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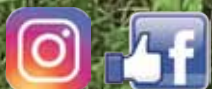
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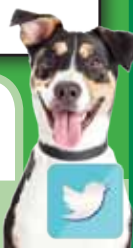
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RILEY

Connecticut Dog strives to make a difference in the lives of abused, neglected and unwanted animals. In each and every issue, Connecticut Dog features adoption pages and a breed specific rescue. Starting with this edition, Connecticut Dog will focus on one individual dog in desperate need of a home. We're excited to introduce you to Riley!

Meet Riley. Riley is a super sweet 8-year old female Pointer mix that came or animal control when her owner could not care for her. She had a 5-pound fatty tumor on her shoulder that was impeding her movement and was destined for euthanasia. CT Animal House just couldn't allow that to happen. Fast forward, the tumor has been removed and she is now a healthy and active girl. Riley loves other dogs and kitties, too! She's great with people, big and small. For more information on how you can make Riley a part of your family, please visit www.ctanimalhouse.org and fill out an application. Riley thanks you!

Readers, if you would like to know what happens to Riley and what will be the next chapter of her life, keep reading! A feature story about the family that takes Riley into their hearts and home will be included in the next issue. But that's not all....

Stay tuned for the July/August edition to see who will be the next adoptable Connecticut Dog!

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Fairfield County Events

10th Annual New Canaan Dog Days

Saturday, May 4, 2019

10:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

New Canaan Nature Center, New Canaan

www.newcanaanchamber.com

Dogs in the Real World

Saturday, May 4, 2019

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Veterans Memorial Park, Shelton

www.evensi.com

Woodbury Earth Day Festival

Saturday, May 4, 2019

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Hollow Park, Woodbury

www.woodburyearthday.org

Pet Food Collection for

Danbury Animal Welfare Society

Sunday, May 5, 2019

10:00 a.m.

L.L. Bean, Danbury

888-615-9964

Pedal for Pets Fundraising

Sunday, May 5, 2019

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Joyride Cycling + Fitness, Westport

www.cthumane.org

2019 Spring Fundraiser

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Zody's 19th Hole, Stamford

www.pitterpatterfeline rescue.org

Strutt Your Mutt 10th Anniversary

Dog Walk & Fair

Saturday, May 18, 2019

10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Fairfield Hills Campus, Newtown

friendsofnewtownparkandbark@gmail.com

Harley Davidson Bikers & Barks

Sunday, May 19, 2019

12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Harley Davidson, Danbury

www.hdofdanbury.com

4th Annual Dog Festival

Sunday, May 19, 2019

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Winslow Park, Westport

www.westportwestonchamber.com

Project Pet

Saturday, May 25, 2019

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Pinot's Palette, Stamford

www.pinotpalette.com

Catherine's Butterfly Party

Saturday, June 8, 2019

12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Bridgeport Hall, Newtown

www.cvhfoundation.org



Help Raise Funds for Critical Care Animals

On Thursday, May 16, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. the board members and volunteers from Looking Glass Animal Rescue (LGAR) will be guest bartending at Gallo Ridgefield to raise funds for all of the rescue's critical care animals. All cash and credit card tips from the bar will be donated, 10% of liquor sales from the bar will be donated and 10% of food from the dining room will be donated if you mention that you're there for the LGAR fundraiser. In addition, there will be raffles and silent auction items by the bar. Visit www.lgarinc.org for information on this event and others.



Making a Difference

Woofgang & Co. is a non-profit organization that helps young disabled people succeed by creating jobs tailored for each individual in need while providing quality all-natural gourmet pet treats and novelty items. There are so many employment challenges for individuals with special needs after leaving the school system. But thanks to the good folks at Woofgang & Co., people with special needs are able to gain self-confidence and independence because of these job opportunities. The Woofgang & Co. retail store is located at 1300 Post Road in Fairfield. If you can't get to the retail store then go online to learn more about this wonderful organization, make a tax-deductible donation or to shop for dog treats and other handmade novelty items. www.woofgangco.org

Hartford County Events

Paws in the Park
Saturday, May 4, 2019

9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

75 Brookfield Street, South Windsor
www.swjaycees.org

Bark & Dash Family and Dog 5K

Sunday, May 5, 2019

10:00 a.m.

Salmon Brook Park, Granby
www.granbyrec.com

Annual Fidelco Guide Dog Open House

Saturday, May 11, 2019

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, Bloomfield
www.fidelco.org

Paws for Applause

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Town & County Club, Hartford
www.connecticuthumane.org

A New Leash on Life for Pets with Cancer

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

6:30 p.m.

Talcott Mountain Science Center, Avon
www.tmsc.org

Dog Star 4 Vets Barbecue and Ballgame

Saturday, May 18, 2019

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Barbecue

5:00 p.m. Ballgame

Dog Star Rescue, Bloomfield
www.dogstarrescue.org

Wag, Walk, Run for Kenway's Cause

Sunday, May 19, 2019

7:30 a.m.

Riverside Park, Hartford
www.kenwayscause.org

Outdoor Adventures with your Dog

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

LL Bean, South Windsor
www.llbean.com/southwindsor

Tails and Ales

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

New Park Brewing, Hartford
www.newparkbrewing.com

6th Annual Wiener Dog 100

Saturday, May 25, 2019

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Lake Compounce, Bristol
www.lakecompounce.com

MDOG Hikes CT Trails Day

Saturday, June 1, 2019

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Case Mountain, Manchester
www.mdogct.com

Dog Star Rescue at the Polo Grounds

Saturday, June 8, 2019

4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Farmington Polo Grounds, Farmington
www.dogstarrescue.org

DockDogs 2019

Saturday, June 15, 2019

Horses and Hounds, Granby
www.horsesandhounds.com

Dog Yoga

Sunday, June 23, 2019

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Dog Star Rescue, Bloomfield
www.dogstarrescue.org



Wagging Tails, St. Pawtrick's Day Pawty, West Hartford



Ethan Allen's Dogs & Decor, Avon



Wagging Tails Easter Egg Hunt & Pet Photos, West Hartford



Ethan Allen's Dogs & Decor, Manchester



Rescues on the Runway, Farmington



Glastonbury Easter Egg Hunt for Dogs, Glastonbury

Image provided by the Glastonbury Parks and Recreation Department





Sit & Stay: Dog Classes

The New Milford Parks and Recreation Department offers a 6-week program to help pet owners to develop communication and leadership skills while building a bond of trust and understanding of your dog. To learn more about these classes or get information on how to register please visit www.newmilfordrec.com.

Pet Thrift Store Purchases Help Needy Animals

Stop by the Animal Welfare Society's Pet Thrift Shop and purchase gently used second hand pet goods on the second Saturday of each month. Items such as soft-sided carriers, all sizes of crates, pet ramps and steps, feeding bowls, leashes, collars, grooming tools, clothing and much more are available to purchase. All proceeds help the Animal Welfare Society rescued pets. The thrift store is open the second Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at 8 Dodd Road in New Milford.

Volunteer Interest?



If you've ever thought about becoming a volunteer for a shelter but you weren't sure what you'd have to do? Get your answers from the Volunteer Open House that's taking place at The Little Guild from 6 - 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 27th. Staff and current volunteers will be there to talk to you more about volunteering and answer any questions you may have. You're not obligated to volunteer if you stop by as it's just a casual gathering. Enjoy refreshments and conversation. Space is limited so please R.S.V.P. to volunteer@littleguild.org today!

Litchfield County Events

83rd Annual Rotary Pet Parade
Saturday, May 18, 2019
2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Main Street, Winsted
www.twrotary.org

The Cat Rescuers Screening
Saturday, May 11, 2019
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Cornwall Library, Cornwall
www.ifp.org

Hops & Hounds
Saturday, May 18, 2019
12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
1 Railroad Street, Canaan
www.greatfallsbrews.com

Naugatuck Duck Day
Saturday, May 18, 2019
12:00 p.m.
Naugatuck Green, Naugatuck
www.animalsforlife.org

Lime Rock Park Season Kickoff
Saturday, May 18, 2019
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Lime Rock Park, Lakeville
www.limerock.com

Naugatuck Duck Day
Sunday, June 2, 2019
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Whittemore Bridge, Naugatuck
www.animalsforlife.org

The Great Country Mutt Show
Friday, June 21, 2019
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
www.littleguild.org

6th Annual Pittie Party
Sunday, June 30, 2019
9:00 a.m.
Coe Park, Torrington
www.littleguild.org



Middlesex County Events

Chester Spring Weekend

Friday, May 3, 2019

7:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 4, 2019

1:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 5, 2019

12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Downtown Chester, Chester

www.homewardboundct.org

Choral Music of Anton Bruckner

Sunday, May 5, 2019

4:00 p.m.

Middletown High School, Middletown

www.cattalesct.org

Meet & Greet

Saturday, May 16, 2019

Saturday, June 8, 2019

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Petco, Middletown

www.poainc.org

Labs4Rescue Adoption Event

Saturday, June 1, 2019

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Petco, Middletown

www.labs4rescue.com

Family Fun Day

Saturday, June 8, 2019

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Riverfront Park, Portland

www.drscleanup.com

Forgotton Felines holds an adoption event every Saturday from

11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. at 153 Horse Hill Rd in Westbrook.

For more information call
860-669-1347

Pet Food Donations for Needy Families

Bear's Pet Food Pantry is a non-profit organization that helps companion animals to stay in their homes by collecting pet food assistance to families who are experiencing financial hardship.

Nobody should have to choose between feeding themselves and feeding their pets. Your donation of pet food will help those people suffering from hardship to keep their dogs in their loving home rather than being surrendered to the shelter. Drop off locations in Middlesex County are: Pet Valu located at 28 Spencer Plain Road in Old Saybrook and, by appointment only, at Bear's Pet Food Pantry located at 141 Boston Post Road in Old Saybrook.

Chester Dog Walk



On Sunday, May 5, 2019 during the Chester Spring Weekend, Homeward Bound CT and the Chester Veterinary Clinic are walking the streets of downtown Chester. After the dog walk, families will meet back at Pattaconk 1850 Bar & Grill for refreshments. A \$5.00 donation will get you a drink ticket for a complimentary cocktail. Then the Cinco de Mayo Costume Contest and small parade will take place. This is an event you won't want to miss!

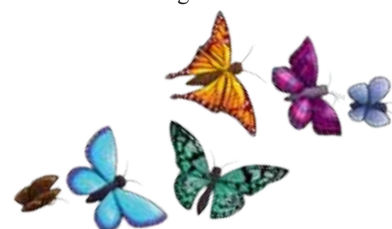
Dine Out for Dogs

If you go out to eat you can help Dog Days adopt up to 80 shelter dogs at the adoption event on May 18th and 19th. Visit restaurants for a percent of the sales to be donated to the adoption event. Visit www.godogdays.org for more information on the adoption event. Dine Out for Dogs on Thursday, May 2, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. at Bill's Seafood in Westbrook and on Thursday, May 9, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. at Chow Food & Beverage Co. in Clinton.

Hello Savannah!



Savannah is a 10-month old puppy that would be best in a home with an active family. Savannah has a lot of energy. She also is young and needs to learn some manners. She's spayed and up-to-date on her shots. Are you ready to meet her? If so, please contact Valley Shore Animal Welfare League in Westbrook at 860-399-7561. Photo credit: Valley Shore Animal Welfare League.





Tip Well and Save Lives

The Tip Well and Save Lives fundraiser is taking place on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Pasta Cosi located in Branford. When you give tips to bartender, Nick Greene, those will be donated to Dog Days Adoption Events, a non-profit dedicated to finding homes for shelter dogs. The adoption event is being held on May 18th and 19th in Cheshire. To learn more about the Tip Well and Save Lives fundraiser or to learn more about the adoption event, please visit www.godogdays.org.



The Great Give 2019

The Animal New Haven is hosting a 36-hour online giving event to support local non-profits called The Great Give 2019. This charitable event starts on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 2, 2019. Each year, hundreds of homeless and abandoned cats and dogs are surrendered to shelters. With a goal of \$50,000 for this event, the funds raised will help with the care of these animals. To learn more, visit www.theanimalhavenct.org.

New Haven County Events

Pups for Patriots
Friday, May 3, 2019
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Bartel's Hall, West Haven
www.puppiesbehindbars.com

Dine Out for Dogs
Saturday, May 4, 2019
11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
John & Maria's, East Haven
www.dogdaysct.org

Introduction to Nosework
Saturday, May 4, 2019
12:00 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.
A Dogâ€™s Life, New Haven
www.adogslifect.com

Project Precious Rescue Anniversary Fundraiser
Saturday, May 4, 2019
7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Costa Azzurra, Milford
www.pprct.org

Shoreline Spring Festival & Pet Adoption
Saturday, May 4, 2019
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Madison Green, Madison
www.specialtyeventslc.com

1st Annual Pet Palooza
Saturday, May 11, 2019
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Boscov's Department Store, Meriden
Boscov's Department Store, Milford
www.boscovs.com

Dine Out for Dogs
Wednesday, May 15, 2019
5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Christopher Martins, New Haven
www.godogdaysct.org

Cheshire Adoption Event
Saturday, May 18, 2019
Sunday, May 19, 2019
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
312 East Johnson Avenue, Cheshire
www.godogdays.org

Naugatuck Spring Festival
Saturday, May 18, 2019
12:00 p.m.
Naugatuck Green, Naugatuck
www.animalsforlife.org

Brews for Paws 2019
Saturday, May 18, 2019
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Bad Sons Beer Co., Derby
www.tailtopaw.com

Dogs & Storks Workshop at Yale
Tuesday, May 28, 2019
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
1 Long Warf Drive, New Haven
www.redefinedcanine.com

Naugatuck Duck Race & Festival
Sunday, June 2, 2019
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Whittemore Bridge, Naugatuck
www.cometoduckday.com



The Branford Compassion Club is seeking cat-loving individuals who have a few hours of free time during the week to help fearful, shy cats transform into trusting adoptable cats. Call 203-483-6369 or email contact_us@branfordcompassion-club.com for more information.

New London County Events

Ledyard Animal Control Appreciation Day
Saturday, May 4, 2019
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
740 Col. Ledyard Hwy/Fairground, Ledyard
860-287-3504

May the Fourth Dog Adoption Event
Saturday, May 4, 2019
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Norwich Agway, Norwich
www.pawsnewengland.com

I Heart Pets Adoption and Fashion Show
Saturday, May 11, 2019
12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Tanger Outlets Foxwoods, Mashantucket
www.tangeroutlet.com

Read to a Dog
Saturday, May 11, 2019
Saturday, June 8, 2019
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Wheeler Library, North Stonington
www.wheelerlibrary.org

Spring Bark for the Park
Sunday, May 19, 2019
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Colchester Town Green, Colchester
www.colchester.gov



Rescue a Kitty in Need

Cat Adoption Weekends run each Saturday and Sunday from May 4, 2019 until Sunday, August 4, 2019 from 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Petco on 160 River Road in Lisbon. They'll have cats and kittens ready for adoption. In addition, to help raise money for the Compassion for Cats of New London County's shelter, they are offering organic and safely made catnip toys for a very small donation of only a couple of dollars. Aside from catnip, the rescue is also offering their handmade durable and washable cat mats to protect furniture. Stop by, shop and adopt a kitty!



East Coast Canine Rescue

East Coast Canine Rescue (ECCR) is having an adoption event on Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Petsense located at 42 Town Road in Norwich.

ECCR is always in need of your donation. This rescue is 100% volunteer owned and operated. Your donations help this organization to provide life saving veterinary care to many dogs in need so that no dog goes without. Since ECCR is an approved 501(c)(3) organization, your donations are tax deductible. Go online to www.eastcoast-caninerescue.org to learn more about this organization or to take a look at their adoptable pups!

Dog Play at the Park

The Estelle Cohn Memorial Dog Park, also known as Norwich Dog Park, is located at 261 Asylum Street in Norwich. The park is over an acre of land that has fully fenced in areas for unleashed play. For safety reasons, the smaller dogs have their own section so they can play with dogs their own size. The park has drinking water, pet waste bags, wading pools and agility equipment for the dogs to enjoy. Adjacent to the fenced in dog park, there's two additional acres for pet owners to enjoy leashed walks with their dogs.



Tolland County Events

4th Annual Supreme
Auto Charity Car Show
Sunday, May 19, 2019
10:00 a.m.
Pleasant View Café, Somers
www.olderide.com

6th Annual Rabies Clinic
Saturday, June 1, 2019
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
19 Merrow Road, Tolland
860-871-3676



All Smiles for Therapy Dog Brady



Going to the dentist can be a stressful time but having the comfort of a therapy dog while you're at the dentist can help those who are feeling nervous about their dental treatment. Each day Dr. Deborah Griffin brings her sweet therapy dog, Brady, to her practice in Vernon. In fact, she's been bringing Brady to her dental practice since he was a young pup. Brady is a 6th generation mini Australian Labradoodle. He does not shed and is hypoallergenic. Brady is a friendly boy who loves to sit and hang out with nervous patients. When he's not busy with a patient, Brady enjoys playing in the waiting room or showing off his tricks. In case you didn't already know by his name, Brady is a huge Patriot's fan! If patients are nervous around dogs, Brady has a crate that he'll happily take a nap and rest in during those patient's visits. Dr. Deborah Griffin, DMD provides adult and child orthodontic care. To learn more about Brady or the practice, visit www.smilesbygriffin.com.

Hike at Roseland Park

Roseland Park is an absolutely beautiful 62-acre park located in Woodstock. The park is made up of a combination of forested land, manicured lawns, sporting fields and playgrounds. With over a half mile of shoreline, the park abuts the state stocked 90-acre Roseland Lake. People enjoy sailing, kayaking, canoeing, paddle boarding, boating, fishing, picnicking, walking or jogging. Camping and swimming is not allowed.

Roseland Park is dog friendly. Pets must be leashed at all times. The park has biodegradable bags available for pet waste. The park is open to the public from 7:00 a.m. and sunset until November 30th. Please visit www.roselandpark.org for more information and for park rules.



Windham County Events

Pet Adoption Event
Saturday, June 22, 2019
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Frog Rest Stop, Eastford
www.ourcompanions.org



Franny! The sweetest girl ever!

Franny is a 2-year old American Staffordshire terrier mix. She'd be best in a home with older children and as an only dog. If you're interested, please visit www.necog.org to fill out an application. Photo Credit: Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments

Shopping Guide

Yogi-Dog



The American-made yogurt is lactose free with no added sugar. There are 8 live and active-culture probiotics in each container. It's also human-grade because we know you consider your dog a part of the family, so why not feed them like one?

Even humans can enjoy a cup with their pup, give it a try! Yogi-dog is available in three “pawsome” flavors; Original, Peanut Butter Cream and Cheddar Cheese.

After creating the dog-world’s first ever yogurt made with nature’s purest ingredients, our yogi- family wanted to make it available to as many dogs as possible. You’ll find yogi-dog in your local dairy aisle at Big Y. www.yogi-dog.com

Sleepypod

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Rescue Chocolate

Rescue Chocolate is a 10-year-old boutique chocolate company based in Brooklyn, NY. All of the proceeds from the sale of its bars and truffles are donated to various animal rescue organizations around the country. However, the chocolate is only for humans to enjoy, of course. Everything is vegan, organic, fairly traded, non-GMO, handcrafted, and delicious! Sarah Feoli founded the company after adopting her pit bull, named Mocha, from Foster Dogs Inc. She had always had a soft spot for animals, having volunteered in animal shelters throughout high school. Gourmet chocolate was a newer passion, developed after she moved to New York City in 2008. Walking the dog in Prospect Park one day, she had the idea to put her two loves together, and Rescue Chocolate was born.

Currently the company offers 6 flavors of dark chocolate bars, with names that reflect issues important to the world of animal rescue. For example, Peanut Butter Pit Bull is dedicated to rehabilitating the image of this misunderstood breed. Foster-rific Peppermint invites people to consider becoming foster caregivers for homeless dogs and cats if they can’t yet adopt them. And The Fix is a solid 72% bar with a double entendre: consumers get their chocolate “fix” and are also reminded to spay and neuter their dogs and cats in order to reduce the overpopulation crisis.

Rescue groups receiving profits from the company this year include No Kill Colorado, Fur & Feather Animal Sanctuary, Midwest Rescue of Illinois, and Famous Fido. Feoli is happy to reach out to any animal rescue organization and discuss fundraising options. There is more information at www.RescueChocolate.com.



Keep your Dog Safe

this Summer from the Heat and Sun



The hot weather during the summer months can pose a threat on your dog's overall health if certain safety procedures are not carried out. Here are a few tips to help make your dog comfortable on these hot and sunny days.

- ☀ Never leave your dog in a vehicle on hot days. Generally the temperatures in a car can rise over 100 degrees in a matter of minutes, regardless if the windows are up or down.
- ☀ If you keep your dogs outdoors all day, be sure to provide plenty of water. Dogs are known to accidentally knock over bowls and dishes so it's a good idea to set up several drinking areas in your yard. Because water can get very hot as it sits in the sun, consider placing water bowls in shaded areas as well.
- ☀ Avoid any type of strenuous exercise on hot days. If you want to take your dog out for a routine walk, think about going early in the morning or later in evening when it's not so hot outside.
- ☀ Be sure that your dog has a shaded area to rest and relax if he's kept outside. Dog houses tend to trap heat and therefore it would serve no purpose in keeping your dog cool enough.
- ☀ The ground and pavement can get quite hot and can be harmful to your dog's paws. Grass would provide an area for your dog to seek relief.
- ☀ Invest in a small kiddie pool for your dog. Filling it up just a few inches can provide a place for your dog to cool off. Replace the water daily.
- ☀ If you have a breed that is apt to get a sunburn or you have a dog with a new summer buzz, take the proper precautions before exposing your dog to the sun's rays.

BEA Star

The Connecticut Dog 2nd Annual Cover Contest is coming soon! The details to enter the contest will be available in the upcoming July/August 2019 issue.

Last year the Connecticut Dog's 1st Annual Cover Contest was held at the Woofstock event that took place on the Branford Green. Despite the pouring rain that day, Connecticut Dog had 78 contestants that stopped by the booth to enter the contest! It was a great turn out! Out of the 78 contestants, only 10 finalists were randomly chosen and put onto our website for readers to vote. The contest was very close between the finalists but in the end, Ozzie received the most votes. Ozzie was the cover dog for the November/December 2018 issue.

The new location for Connecticut Dog's 2nd Annual Cover Contest will be announced in the July/August 2019 issue along with the entry details and information about the prize package. Keep reading Connecticut Dog or visit our website for more information!

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6 Reasons why Dogs Dig



Dogs have a natural instinct to dig. Certain breeds are more prone to digging than others because they have been naturally bred as hunting dogs. Dogs such as cairn terriers, dachshunds, Bassett hounds and beagles are a few types of hunting dogs. Aside from genetics, dogs dig for many reasons such as:

Boredom

Some dogs dig because they have nothing better to do. The digging provides mental and physical stimulation. Typically dogs that are left alone for long periods of time will dig just because they can and there's nothing better to do.

Anxiety or Fear

Dogs that suffer from separation anxiety may use digging as a means to deal with their negative emotions. Digging can become an obsession with some dogs.

Sheltering

Dogs have a natural instinct to create an area that keeps them cool during the warmer season.

Hiding or Retrieving

Dogs dig to bury things and to retrieve things.

To Escape

There are dogs that have the Houdini in them. These escape

artists find creative ways to exit out of their surroundings. Dogs who dig themselves out of the yard usually suffer from boredom or anxiety.

Nesting

Pregnant female dogs may dig as a means to provide a safe place for her puppies. However, it's been known that female dogs that are not pregnant may have the same nesting idea.

For pet owners, finding holes all over the yard or underneath fences can be frustrating. If you discover that your dog is digging, find out the reason why the digging is taking place so that you can resolve the issue. Take time to play and to be more actively involved with your dog. This provides your dog the opportunity to release any excess energy. Don't leave your dog outside unattended or unsupervised for long periods of time. Provide shaded areas in the yard for your dog to relax, stay cool and enjoy. Put a kiddie pool in the yard, filled just a few inches high allowing enough water for your dog to splash and dig around in. If your dog is a digger then train your dog to dig in one area of the yard, like a sandbox.

DIY PROJECT: Make your own Grooming Caddy



Your dog will love having a chance to get clean and cool down during the warmer days ahead. Whether you give your dog a bath outside with an old vintage style steel tub or more of a quick wash with just the use a garden hose, no bath time is complete without your custom made dog grooming caddy. The grooming caddy is helpful because you'll have all the essentials at your fingertips when the time comes to give your dog a bath.

To make the grooming caddy you'll first need the actual caddy. This can be plastic, stainless steel or even an old wooden milk carrier for more of a rustic look. Some of the items you may have at home while other items you may need to purchase from the pet supply store. As long as you make the grooming caddy to meet the needs of your dog, that's all that matters. The following is a list of various dog toiletries that you can include in your dog's grooming caddy with items such as dog shampoo, dog conditioner, leave-in dog conditioner, dog deodorizing spritz, grooming wipes, dog ear cleaner or pre-moistened ear cleaning pads, cotton balls, dog toothbrush, dog toothpaste or dog dental foam, dog breath spritz, dog brush and comb, dog nail clippers, dog nail file and dog paw pad ointment or dog lotion. There are so many different brands and products to choose from. Sometimes you don't know if a product works well on your dog

until you try it. Do not use any people products for your dog. Use only products that are made specifically for dogs. All natural and organic dog products are oftentimes more costly but tend to be better overall because they are made without any harsh chemicals or ingredients.

When it comes to grooming, some people may be more skilled and therefore can include more sophisticated tools or products in their grooming caddy. Giving your dog an outdoor bath requires some basic grooming skills or knowledge. Always remember, no grooming caddy is complete without individual wrapped dog treats and snacks to reward your pup for doing a job well done!

Tip:

Make sure your dog is wearing his collar during bath time. This allows you to securely hold onto your dog while giving your dog a bath. For larger dogs, you may need a helper while you bath your dog. Keep your dog's leash nearby, the last thing you want during an outdoor bath is for your dog to run off only to get dirty all over again.



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Grooming Basics



When people welcome a dog into their lives they don't always consider the amount of grooming their dog will require or the expense. Grooming includes brushing, combing, washing, cleaning the teeth and ears. In a pack, dogs groom each other. This builds trust and a bond. Likewise, when humans groom their pet they build respect, trust and a strong bond. It is important to start grooming rituals as soon as you get your dog. As puppies, even if the cut is short, you are building that bond. You should get the puppy accustomed to being touched and gently combed or brushed. It is very important to touch your dog all over - face, ears, feet and teeth. A puppy should experience a professional grooming as soon as they have completed their rabies vaccination, even if the owner has a dog with short hair. If you wait until the dog is 6-months or older it becomes more of a challenge, especially if you have a large breed dog. When an older dog is brought into the family it may already have experienced the grooming procedures and the experiences may have been good or maybe they have not. Regardless, it is important to build some trust, respect and bond by grooming.

Touching the dog's feet is crucial because almost all dogs are not happy about nail trimming. A dremel is a great tool to keep nails short and smooth. Exposing a puppy early helps in this process but if you wait until your dog is big then the challenge to get him accustomed to nail trimming is more difficult. This is true for cleaning their ears and face too.

Most owners do not know the grooming tools to use or the correct way to use them. A groomer can explain the correct tools and show you how to use them. Many times, by the time a groomer sees the dog the coat has been

neglected or poorly brushed. If a pet's coat has been poorly managed, the coat may be matted. Combing a matted dog is not always an option. Think of trying to combat your own hair if weeks or months have passed since it was brushed, combed or washed. If this is the case, it's best to shave the coat and start over. This is for the comfort and safety of the dog.

Smaller dogs develop tooth decay much more frequently than larger dogs. Whether large or small, it's important to brush their teeth. Once every six weeks when you bring your dog to a professional groomer is not enough. Again, think about how much plaque builds up on our teeth in a day. Dogs should not use human toothpaste. Human toothpaste contains fluoride, which is not good for dogs. Dog toothpaste is available in a variety of flavors. Just use a small toothbrush and gently brush the teeth. The gums may bleed if this isn't done often enough.

Dog's ears develop wax just like people. Wipe your dog's ears daily. This maintains clean ears while also helping to prevent infections. A cotton ball is the best way to gently wipe ears. Don't be afraid to use multiple wipes. Pre-dampened cleaning pads with ear cleaner are available. Dogs with floppy ears are more prone to infection than dogs with ears that stand up. By cleaning frequently an owner can detect problems early on. If the ear is red, swollen or smells then a trip to the vet may be necessary. Don't use alcohol inside the ear unless recommended by your vet. Alcohol can dry the membranes and cause problems.

When shampooing a dog at home use dog shampoo not baby shampoo. Dog shampoos are developed specifically for them. Many dogs are labeled



as having sensitive skin. The most important part of washing the dog is the rinsing. If a dog has not been rinsed enough, skin issues such as itching, licking, hot spots, and rashes may occur. When that happens, from that point on, the owner believes their dog has sensitive skin. Take some dog shampoo mixed with water, then wash the dog. When you think you've rinsed enough, rinse again. Make sure the face and rear end are washed, too.

Some dogs have an odor. This could be a sign that the anal glands are full. Signs that anal glands are full include scooting, odor, chasing the tail, biting at the base of the tail. Every owner should know what the anal glands are, where they are, and their purpose. If not expressed, they can become infected and rupture.



All owners should be aware of fleas and ticks, what they look like and how dogs and people get them. Even if your dog does not go outside they can enter the house on the owner or mice, etc. Preventative measures should be used year-round. By brushing and combing your dog frequently you will be familiar with lumps and bumps. Fleas and ticks will be detected very quickly if the dog is groomed at home daily or at least every other day. Ticks carry many diseases that humans should avoid, too. Rubbing alcohol kills ticks quickly. Flushing down the toilet doesn't always kill them. Never use peanut butter, Vaseline or try to burn with a match. Get the tick off as soon as possible. The longer it remains attached to the dog, the more diseases are passed into the dog's bloodstream. Specialized tick removers work best. Tweezers are okay but often the tick pulls apart and half is left still in the dog. As a last resort, remove with your fingers but wash your hands immediately after to prevent exposure to the diseases the ticks carry. Once removed, drop into a container with rubbing alcohol or put into a zip lock bag. Stepping on a tick that is not engorged will not kill it.

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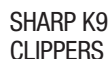
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- Boston terriers require a lot of time and attention
- Boston terriers live an average of 11-13 years with many living until they are 15-16 years; they are long term
- Boston terriers are not outside dogs
- Boston terriers are active dogs that love to play and interact with their human companions – even into their advanced years
- Most Boston terriers snore and love to sleep in bed with their humans
- As with any breed, Boston terriers can be prone to health problems as they get older – requiring some expense

Owning a Boston terrier is truly rewarding, and a big responsibility. People tend to forget that dogs depend on you for everything, not only just feeding and walking, but interaction and love. The Boston terrier treats their “human” as the Head of their Pack and it is not uncommon for most Boston terrier owners to be followed, even into the restroom! So if you want a dog that at times will treat you with indifference and be independent, a Boston terrier is not for you. A Boston terrier is a member of the family and they will most likely always be around you or their favorite family member. You might read that their only function is companion to man and if you own one you will realize how true that is.

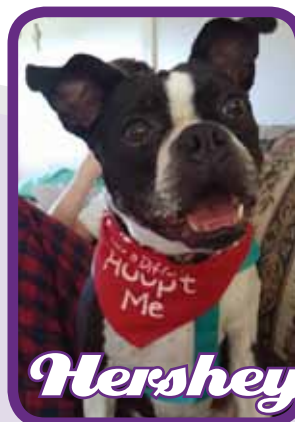
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Cats are naturally equipped to groom themselves and although they do a great job, sometimes they can use your help. Grooming your cat is an essential way to keep your cat healthy because it allows you to notice any changes in your cat's coat or skin. You will also be able to look for any fleas or parasites. When grooming, frequent brushing will remove the loose hair and reduce the risk of hairballs. Another advantage of grooming is that it enhances the bond between you and your cat.

Introduce your cat to grooming at an early age. Before you start a regular grooming session, be sure that your cat is relaxed by scratching around the ears or under the chin. Keep the first grooming short, perhaps 5 or 10 minutes, and gradually lengthen the time until your cat is more comfortable with the routine. Be sure to give plenty of praise to your cat during the grooming session and after it's complete.

When starting a grooming session, a brush or a comb will help remove any dirt and will prevent the fur from getting tangled. Rubber brushes are good for short-haired cats and combs are better suited for long-haired cats. Always avoid brushing the face and paws. Cats with short hair should be brushed at least once a week and cats with long hair should be brushed daily. Brush strokes should go along the cat's back starting at the head and moving to the tail in the direction of the hair growth. Be gentle when combing out tangled areas and keep the brush strokes short.

It's not often that you'll have to bathe your cat unless the fur becomes oily, sticky, or smelly. Run about 3 inches of lukewarm water in a sink or tub. Avoid any water getting into the ears. Wet your cat down. Lather a gentle shampoo, made specifically for cats, throughout the body. Rinse thoroughly to get all the soap out. Then dry your cat with a large towel to get most of the moisture out. Never use a hair dryer on your cat. Some people prefer that the cat has a nail trimming before giving a bath.

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