered up with Vista Life Innovations and the Florence Griswold Museum for our upcoming 2019 Connecticut Dog Cover Contest.

The 2nd Annual Connecticut Dog Cover Contest will be held this year at the Midsummer Parading Paws Dog Show, which is part of the Old Lyme Midsummer Festival, to be held on Saturday, July 27, 2019 at the Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme. The Midsummer Parading Paws Dog Show is sponsored by Vista Life Innovations.

Vista Life Innovations is a nonprofit, post-secondary educational program dedicated to imagining the possibilities and empowering the lives of individuals with disabilities. Our mission is providing services and resources to assist individuals with disabilities achieve personal success.

Dogs participating in the Midsummer Parading Paws Dog Show will be judged on various categories such as Best Costume, Longest Tail, Biggest Paws, Best Trick and Best Smile! Connecticut Dog's Assistant Editor, Amelia Mae Roberts will be one of the judges for this contest! So, stop by and say hello! This is one event that you don't want to miss!

Midsummer Parading Paws Dog Show:

Registration for the Midsummer Parading Paws Dog Show 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Judging for the Midsummer Parading Paws Dog Show begins at 10:45 a.m.

The Parading Paws Dog Show runs until 11:30 a.m.

2nd Annual Connecticut Dog Cover Contest:

The 2019 Connecticut Dog Cover Contest starts at 9:00 a.m. and runs until 3:00 p.m.

You'll find us alongside the registration booth for the Parading Paws Dog Show.

Visit www.connecticutdog.com to learn more about the 2019 Connecticut Dog Cover Contest.

Visit www.vistalifeinnovations.org to learn more about the sponsor of the Midsummer Parading Paws Dog Show.

Visit www.florencegriswoldmuseum.org to learn more about the Old Lyme Midsummer Festival.



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Safety tips for your dog on **4th of July**

Keep in mind that on our nation's birthday, dogs can get stressed over the disturbances that go on throughout the evening. Due to their acute sense of hearing, loud noises often upset and scare dogs. Connecticut Dog recommends that pet owners take the time to follow a few safety precautions to ensure that your dog is out of harms way on Independence Day.

- 🐾 Don't take your pets to events that have fireworks. Fireworks can be extremely terrifying to your pet.
- 🐾 Distract your dog from the loud noises by playing fun games with your pet inside the house. Try using an old favorite ball or introduce a new toy.
- 🐾 Never leave your dog unattended outside. A scared pet may escape the yard in an attempt to find a safe place and may get injured or lost in the process.
- 🐾 Always make sure that your dog is wearing current identification tags including the dog's name, address, and phone number. In the event that your dog gets lost, Identification tags can help you both reunite.
- 🐾 It's always a good idea to safety proof your home from anything that could harm or hurt your pet. This way, a dog that may become destructive out of fear is less likely to get injured.
- 🐾 Turn on the television or radio. These background noises may help distract your pet from the sound of loud fireworks.
- 🐾 Be sure to close all the windows and doors in your home because doing so will reduce the sound of the fireworks.
- 🐾 Closing the drapes and blinds to your windows can prevent flashes of light from the fireworks from shining through.
- 🐾 If you're planning to go out for the evening, make arrangements to have someone stay home with your pet. A dog sitter may be the perfect solution.
- 🐾 Take a mini-vacation with your dog to a city or state that has noise restrictions to ensure a peaceful and quieter Independence Day evening.
- 🐾 If you know that your dog suffers from firework frenzy, try giving him a calm and soothing massage or a homeopathic bath.
- 🐾 Speak to your vet about how you can reduce the stress level in your dog. There are plenty of local natural dog stores with a staff that has an array of knowledge about natural products that may help reduce the stress in your pet.

By being a prepared and caring owner, your pet can make it through this difficult evening and be back to himself the next day!

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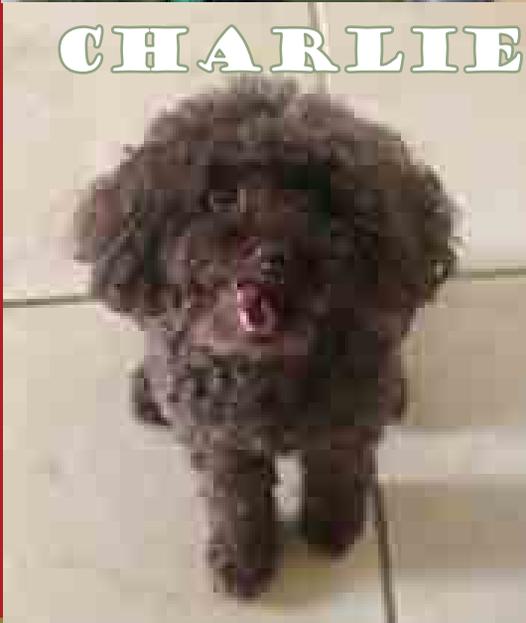
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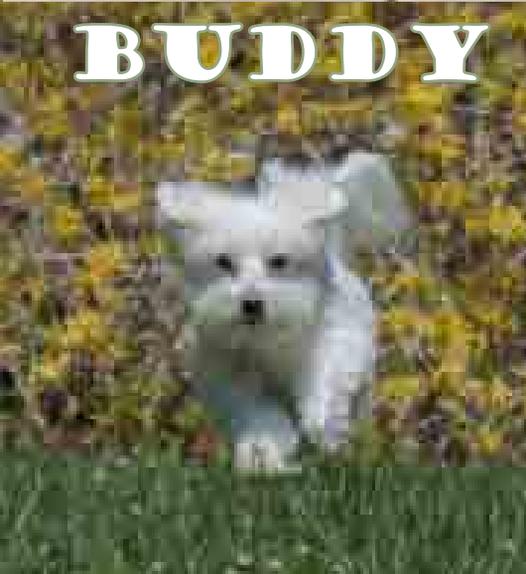
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Retractable Leashes & Harnesses what are we teaching our pets?

By Dr. Jennifer Webb

When you walk into the pet store today, you can find a wide variety of leashes, collars and harnesses to choose from. Many people believe that a harness and/or a retractable leash are good tools used to walk dogs comfortably but, whose comfort are we so concerned with? And why would it be uncomfortable to walk a dog with a collar and flat leash? Let's take a close look at these means of restraint and what they are really designed to do. What do they teach our dogs?

A harness is designed to allow the wearer to comfortably put pressure on the shoulders and lean into the restraint from the leash. The shoulders are what we use to carry weight. Think about backpacks for humans. Picture horses pulling a buggy or carriage down the road. The harness is designed so that the animal can put its weight into the "pull" comfortably. This may be beneficial in certain situations, but if your animal pulls and you don't want it to; this is not the restraint tool for you.

Retractable leashes are designed to allow and even encourage the dog to put pressure on the leash allowing the leash to "stretch" away from the owner. The dog is essentially being rewarded for leaning into the leash pressure by the leash extension, which allows the dog to reach where it wanted to go. The design does have a "stop button" that stops the leash from extending, essentially making the leash work as a flat leash would. There is nothing wrong with the design of this leash. There are a lot of things wrong with the way these leashes are commonly used.

When you obtain a puppy or even an adult dog, the dog does not automatically know how to walk on a leash correctly. Walking on a leash is a learned behavior just like a child learning to walk holding a hand or a young horse learning to walk with a halter and lead. Dogs and horses walk "correctly" on a lead when they are watching the human leader they are attached to and adjusting their stride to match that of their leader. When we teach this behavior, we must make it easy for the individual to understand by having clear and consistent boundaries. For instance, the first step in teaching a foal to lead is to teach the foal that leash pressure is something that the animal must give to. Giving to the flat leash pressure means that the animal must be the one to step towards the leash holder to relieve the pressure. The animal learns that pulling only occurs when the animal is doing it. If you simply sit and hold the leash against your leg allowing the



puppy to explore how far it can go and what happens when it pulls; within 10 minutes or so it will figure out that its job is to release the pressure by coming closer to you. An inanimate object such as a tree or wall is not going to pull back so you are mimicking that initially. Once the puppy has begun to understand the idea of leash pressure and release, the "tree" can begin to move. The puppy should then simply follow you as soon as it feels the pressure from the leash because it has learned that it must come closer to you "the tree" to relieve the pressure. Puppies will generally resist this at first. Only take one or two steps at first and allow the puppy to work through the concept. The leader must simply wait any resistance or "temper tantrum" behavior out without getting upset or becoming a part of the pulling. (Hold your hand against your leg firmly if you must so that your arm is not involved in the pull). Standing still with patience until the dog decides to come towards you, releasing the pressure on its own, is what will create a dog that understands and can work through the learning process. They must be given time to work out the problem on their own.

These skills are best learned with a flat leash and a martingale collar (a collar with a small section that will choke down some so the dog cannot wiggle its head out if it tries to back up) or a "Haltie-head collar" that is similar to a halter on a horse. Older or stronger dogs that still want to pull or fight a weaker owner may learn to give to pressure quicker with a pressure-point collar as this collar will simply make it more uncomfortable for the dog to lean on it. It does not hurt at all if the dog is not pulling. If you don't believe me, try wearing it as a wristband. It only feels uncomfortable when there is pressure on it. This type of collar must be fitted properly and should only be on the dog while the dog is exercising on a leash.

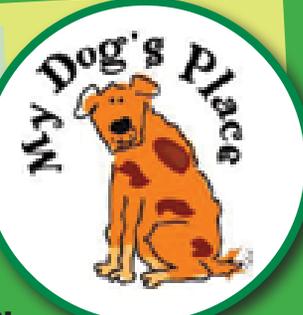
Now let's talk about what we are teaching our dogs when we use harnesses and retractable leashes to walk or exercise them. Remember harnesses and retractable leashes allow and even encourage dogs to pull. They make it comfortable to do so. If the desire is to have the dog lead you somewhere, then a harness is the way to go. Police dogs commonly wear harnesses when they are tracking a suspect through the woods so that they can pull their handler along behind them. They do not wear the harness when walking on a leash otherwise. Dogs can be comfortable walking on a leash when we take the time to train them appropriately to do so. It is not in the dog's best interest or in our best interest as the owner to have a dog that is "comfortable" dragging us around by its harness or on its retractable leash. It is not safe, period. The dog is in control, not the owner. Would you allow your small child to be more than 10 feet in front of you walking into an unfamiliar area, store or a veterinary office? If the dog is more than 10ft in front of the owner at the end of a leash, this is exactly what is happening and the owner can do nothing if another person or animal approaches the dog.

There are appropriate uses for harnesses and even retractable leashes. Harnesses can be beneficial to small dogs with tracheal collapse or dogs with a chronic neck injury. They can be used for dogs during tracking work such as police or search and rescue. However, most dogs that wear harnesses are simply dragging their owners around because they have been given the tool to comfortably do so. They do not "need" the harness for any other purpose. Retractable leashes can safely be used to allow small dogs to potty in areas where there are no other dogs or people. They should not be used in public situations when you need to have control of your dog unless the "stop lock" is on so they are working like a flat leash would. They should not be used for dogs over 10lbs as they allow the heavier dog to gain too much momentum when they "hit" the end of leash, possibly damaging the neck and flipping the owner off their feet. Retractable leashes can also scare dogs when an owner drops the end and the "stop lock" is not on because the leash will essentially chase the dog as it retracts.

Ultimately, we restrain our dogs, our children and even ourselves for safety. Proper use of restraint tools allows us all to be more comfortable and have a better, more enjoyable experience taking our family members out in public

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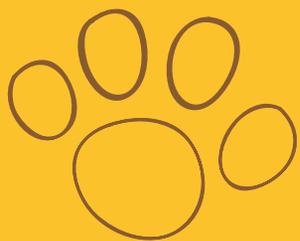
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Peanut Butter Banana Ice Cream

1 ripe organic banana
32 oz. plain organic
yogurt
2 teaspoons organic
peanut butter
2 teaspoons raw honey
(optional)

Add all of the
Ingredients into a
blender. Blend until
smooth.
Pour small amounts
into a container.
Freeze the treats
until frozen.
Soften before you serve.



Homemade Ice Cream Treats

Spoil your canine companion with homemade ice cream this summer! These little bites of heaven will serve as a refreshing healthy treat that your dog will enjoy anytime of the year. Find out which one of these flavors is your dog's favorite. To get started you will need something to freeze the ice cream in. Ice cube trays, muffin tins, or paper cups are good to use for the mold. Base the mold size according to your dog's size. For instance, for large dogs use a muffin tin for the mold or for smaller dogs use a small ice cube tray for the mold. Use a stainless steel bowl for a larger mold which would allow you to scoop out the desired amount of ice cream into your dog's dish.



Peanut Butter Strawberry Ice Cream

32 oz. plain organic yogurt
2 teaspoons organic peanut butter
1/4 cup fresh organic strawberries

Add all the ingredients into a blender.
Blend until smooth. Pour small amounts into
a container. Freeze until treats are frozen.
Soften before you serve.

Pumpkin Ice Cream

32 oz. plain organic yogurt
1 can of 100% pure organic
pumpkin puree
2 teaspoons organic raw honey (optional)

Add all of the ingredients into a blender.
Blend until smooth. Pour small amounts into a
container. Freeze until treats are frozen.
Soften before you serve.

You can add special toppings to your dog's ice cream. For instance, try sprinkling small amounts of crispy rice cereal, organic grated apples, a spoonful of lukewarm organic applesauce, a dusting of carob powder, or a pinch of crushed dog biscuits.

Plain yogurt in small amounts is safe for dog but in large quantities the lactose could cause stomach upset. However, the live bacteria and active cultures found in most yogurts prove to be beneficial and aid in digestion for both dogs and people. If your dog has allergies to soy, do not use soy yogurt. Do not add any sugar or any artificial ingredients to the recipes, as it could be harmful to your pet.

Banana Blueberry Ice Cream

32 oz. plain organic yogurt
1 ripe organic banana
1/4 cup fresh organic blueberries

Add all of the ingredients into a
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Located on Block Island, just a ferry ride away from the Rhode Island shoreline, stands the newly renovated luxurious boutique hotel, Hotel Manisses. This Victorian landmark is a getaway escape that stands centered, with only 13 miles from the shores of Nantucket, Rhode Island and 13 miles from Montauk Point, Long Island.



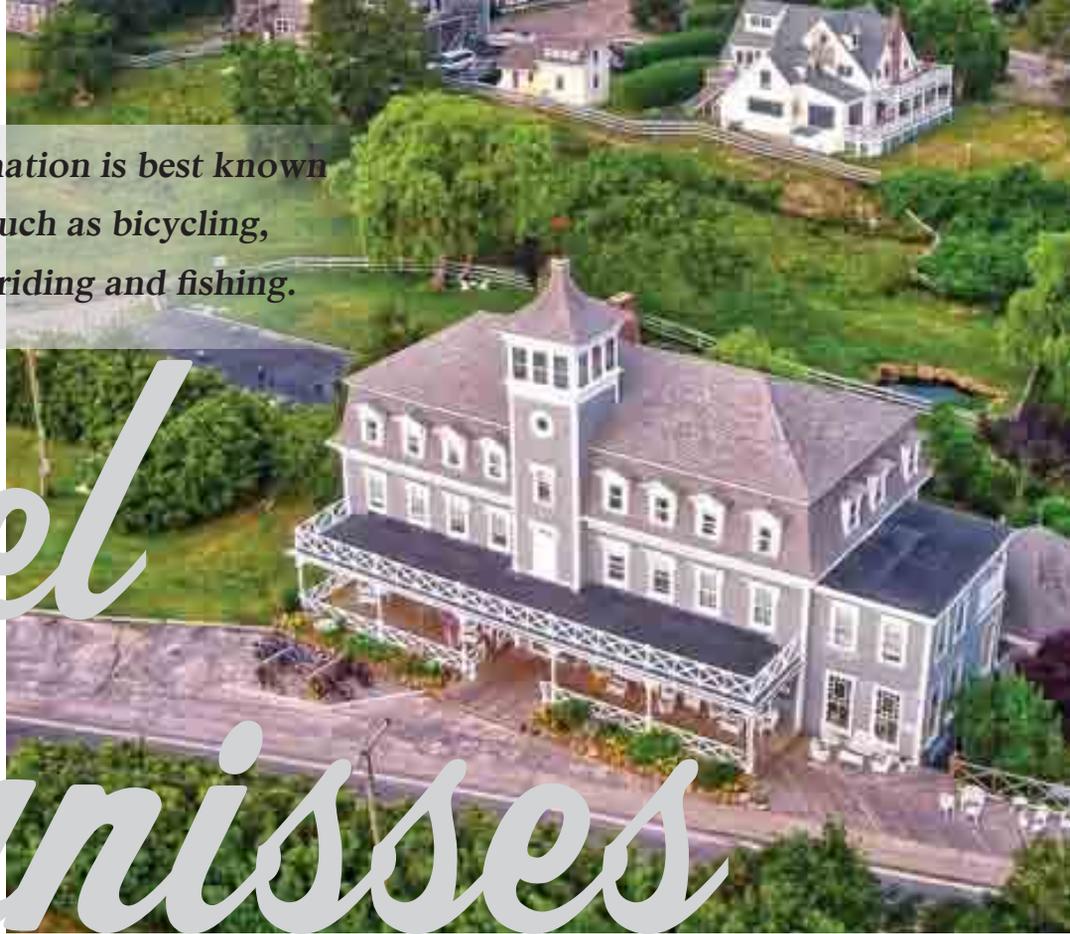
HOTEL MANISSES

A Boutique Hotel & Restaurant

The island itself offers a breathtaking landscape with 40 percent of the island serving as conservation land. Visitors and the yearly residents of Block Island enjoy the 17 miles of beaches, two historic lighthouses, the bluffs, the harbor as well as the many unique shops, galleries and restaurants. Throughout the summer, this popular tourist destination is best known for its outdoor activities such as bicycling, hiking, sailing, horseback riding and fishing. The most popular and probably the most crowded time to visit the island would be during the Fourth of July holiday as there is a parade, celebration and fireworks. Other fun summertime festivities include Block Island Race Week, Country Fest, The Great Salt Pond Swim, Block Island Triathlon, House and Garden Tour and the Lion's Club Clambake.

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Hotel Manisses



When staying at Hotel Manisses, guests experience modern luxury with pre-arrival concierge services, thoughtful touches in the guest rooms, air conditioning, quality bedding and linens, aromatherapy bath amenities, and excellent on-site dining options.

Just recently, the hotel started to offer a limited number of pup-friendly accommodations available for booking directly with the hotel. In fact, two of the pet-friendly accommodations that have their own private entrances allow for allow for small dogs. During your stay with your pup, as you lounge around and relax at the hotel, you can fully appreciate the hotel's veranda patio and illy café because they offer pup-friendly dining!

Expect impeccable service when dining at Hotel Manisses as the hotel restaurant is known for its attention to detail. The exceptional service when intertwined with the thoughtful, chef inspired menu provides guests with a uniquely delightful dining experience. Here you'll be able to enjoy rustic seasonal and sea inspired dishes along with refreshing contemporary craft cocktails. The tasting menus provide flavorful offerings with dishes that highlight the restaurant's relationship with the local farms and purveyors. Guests can enjoy dining outside in the garden or inside at the bar and dining room. The restaurant offers breakfast, lunch and dinner with the raw bar and brunch running Memorial Day through September.

Getting to Block Island with a pup is easy! The Block Island (BI) ferry and planes allow pets to travel on a leash or in a crate. For information on the BI ferry, visit www.blockislandferry.com or call 401-783-4613. For information on flying to the island, visit www.blockislandairline.com or call 800-243-2460.

Just a few notes, the hotel asks guests not to leave their pet unattended during their stay and require a cell phone number and permission to access the room, should your pet become disruptive to other guests. There is a \$50 fee per pet stay. If you are attending an event on the island during your stay at Hotel Manisses, it's recommended that guests contact the Mutt Hut to pre-schedule an island pet-sitter. For pup friendly accommodations at Hotel Manisses, please call +1 401 466 9898 for availability.



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The Sponsor an Adoptable Dog feature became a community effort between Connecticut Dog magazine and various Connecticut businesses that wanted to help dogs that are having trouble getting adopted. These pets are available for adoption through a local rescue organization or city shelter. There are various reasons why some pets do not get adopted or spend too many years in a shelter or foster situation. For example:

- They are overlooked in the shelter.**
- They moved around a lot or have bounced from one foster home to another.**
- They have special needs and require a lot of attention and/or financial needs.**
- They have endured some sort of trauma.**
- They are senior pets.**

They have a lot of love to share and they really need someone to love them, too. These special pets need a special kind of person or family to care for them.

The following pages will showcase a variety of wonderful pets that are in desperate need to find a loving forever home with the right family. If you've ever thought about adopting a cat or dog or adding another furry family member to your family then please take the time to look through the following pages and read about each one of these available and adoptable pets. If you find one that you like, take the time to look up that rescue or shelter online, email or give a call to find out more information about the pet, adoption application and adoption fees.

When you adopt, you save a life. When you save a life, it becomes a rewarding experience.

If you have a business or if you are a rescue organization or city shelter that would like to be a part of the Connecticut Dog's Sponsor an Adoptable Dog program, please visit www.connecticutdog.com for more information.

APRIL

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ASHLYN

Ashlyn is a 3-year old sweet girl that was found dumped in Keeney Park and was caught after being hit by a car. She has a displaced hip, which has been reset. Needs very limited exercise for at least a month to see if hip stays in place. If it does, no surgery will be needed. Need foster home or forever home. Good with dogs she met.



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BELLA

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BOSCO

Bosco is a 5 year-old Miniature Bulldog. Bosco needs a quiet home with no other animals. Bosco does not do well with other dogs and is very unhappy in his foster situation where many foster dogs come and go and make him highly anxious.



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Brinley is a super sweet but shy 1-year old retriever mix. Brinley has been waiting patiently for her perfect family with a four-legged sibling!



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DIGIT

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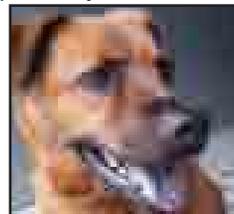
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GUINNESS

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MARTY

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Victor is a bulldog, 2-3 years old. Victor was rescued off a meat truck on the way to slaughter in China. Victor is a very sweet affectionate boy. He loves his people and gets along fine with other dogs. However, Victor does need an experienced handler because he came from nothing, so now when he gets toys and beds and happy things in his life, he tends to want to become a bit dominant.



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WILLOW

This sweet 5-year old female Staffordshire terrier/English bulldog mix is good with other dogs. She needs just to loose a little weight. She has a puppy that can also be adopted with her.



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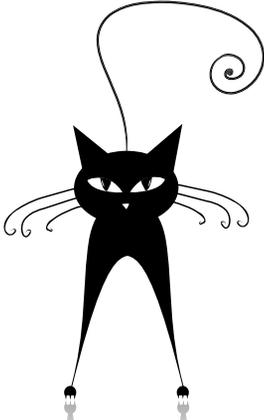


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Compulsive Grooming in Cats



The cleanliness of cats is no secret. Cats tend to groom themselves quite well. Yet, some cats become obsessive with their hygiene. There are a few reasons you may find your cat licking or scratching more than usual. Discovering the reasons may depend on various factors, for instance, your kitten may have a parasite or your older cat may be suffering from a neurological disease. Regardless, any action done in excess is not good, including licking and scratching.

Your cat could be with a medical condition and that would explain the reason for the continued licking and scratching. It's best to eliminate any medical reason before assuming a psychological one. Parasites such as fleas, ticks, mites, lice and ringworm can be troubling your cat. It's best to seek help from your veterinarian so that you can get the treatment necessary to help your cat. Allergies can also cause skin discomfort and irritations. If you suspect that your cat suffers from allergies, it's best to see if it has something to do with the food your cat is consuming. You can do this by switching foods. After several weeks, if your cat is still scratching and licking, then you know that it may be something else. It may take several attempts before you find a food that agrees with your cat. Your veterinarian can also help you by suggesting other ideas to help your cat with a food allergy.

Sometimes cats that excessively lick or scratch may suffer from dry skin or pain. To know the difference, watch and look over your cat to see if there's a particular spot that your cat tends to. If you find your cat licking or scratching one area over and over again it's possible your cat may be reacting to something that is painful. A cat that licks and scratches all over can be suffering from dry skin.

It happens that some cats suffer from anxiety, boredom, and/or stress that can result in a compulsive disorder. House cats that are not stimulated enough can have behavior changes, such as licking and scratching, that they do to keep themselves busy. Although, if you know your cat is bored or going through a stressful time, consider providing your cat with plenty of toys and exercise. There are many products on the market that can provide your cat with activities that require mental and physical components. Most cats enjoy being around people so interact and play with your cat. Maybe you thought about adopting another pet. Consult with a local shelter or rescue organization to ask questions to find out if it would be beneficial to your entire family.

For other cats, changes within the environment can cause stress. Licking, for some cats, is a stress reliever. Some things that have been known to cause this kind of stress would be a new animal in the house or moving to a new home. You may find that your cat is fearful, especially to a new environment. Slowly introduce and expose your cat to new things. You may also want to learn more about what your cat likes and enjoys. If there's a special blanket or a toy that comforts your cat, see to it that you cat has that item. It takes time, love, and patience to resolve grooming problems but eventually your cat will be able to relax, feel safe and be back to a healthy life.



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Is a poodle the right dog for you? Are you the right type of owner for a poodle? Here are some facts about poodles:

- Poodles are very smart and they are trainable and quick to learn. Just keep this dog stimulated during training sessions otherwise they will grow quite bored.
- They'll get along with other animals when socialized when young.
- Poodles are happy dogs and can be silly and quite playful with children.
- Even though poodles may not shed a lot they need regular grooming. Grooming must be done at least every three to six weeks. Consider the time and cost before taking on a poodle. The good news, poodles are considered to be hypoallergenic and they have no odor.
- Poodles are known to sometimes suffer from separation anxiety.
- Although poodles enjoy being indoors, they still must have a daily walk and some exercise or they will end up being a sad and unhappy poodle.
- Poodles like to be the center of attention.
- There are three different sizes of poodle: toy, miniature and standard. All three sizes are the same regarding character and personality



Lilibet

Lilibet is a senior gal of 13 years who lived with a senior man who after many weeks of in and out of a hospital had to move into an extended care facility where Lil could not go. This girl is a joy to have, completely house trained, eats well, a girl who loves her bed! She does not need much, a bed, her food, a few pats and she's good.



Mel

Mel is a very sweet and loving boy who has been treated well but a change in circumstances leaves him alone too long. He's looking (and so are we!) for a home with experienced poodle people who are home a better part of the day and Mel would appreciate a nice yard with a fence to run in. Mel is a silver and cream phantom. Thank you Ann Fischer for taking your time from a beautiful day and making you work harder than usual.

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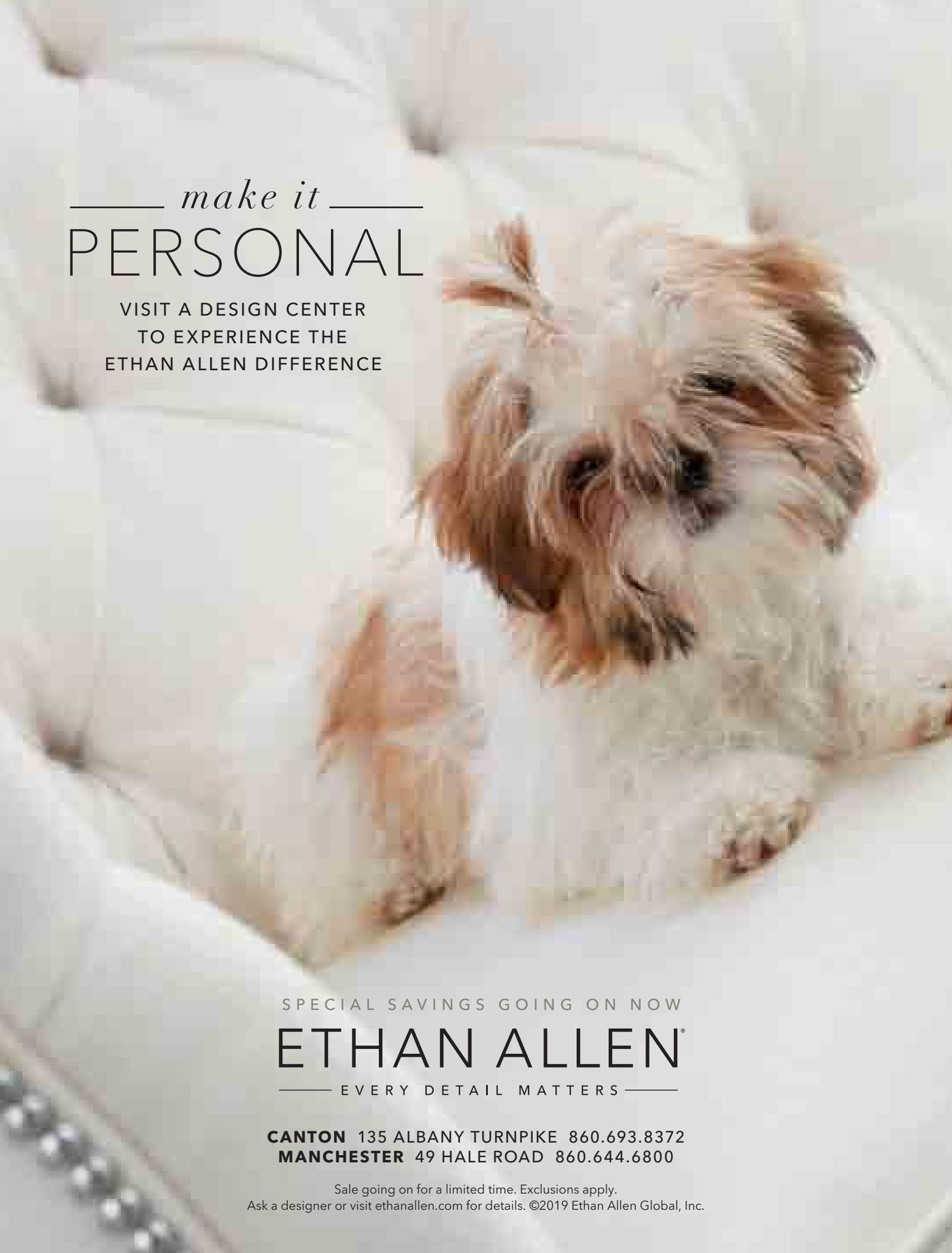
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