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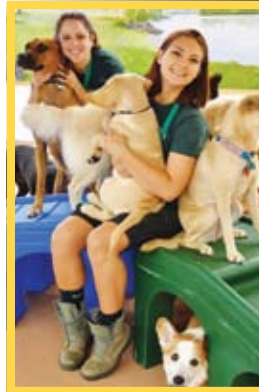
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Curt Cameron,
Thomas Hooker Brewery



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Fairfield County Events

Weston Kiwanis Dog

Jamboree Parade

Saturday, September 8, 2018

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Weston Middle School, Weston
dogjamboree@westonkiwanis.org

Yappy Hour at The Gardener's

Center and Florist

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

The Gardener's Center and Florist, Darien
www.cthumane.org

29th Annual Walk for Animals

Sunday, September 16, 2018

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Bethel Municipal Center, Bethel
www.daws.org

Puttin' on the Dog

Sunday, September 16, 2018

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Roger Sherman Baldwin Park, Greenwich
www.cthumane.org

Ales and Tails

Sunday, September 16, 2018

2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Redding Beer Company, Redding

Barktoberfest @ the Beer Garden

Friday, September 21, 2018

Saturday, September 22, 2018

Sunday, September 23, 2018

290 Harbor Drive, Stamford

www.beerattthelanding.com

K-9 Karnival

Saturday, September 22, 2018

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Shelton's River Walk, Shelton
www.trapfalls.org

Bark in the Park

Sunday, September 23, 2018

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Latham Park, Stamford
www.stamford-downtown.com

Fall for Animals Ball

Saturday, September 29, 2018

6:00 p.m. -11:30 p.m.

The Amber Room Colonnade, Danbury

Stars Fest

Sunday, October 7, 2018

11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Paradise Green, Stratford
www.starsfest.org

Halloween Pet Parade

Saturday, October 27, 2018

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Pequot Library, Southport
www.pequotlibrary.org

29th Annual Walk for Animals

Sunday, October 28, 2018

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

Bethel Municipal Center, Bethel



Be a Life-Saver



Help sponsor a life-saving surgery for one of the many dogs or cats at the SPCA of Connecticut. Sick or injured pets need corrective surgery and medication. Your help can prevent these animals from dying. Your donation is 100% tax deductible. The SPCA is a qualified 501-c-3 non-profit organization and is one of Connecticut's no-kill shelters that house homeless dogs and cats, which are available for adoption. The shelter is located at 359 Spring Hill Road in Monroe. Call 203-814-9334 or visit www.spcact.org to find out more information.

Police K9 Challenge



The 4th Annual 2018 Western Connecticut Police K9 Challenge is a free family friendly event that will be held on October 6, 2018 in Newtown. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Second Company Governor's Horse Guard (2GHG). The competition will showcase the training of military and police K9 handlers with their dogs through obstacle courses, suspect apprehension, shots fire simulation, and obedience skills testing. There will be tractor drawn hayrides, treasure hunt, pumpkin patch, pumpkin painting, and the chance to meet the horses of the 2GHG. The Hometown Foundation will be having some of the finest cars there, which, Special Olympic athletes will be there to visit with the K9's meet the horses and sit in some exotic cars and supercars. www.hometownfoundation.org

Cone & Bones

Stop by Saugatuck Sweets in Fairfield on Saturday, September 15, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. to help support Westport Animal Shelter Advocates to help homeless dogs in Connecticut. Stop by to learn and meet some dogs in need to get their forever home. When you make a donation not only will you receive an ice cream for yourself or an ice cream for your dog but you'll also be entered to win a door prize drawing. For more information visit www.westportwasa.org for more information.



Dog Day at the Residence at Brookside Event - Simsbury



Hartford County Events

Imagine Main Street

Thursday, September 6, 2018
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Main Street, Manchester
www.imaginemainstreet.com

Raise a Paw Against Leukemia

Sunday, September 30, 2018
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Simsbury Meadows, Simsbury
www.robsfoundation.com

Newington Waterfall Festival

Saturday, September 15, 2018
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Market Square, Newington
www.newingtonwaterfallfestival.com

St. James Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 6, 2018
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
St. James Episcopal Church, Glastonbury
www.stjamesglastonbury.org

Paws for Wellness

Sunday, September 16, 2018
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Mill Woods Park, Wethersfield
www.ctvet.org

1st Annual Desmond's Army

Saturday, October 6, 2018
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Cadillac Ranch Restaurant, Southington
www.desmondsarmy.org

Forever In My Heart Foundation Charity Gala

Sunday, September 16, 2018
3:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Marquee Events & Catering, Hartford
www.foreverinmyheartfoundation.org

10th Annual Barktoberfest & Dog Swim

Saturday, October 7, 2018
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
East Windsor Park, Broad Brook
www.freewebs.com/ewdogpark

3rd Annual Layza's Run for Rescue

Sunday, September 16, 2018
7:30 a.m.
Mt. Southington Ski Area, Southington
www.racemenu.com/layza

8th Annual Fidelco Guide Dogs Ride for Independence

Sunday, October 7, 2018
9:30 a.m.
Fidelco, Bloomfield
www.fidelco.org

Yappy Hour at the Mark Twain Museum

Wednesday, September 26, 2018
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Mark Twain Museum, Hartford
www.cthumane.org

BARKtoberfest Dog Festival

Saturday, October 20, 2018
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Charter Oak Park, Manchester
www.mdogct.com

Old Wethersfield Arts & Crafts Fair

Saturday, September 29, 2018
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Cove Park, Wethersfield
www.wethersfieldhistory.org

Connecticut Pet Expo

Saturday, October 27, 2018
10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 28, 2018
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
XL Center, Hartford
www.familypetshows.com

Bark and Brew 2018

Saturday, September 29, 2018
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Thomas Hooker Brewery, Bloomfield
www.dogstarrescue.org

Diamonds in the Ruff

Saturday, October 27, 2018
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
The North House, Avon
www.cthumane.org

2018 Dream Ride Experience – Farmington

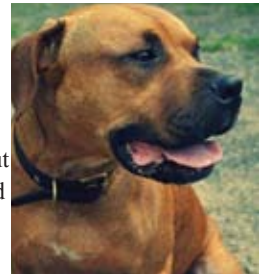


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Connecticut is the first state to enact a law that utilizes legal advocates to further the interests of justice in animal cruelty cases. Desmond’s Law (Public Act 16-30) became effective in Connecticut on October 1, 2016. It gives animals like dogs and cats a voice in court. The law allows judges to appoint pro-bono lawyers and volunteer law students to represent dogs and cats in animal cruelty cases.

Pets & Ponies – Farmington



Prior to Desmond’s law, 80% of animal abuse and cruelty cases in Connecticut were not prosecuted or were dismissed! That is changing! This is Desmond.

He was beaten, starved and killed. The perpetrator got a slap on the wrist, but Desmond did not die in vain. Thanks to the law named for Desmond, from now on animals who have been harmed in Connecticut may be represented in court and justice will be served.

To find out more go to <https://www.ctvotesforanimals.org/desmondslaw> www.ctvotesforanimals.org

Dog Gone Recovery Fundraiser – Bloomfield



Naturally Dogs & Cats in downtown Hartford holds a Yappy Hour from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month. Stop in for their social hour and enjoy refreshments. Visit www.naturallydogsandcats.com for more information.

The Animal Welfare Society

The Animal Welfare Society (AWS) is an independent, non-profit, non-destroy animal rescue organization located in New Milford. They have been helping homeless and abandoned animals since 1965 from Bridgewater, Brookfield, New Milford, Roxbury, and Washington. Occasionally, when space is available the organization will also take in animals from “high kill” shelters in outside areas. When animals come into the AWS they are provided with excellent veterinary care so that the animals receive proper vaccinations, microchip, spay/neuter and, for those that suffer from more serious issues, extensive medical care. Although the veterinarians that partner with AWS provide services at a discounted rate, medical expenses may exceed the budget and because of this AWS has established the Emergency Medical Fund, allowing supporters to make charitable donations to help assist AWS to meet the medical needs of cats or dogs in dire need of medical attention. In addition to medical treatment, dogs are taught basic manners and commands so they are well behaved when adopted. Professional trainers assess each dog individually and help the animals that may need a little extra training. Basically the cats and dogs are ready to go to their new forever home healthy and trained. For more information on AWS or to adopt a pet, please visit www.aws-shelter.org.



Dog Walking Classes



The Little Guild is a limited admission shelter located in West Cornwall. This Fall, The Little Guild is offering dog-walking classes. They are designed for volunteers but available to anyone. However, you must leave your dog at home because classes are only done with Little Guild dogs. Both classes begin at 1:30 p.m. on either Sunday, September 16, 2018 or Sunday, October 14, 2018. If you are interested in one of the classes, please email register@littleguild.org.

Dog Park to Come in Litchfield

The Friends of the Litchfield Dog Park is now a non-profit organization. Their goal is to build a fenced-in, off-leash dog park in Litchfield so that responsible dog owners have a safe place where they can take their well-behaved dogs to run, play and socialize. Donations are now being accepted. Donations can be made and mailed to Friends of the Litchfield Dog Park PO Box 1498 Litchfield, CT 06759. Visit www.friendsoflitchfielddogpark.com for more information.



Lourdes in Litchfield Shrine is having their Blessing of the Animals on October 6, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. Both large and small pets are welcome to the Grotto for the blessing. Visit www.shrinct.org for more information.

Litchfield County Events

94th Annual Bethlehem Fair

Saturday, September 8, 2018

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 9, 2018

8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Main Street North, Bethlehem

www.bethlehemfair.com

Washington Farmer's Market

Saturday, September 15, 2018

Saturday, September 29, 2018

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Judy Black Memorial Park and Gardens,

Washington Depot

www.thejudyblackparkandgardens.org

5th Annual Fundraiser Breakfast

& Silent Auction

Friday, October 5, 2018

7:30 a.m.

Candlewood Valley Country Club,

New Milford

Pet Portraits with Emelle's Art & Soul

Saturday, October 6, 2018

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Petco, Danbury Road, New Milford

860-354-1350

2nd Annual New Milford

Cornhole Championship

Sunday, October 7, 2018

8:30 a.m.

Harrybrooke Park, New Milford

www.newmilfordcornhole.com

5th Annual Run & Wag 5K

Saturday, October 13, 2018,

10:00 a.m.

Cornwall Town Hall, Cornwall

www.littleguild.org

3rd Annual Danbury Pet Expo

Sunday, October 14, 2018

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Danbury Town Park, Danbury

www.danburypetexpo.com

2018 Halloween Parade

Sunday, October 28, 2018,

12:00

Park St, Elm St and Main St, New Canaan

www.newcanaanchamber.com

Middlesex County Events

Pints for Paws at Taphouse 150

Thursday, September 13, 2018
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Taphouse 150, Cromwell
www.taphouse150.com

Chester Dog Fair

Saturday, September 15, 2018
Sunday, September 16, 2018
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Chester Fairgrounds, Chester
www.homewardboundct.org

90's Crawl for a Cause

Saturday, September 15, 2018
12:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Mezzo Grille, Middletown
www.dogstarrescue.org

Fall for Animals Ball

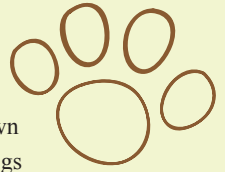
Wednesday, September 29, 2018
6:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.
The Amber Room, Danbury
www.daws.org

Barktoberfest

Saturday, October 6, 2018
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
The Adelbrook Bark-ery, Middletown
www.adlebrook.org

Share your event with us at
www.connecticutdog.com

Lightfoot Dog Grooming



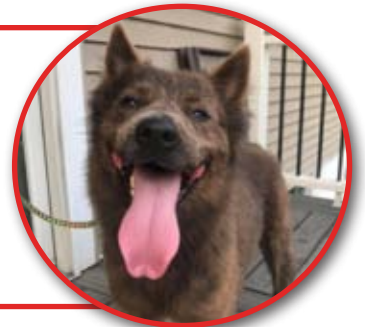
A quaint grooming salon located in Higganum, Connecticut, this small town shop caters to all breeds but specializes in grooming Portuguese Water Dogs for the conformation ring and the everyday. Thank you to our customers and their wonderful pets for your patronage. We love having you as part of our canine family.



The Cromwell Farmer's Market runs from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Fridays until September 28, 2018. The market brings in thousands of people each year for the best local produce and fruits, artisanal goods, activities and entertainment. It's not to be missed!

Foster for a Wagging Tail

Based out of Middletown, Wagging Tails is an all volunteer, all breed dog rescue in need of good foster homes. Many more dogs could be saved if foster homes or families were available. Dogs that need to be fostered are anywhere from 3-month old puppies to senior dogs. If you are interested, please visit www.waggingtailsdogrescue.petfinder.com or email beata778@yahoo.com.



HOWL-O-WEEN

Howl-O-Ween at Bailey's Dog Park is just around the corner. Bailey's Dog Park is open from dawn to dusk daily and located at 151 Glenwood Road in Clinton. Visit www.facebook.com/BailysPark to get more information about the upcoming event.

Blessing of the Animals

Zion Lutheran Church, located in Portland, is celebrating their Sunday School Rally Day and Blessing of the Animals at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 9, 2018.



Letter to the Publisher

Written by Rebecca Runk



Melissa, my husband and I wanted to thank you. We met you on a rainy day at the Madison green at a dog event and it was my husband's birthday. We were waiting for the adopted dogs to arrive from New Haven since we had lost our sheltie, Buddy, little over a year ago to kidney disease. I was very excited for them to come in, however, they were over two hours late and when they arrived there were only a handful of larger dogs available. You had told us about the Durham fairgrounds having a big adoption event that day, so we decided to go. My husband, Nelson, checked out all the dogs and found the dog that he knew would be perfect for us. The dog's name was Stevie. He was the only one that was not barking out of all the dogs. We had never adopted a dog before but we always heard

of great adoption stories. We were overwhelmed since it was a big decision to make but we decided to do all the paperwork, sleep on it and then go back on Sunday. We were told the dog, Stevie, was a run away from Georgia and was to be euthanized with 200 dogs and he just got lost in the system, so he was brought by a lovely lady name Terry from Georgia to Durham, Connecticut. Nelson and I talked about it all night and had decided to call my brother to ask him to bring his dog, Bear, who was close to Buddy. We thought we would have Bear make the decision and come for a meet and greet and if Bear got along with him then we would go for the adoption. The next day the two met and within five minutes the trainer said there would be no problem with the two as they got along great. So we decided to move forward with the adoption. I am writing to you to thank you from the bottom of our hearts. This dog we adopted is very special to us so we decided to call him Lucky. It's been about 6-weeks and he is very well behaved and very smart. He loves to run and is fascinated with squirrels, rabbits and chipmunks. We walk every morning and night with him and he looks forward to his walks. Today I am working in the office and he is here with me, under my desk and next to my feet. He is happy! We were lucky to find him thanks to you and he is lucky to have found us! Thanks again. Here are some pictures!

11th Annual Bikers Against Animal Cruelty & Adoption Event - North Haven



On Thursday, August 16, 2018 Thomaston Feed of Cheshire hosted their Cats, Canines & Cocktails event. Owner Nicci Decrisantis gave attendees a fantastic presentation about heart disease and the potential link to dog food. The next event will feature information on supplemental fresh feeding and raw feeding on September 27th at 6:30pm. You won't want to miss this event! Call 203-271-0111 for more information.

5th Annual Woodstock - Branford



New Haven County Events

Raw Feeding Seminar and Q&A
 September 24th, 2018
 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 Thomaston Feed Cheshire
 203-271-0111

5th Annual Fall Festival
 Saturday, October 6, 2018
 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Hamden Town Center Park, Hamden
www.wheretheloveis.org

PuppyUp!
 Sunday, October 7, 2018
 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 Guilford Fairgrounds, Guilford
 Puppypupwalk.org

Paws on the Pavement
 Sunday, October 7, 2018
 9:00 a.m.
 Canal Trail on Cornwall Avenue, Cheshire
emmittandtaylor@gmail.com

Animal Awareness Day
 Sunday, October 7, 2018
 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Branford Town Green, Branford
www.branfordcompassionclub.org

Pints & Chili for Paws
 Sunday, October 7, 2018
 3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.
 2066 Thomaston Ave., Waterbury

Shelter Dog Adoption Event
 Saturday, October 13, 2018
 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday, October 14, 2018
 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 Guilford Fairgrounds, Guilford
www.homewardboundct.org

Helping Pets with Sensitivities & Allergies
 October 18th, 2018
 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 Thomaston Feed Cheshire
 203-271-0111

24th Annual Walk-A-Dog-A-Thon
 Sunday, October 21, 2018
 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 North Haven Green, North Haven
www.theanimalhavenct.org



New London County Events

The Connecticut Renaissance Faire Pet Weekend

Saturday, September 1, 2018
 Sunday, September 2, 2018
 Monday, September 3, 2018
 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Lebanon County Fairgrounds, Lebanon
www.ctfaire.com

16th Annual Stand Up for Animals Golf Tournament

Friday, September 14, 2018, 7:30 a.m.
 Lake of Isles Golf Club and Resort,
 North Stonington
www.standupforanimals.org

Bozrah Farmer's Market

Friday, September 14, 2018
 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 Maple Farms Park, Bozrah
www.bozrahfarmersmarket.org

Pumpkins 'N' Pooches Autumn Fair & Dog Fest

Saturday, September 29, 2018
 Rain Date: Sunday, September 30, 2018
 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 Colchester Town Green, Colchester
www.colchesterlions.org

My Dog's Place Client Appreciation and Open House

Sunday, September 30, 2018
 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 7 Capital Drive, East Lyme
www.mydogspplace.com

Yappy Hour @ Jealous Monk

Tuesday, October 2, 2018
 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Jealous Monk, Mystic
www.jealous-monk.com

Colchester Digs Dogs

The Colchester Dog Park is located at 89 Old Amston Road. There are separate areas for large and small dogs. Hours are from sunrise until sunset. To find out more about the Colchester Dog Park, visit www.colchesterct.gov/dogpark.

My Dog's Place Just Got Bigger!!



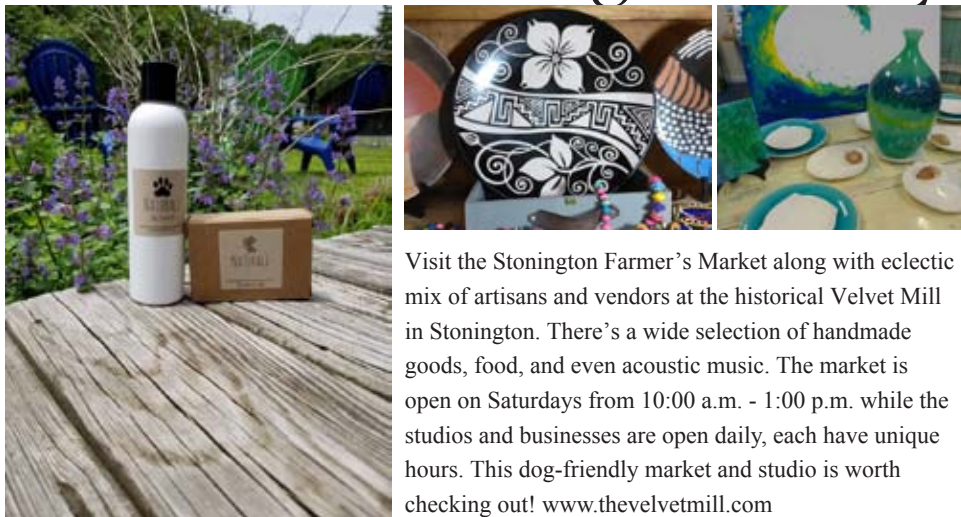
My Dog's Place LLC is excited to announce the relocation of the Niantic daycare and training center to 7 Capitol Drive in East Lyme, with over 14,000 square feet indoors and an additional 5,000 square feet of fenced outdoor play yards. The daycare and training rooms are fully matted for your dogs comfort and safety. They plan to open mid-September, visit their Facebook page for updates.

Colchester Lions are going to the Dogs



The Colchester Lions are hosting their Online Dog Photo Contest. Photos must be submitted by September 17, 2018. There's only one dog per photo and only one photo per dog. Voting takes place from September 9, 2018 until September 27, 2018. The final Judging takes place at the Pumpkins N' Pooches Autumn Fair & Dog Fest at the Colchester Town Green on September 29, 2018. Visit www.colchesterlions.org/dogcontest.htm to enter and vote.

Velvet Mill is Dog-Friendly



Visit the Stonington Farmer's Market along with eclectic mix of artisans and vendors at the historical Velvet Mill in Stonington. There's a wide selection of handmade goods, food, and even acoustic music. The market is open on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. while the studios and businesses are open daily, each have unique hours. This dog-friendly market and studio is worth checking out! www.thevelvetmill.com

Tolland County Events

Dog Day

Sunday, September 2, 2018
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Hale Homestead, Coventry
www.coventryfarmersmarket.org

Mansfield Pup Crawl

Saturday, October 13, 2018
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Betsy Paterson Square, Storrs
www.mansfieldct.gov

Superior Energy Adoption

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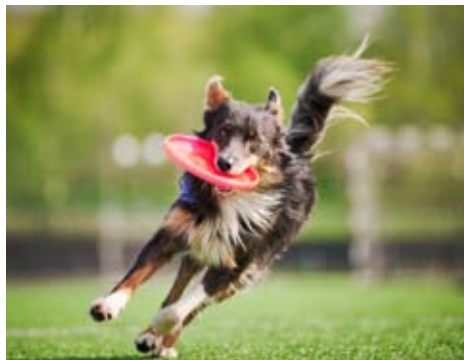
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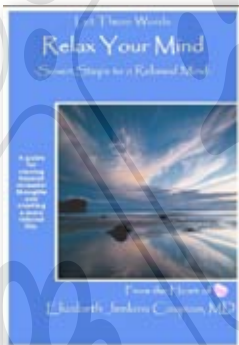
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Canine Heart Disease: What the FDA Announcement Missed

On July 12th 2018, the FDA announced an investigation into a potential link between grain-free dog foods and dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM). A firestorm of articles from news outlets caused concern from pet parents who feed grain-free pet foods. Most articles failed to mention that the FDA said they are simply notifying the public that there is a potential problem warranting further investigation. FDA communication also states there is currently only a correlative link between these ingredients and DCM – not a causative one – they await further data for more understanding. This doesn't mean that grain-inclusive foods are a better option, and the FDA is not suggesting that.

In my opinion, I believe that the announcement by the FDA missed the mark entirely. This is not a grain free or grain-inclusive food problem, this is a processed food problem. It seems the FDA is largely ignoring the fact that in the last several decades we have seen a steady decline in the life expectancy of our canines. According to Dr. Michael Lappin, the life expectancy of certain breeds today is half of what it was in the 1970's. We are seeing higher rates of cancer, obesity, diabetes, liver disease, kidney disease and there are many influencing factors. Food being the largest factor in part due to the unnecessary amount of soluble carbohydrates, or sugar, within pet food. It is accepted that excess sugar and processed food consumption causes and fuels disease in humans, but this is not accepted in the animal health industry. It is interesting, with all of the increase in devastating disease, as a result of kibble in general, it was a small increase in DCM that prompted an investigation.

Several breeds are predisposed to DCM, and cause for concern is due to a spike of DCM diagnoses in breeds not commonly affected. In DCM the heart walls thin, and the heart chambers become larger (dilated). When heart chambers become too large the valves that keep blood from going the wrong way cannot close, resulting in decreased blood flow. The poor perfusion causes the heart to work harder to compensate eventually leading to congestive heart failure.

Amino acids are the building blocks of protein and taurine is one of 22 amino acids a dog's body needs to live. Dogs can manufacture many of these amino acids on their own and because of this they are called non-essential. The remainder of the amino acids must be obtained from diet and are considered essential. Taurine is an amino acid that is responsible for helping the heart function efficiently. Taurine is found within animal protein, and the amount of taurine in pet food is dependent on the amount of quality meat within pet food. While taurine is not considered essential for dogs, we are still seeing DCM as a result of taurine deficiency – and the FDA investigation is investigating whether dogs need supplemental taurine.

Another cause for DCM in dogs is not enough taurine within pet food, taurine is found in meat protein. This is largely true for pet foods that contain a large amount of grains, legumes, potatoes and pulses or vegetarian and vegan dog foods. Most do not realize that taurine is NOT required by AAFCO to be included in dog food because it is not considered essential.

In some cases, depletion of taurine is a concern. This is true for product stored in warehouses for big box stores and online retailers who purchase in bulk at discounted prices. In addition, raw foods are impacted since availability of taurine in frozen foods decreases after 2-3 months.

Other causes of DCM include the body's inability to absorb or synthesize taurine. Legumes and potatoes can inhibit taurine absorption in humans and the same is thought of dogs because legumes and potatoes contain lectins that can decrease efficiency in digestion and nutrient absorption. In addition, starch and plant protein within dry pet foods is usually greater than the amount of meat protein. The protein percentage listed on packaging lists the combined amount of plant and animal protein. The reality is that the majority of a kibble's protein is made up of 25-50% meat protein meaning 50-75% of protein is plant protein which as discussed likely inhibits absorption and synthesis of taurine.

The pet food industry was born from human food waste. Before pet food, waste from the human food industry, including meats and grains unfit for human consumption and 4-D meats (dead, diseased, dying and drugged animals), were put into landfills and oceans because there was nowhere else to put it. Instead, human food companies began selling pet food containing these ingredients rather than what the pet should eat.

Extrusion, the process of making kibble, was introduced by Purina in the 1950's. This process takes heated, liquefied ingredients to make kibble. The ingredients experience significant vitamin and enzyme loss that manufacturers must supplement to meet minimum requirements. Baked kibble is gaining popularity and is a lesser processed option, but this is still heavily processed that may not offer a better choice. For hundreds of years prior to commercial pet foods, owners fed pets table scraps. In the 1960's, The Pet Food Institute (PFI), which represents pet food companies, began a campaign alerting consumers the dangers of feeding human food and instead advocated for feeding a "complete and balanced" processed diet.

Preventing and treating DCM doesn't require eliminating kibble. There is not one right answer, however there are options that make more sense. While feeding unprocessed diets, like raw and home cooked – when made properly - are likely to provide a lesser risk of DCM. While these are not options that are possible for all pet owners, most pet owners do have the ability to supplement with fresh food to help reduce risk and in some cases, treat DCM.



Below are tips for feeding and supplementing your pet:

- Examine the ingredients: Do the first ingredients list meat or starch? Look for brands where the first 2 or more ingredients contain meat. Avoid brands that contain by-products and unnamed meat and bone meal as these do not offer significant animal protein or highly digestible protein.
- Read through the ingredients that come after meat: Are there a lot of carbohydrates or just a few? Excess amounts may indicate this particular food has a large amount of plant protein rather than meat protein.
- Call the manufacturer and ask what percentage of meat makes up the protein in their food. If they refuse to provide information, look for alternatives.
- Rotate foods: The idea that a pet should eat one food its entire life was started by manufacturers to keep business. In fact, rotating foods can help resist GI upset and ward off sensitivities. A healthy animal should adjust to diet changes when introduction is gradual.
- Provide a variety: Research shows fresh food added to kibble reduces the risk of disease.
 - Add natural taurine:
 - Dark meat chicken, duck or any cut of beef
 - Raw chicken, duck, turkey hearts or necks
 - Wild caught mackerel or sardines in water
 - Fresh or frozen green lipped muscle
 - Supplement with eggs cooked or raw as they contain cysteine, which can boost intake of taurine.

We are only beginning to understand the field of animal nutrition. This fact highlights the importance of diet supplementation and rotation of proteins, as the idea that any one commercialized food can and does contain every nutrient the body needs is a reckless idea that is having a catastrophic impact on animal health.

If you are concerned about DCM your veterinarian can take a blood sample to measure methionine, cysteine and taurine levels. Regardless of results, be sure to send the blood results and information about your pets' diet, age, weight and breed to the FDA.

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Frustration in Communication: Eliminating Negative Attention

When a dog is part of your family, it can be frustrating to have them act out or ignore your commands. Some of the most undesirable behaviors are those which seem almost impossible to “train out” of your dog and this leaves the owner feeling disappointed, desperate and upset. What many owners are not consciously aware of, however, is that some of our behaviors can in turn lead to the continuation of their dog’s negative behaviors. How? Through something called negative attention, which – if you’re not aware and conscious of it, can occur in your home several times a day.

What is Negative attention?

Any unnecessary words, sounds, eye contact or physical touch that is given to a dog while it is engaged in unwanted behavior.

Negative attention can occur in several ways. For example: repeating a dog’s name or the name of an issued command multiple times. “Penny sit”. “Sit”. “Penny!”. “SIT!!!”. In this instance, it may be very unlikely that I am not going to get Penny to sit. The reason this method is unsuccessful is due to repetition of the verbal queue – this teaches your dog that they do not have to listen to you the first time, if at all, because you are going to repeat the command several times anyways.

Another common example would be pushing a dog away and yelling “No!” to a dog that jumps up. When they continue jumping on us, we continue yelling and pushing away with no luck. The physical touch, although a shove off, is hard for your dog to differentiate between a correction or praise. This is not an effective way to stop jumping, as your dog is getting exactly what they are looking for, which is your (negative) attention.

Why do people give negative attention?

Some people may believe that if they scold their dog every time their dog does something bad, that eventually the dog will just “get it” or “grow out of” the unwanted behavior with age. This is rarely the case. Dogs will always do what works in their best interest. Therefore as the dog’s handler, it is we that will have to try new methods to work on eliminating as much negative attention as possible. Other reasons dog handlers give negative attention is simply because they are not sure what else to try, frustration builds or they may be stuck using bad habits like repeating themselves or yelling. It can be an endless cycle for some and will lead to increased negative behaviors over time.

How to decrease the likelihood of giving negative attention?

It all boils down to being patient and consistent while giving clear guidance and feedback to your dogs. It is consistent follow-through as an owner and the thorough education of the dog that will make a dog respond better than yelling a word loudly in hopes that the dog will stop in their tracks.

Understand that your dog does not speak English. The word “No” or “Stop” by itself will not hold weight with your dog, and saying full sentences to your dog will literally mean nothing to them. Enhancing your body language queues and luring skills (with treats or toys) will be much more effective. We want to “show” our dog what we want verses “telling” them. Dogs are more visual learners than they are verbal; therefore the most successful training approach is generally going to be calm and quiet. I, as a trainer, only speak to my dogs to mark desired behaviors or praise them for behaviors that I want them to continue offering.



Developing a consistent “follow through” is also very important and goes hand in hand with learning how to carry your body language effectively. If I have a dog jumping up on people, I am going to have my dog on a leash and pull them back quickly and calmly the instant they jump. They will only get attention from anyone for being calm. This is something I would have to repeat as an owner consistently to ensure that my dogs know that a jump will be responded to with physical redirection. Every time. If I am consistent, this will send a clear message: Calm down. Get attention.

Lastly, I strongly suggest working with a reputable dog trainer in your area. There are many dog trainers in Connecticut, so do a little research and find your best match for the type of training you are looking for and the approach you want to take. I always recommend group obedience classes to those who need to learn all of the most common dog commands while strengthening the bond, trust and respect of the dog and household. Private lessons are always an option for learning how to work with your dog; however the group classes are the best value and will give you more skills than a single training session. When it comes to negative attention, it can take a few weeks for us to realize how frequently we were giving negative attention and why it hasn’t been effective. Working with a trainer in a group class soon after obtaining a new dog will reduce stress (for owners and dogs), decrease the time spent teaching bad habits, and fast track your results -- all while building a great foundation of trust, respect, clear expectations and socialization opportunities.



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The Great Outdoors

One of the best ways to celebrate autumn is to take a scenic hike with your dog, especially during the peak season. There are so many places to see and explore throughout New England but some of the best leaf peeping can be enjoyed right in your own backyard. In general, Connecticut has a variety of state and local town parks that are dog friendly. Regardless if you plan your trip in advance or if you prefer to be spontaneous, there are things that you can do to make your trip most pleasurable for you and your dog.

Know the fall foliage time frame. The foliage season begins in late September but as most New Englanders know, although peak foliage occurs in Connecticut sometime within the first two weeks in October, it can vary due to where you are in the state and the weather in the weeks leading up to it. The foliage usually ends in early November.

Another thing you should do before you head out for a hike with your dog is to know the weather and dress accordingly. You should always pack enough supplies for the length and duration of your trip. That means snacks, food, first aid kit, flashlights and plenty of water for you and your dog. Also, bring plenty of bags so that you can pick up after your pet.

Here are four great places to hike with your dog this season.

Case Mountain - Manchester

With an elevation of 744 feet, Case Mountain is located in Manchester. There are several paths or trails to hike on and it's a very popular spot for mountain bikers. Case Mountain has a waterfall at the base of the mountain and breathtaking views of Hartford once you arrive to the top. The summit is rather flat so it's a great place to relax, take in the views and eat a packed lunch or mid-afternoon snack. The hike, starting from Spring Street to the top and back down, totals at 2.8 miles. It's a relatively easy slope to hike. Well-behaved dogs on a leash are permitted. Visit www.mountainsummits.com for more information on this local park.

Devil's Hopyard State Park - East Haddam

Located in Middlesex County, Devil's Hopyard State Park is not really as scary or as haunted as it sounds. There are a few different stories about how the park got its name but they are just stories without any facts to support the stories. The entire park is beautiful, especially in the fall when the foliage is colorful. The park offers a waterfall, a cool stream for fishing and some of the best birding around! In addition, there are biking trails, camp sites, grills, picnic tables, and composting toilets. Well-behaved dogs on leashed are only permitted on the hiking trails and picnic areas. Visit www.ct.gov for more information on this state park.

Kent Falls State Park - Kent

The Kent Falls Trail is about quarter mile hike that runs up along the falls. It's a steep walk but certainly not a difficult walk. This trail is scenic and it is a beautiful little hike. There's a place to picnic as well. The park is open to 8:00 a.m. and closes at sunset. A parking fee is in effect for non-residents until October 31, 2018. Keep in mind, due to the popularity of this park it does get rather crowded. Well-behaved leashed dogs are permitted. Visit www.ct.gov for more information on this state park.

Talcott Mountain State Park- Simsbury

The Tower Trail runs about 1.25 miles long so it's a decent hike. At the top of the Talcott Mountain is the Heublein Tower, which takes about 40-minutes of walking time to get to there. The Heublein Tower is a historic home and museum that is only accessible by walking the trail. The museum is open from 10:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. Thursday through Monday and is closed for the season as of September 30, 2018. Although well-behaved leashed dogs are allowed on the trail, they are not allowed in the museum. There is a picnic area with multiple grills, a bathroom and there's water available. It's a great place to enjoy the fall foliage and an even better place to hike with your dog. Visit www.ct.gov for more information on this state park.

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Connecticut Dog (CD): How did you get your start in the craft beer industry?

Curt Cameron (CC): Most folks ask me if I was a homebrewer with a dream... but no, I am a software guy by trade, and once leaving Silicon Valley, I opened a couple large liquor stores in Connecticut. That was during the beginning of the craft beer craze. Once I sold the stores, I was looking for the “next thing” and one of the business attorneys I used suggested we look at the craft beer market. Rather than start from scratch, we looked at Hooker, which was a respected local brand, but the business itself had sort of lost its way. We saw an opportunity and the previous owners, who were successful business people in other areas, made it very easy for us to take it over as they wanted to see the brand continue. Fast-forward 12-years and the brand has grown nicely and experiencing notable success.

CD: What is the significance of the name Thomas Hooker?

CC: The Rev. Thomas Hooker was the Founder of Connecticut and/or Hartford, there’s often debate over this. Thomas Hooker left Boston with his followers and settled in what is now known as Hartford.

He founded the Colony of Connecticut and Hartford became its capital. So I guess you could say he is the founder of both Hartford and Connecticut.

CD: Creating craft beer is most certainly an art. What do you like most about what you do?

CC: Growing a respected brand is probably the most gratifying part of running a brewery for me because it takes a lot more than just making great beer. I love creating things. People are often surprised when I tell them I don’t brew. I have a team of very capable production staff that make the great beer and I am there to give them the tools to do that as well as direct the business, public relations and charitable operations.

CD: You offer a variety of beers to choose from. How many different beers have you created? What inspires you to create a new flavor? Which beer is your personal favorite?

CC: Over the years, we have brewed well over 100 different beers. Currently we make about fifteen, including our seasonal offerings.

Inspiration for new brews is a team effort. We have brainstorming sessions where we identify a style and then brand around that style. Great beer is only one part of the equation. Fun branding is the other because, with all the choices the consumer has these days, you need to draw their attention on the shelf. My personal favorite right now is our #NoFilter.

CD: Your dedication and hard work that you have put into the brewery has contributed to the continual growth of the Thomas Hooker Brewing Company brand. What was the turning point from being a small local craft brewer to a brewery that is nationally recognized?

CC: Hmmm, that's a tricky question for a couple reasons. First, we do have some national and even international recognition, but frankly in this world of hyper-local, I'm not sure that is as important as it once was. I think the brands that will be successful over the next few years are the ones which know how to cater to their local markets and size their facilities to do that. Breweries who have spent tens of millions with the idea they are going to grow geographically are the ones who are going to have challenges. There is so much great beer being produced in Connecticut now and I believe the consensus among Connecticut beer drinkers is to support local rather than some remote brewery 1,000 miles away. I think that same sentiment is prevalent in other states. Why buy beer from some brewery in Colorado when I can get a great product from Thomas Hooker Brewery, or Thimble Island Brewing Company or Fox Farm Brewery?

CD: Despite all the time you put into your brewery, you still manage to make time to help local non-profit organizations. What organizations do you support?

CC: We support countless charities by hosting fundraisers here at the brewery in Bloomfield as well as our Tap Room in Hartford at the Historic Colt building. That said, there are a few organizations near and dear to our hearts, which we support directly.

Dog Star Rescue - Of course both of my dogs came from there and not only are their volunteers just a great group of people, but they are very well organized.

Oak Hill – Oak Hill is a diverse organization, which supports individuals with various handicaps. We have partnered with Oak Hill for about 8-years now and have employed countless individuals who make packaging materials for our products. We also use them for janitorial services for both our locations. I'm also proud to say that part of our current expansion includes building a Vocational Training Center for the packaging crew. We love those guys.

The Village for Children and Families - A private non-profit, which is over 200 years old, the Village started as an orphanage but now provides diverse support services for over 8,000 individuals annually in the greater Hartford area. From foster/adoption services, to safe houses, to counseling services for children and adults.

I'm proud to say I have been on the Board of Directors for years and the Village has a special place in my heart as I was adopted from there as a child. I guess it's not a surprise why I'm so passionate about all the good work they do.

CD: In what ways are you involved with Dog Star Rescue?

CC: In addition to adopting two dogs myself, others in our company added family members from them. The Dog Star Rescue is now our tenant. The rescue resides in 6,500 square feet of our new facility, which is right next door to the brewery. We also help with numerous fundraising activities including the biggest event that takes place at the brewery, Bark and Brew, Dog Star's annual fundraiser which is attended by close to 1,000 people. We are really proud to be part of this great event.

CD: You have two dogs. What can you tell our readers about them?

CC: Ally, our first adoption, was a dog I saw online at first. Sounds corny, but it was love at first sight. She was good with kids and cats but scared to death of men, other than me. Once we got our second dog, Ally got over that fear and is one of the most affectionate dogs you will ever meet. Dudley, the yellow lab is our second adoption, and is one of those Uber-loyal dogs who follows me everywhere. One evening Dan, the president of Dog Star Rescue, brought a then seven-month old Dudley into the brewery for a visit. He was just a beautiful dog and as we were all sitting around having a beer, Dudley fell asleep with his head across my feet. I took him home later that week.

CD: Aside from dogs, what other pets have you had? Do you have other pets now?

CC: In addition to adopting two dogs, we have a very playful black cat named Blackjack that we adopted from one of my employees and a Chinchilla named Chester who needed a home. I have always had cats, so Jack was a no brainer, but I have to admit, I was apprehensive about a chinchilla. I mean, what the heck do they do other than sit in a cage. Well, truth be told, I love that little guy now. I open up his cage and he jumps onto my shoulder. The dogs don't mind him unless he jumps onto their backs.

CD: What do you like to do when you are not working, supporting local charities, or playing with your pets?

CC: As mentioned, I like building things, if not at the brewery, then around the house or helping friends. The brewery keeps me pretty busy these days, so my work-life balance is pretty weighted towards work. But I love what I do and the people I work with, so don't feel bad for me.



Halloween Safety Tips and Treats

Take your dog for a walk before trick-or-treaters head out for the evening.

Although you may have a social dog who enjoys meeting people, it's best to keep your dog at bay while the trick-or-treaters come knocking. Try putting your dog in another room so that he is not stressed by all of the guests dressed in costumes. If your dog or cat happens to be nearby while you answer the door, be sure that they don't escape by keeping them on a leash. Even though it's never safe for any dog to be loose, Halloween night can be even more dangerous for your dog. Be prepared in case your dog does get loose by placing ID tags on his collar with updated and current information on the tags such as the name of your dog, phone number, and address. If your dog does get loose you will have more of a chance of getting your dog back home safely. A microchip will provide even more security.

Common and popular Halloween plants and pumpkins are not considered toxic. However, if ingested, they can cause gastrointestinal upset. If you plan to use a candle inside a carved pumpkin, make sure it's not in an area where your dog can knock it over. This could cause a fire.



Visit a local dog bakery to get safe Halloween treats for your pet. They always have festive dog cakes and cookies that you can stop in to purchase or pre-order.



Halloween costumes for dogs are adorable and extremely cute. However, costumes and dress-up are not for all dogs. As long as your dog does not mind dressing up, select a safe costume. Make sure the costume doesn't have anything your dog can choke on. Also, be sure that the costume fits your dog because costumes that are too large or too small can affect your dog's mobility and this can lead to injury. Never allow a costume that could impair your dog's ability to breathe or hear. If you like to keep festive but you and your dog are not into going all out for Halloween, try a themed bandana.

Never leave your dog inside a car while you go walking around to trick-or-treat or while you go to a Halloween party.

Keep the bowl of trick-or-treat candy away from your dog. Chocolate can be very dangerous for both dogs and cats. If your dog ate chocolate, some of the symptoms may include vomiting, diarrhea, urination, heart rate increase, hyperactivity, a need to drink, and seizures. Also, candies that contain the sweetener, xylitol, can be poisonous to dogs. Just the smallest amount ingested of this artificial sweetener can cause a sudden drop in blood sugar and can eventually cause a lack of coordination and seizures. Let's not forget that dogs can also choke on candy wrappers. It's important for parents to explain to children how dangerous treats are to pets.



Keep the electrical lights and decorations away from your dog. Although this applies to dogs of all ages, puppies may need some extra supervision.

Avoid keeping your dog outside. It's not a good idea to have your dog in the yard because each year there are more and more reports of dogs getting poisoned and of dog theft. People of all ages may taunt your dog and this can scare and threaten your dog enough to bite or hop walls and attack. Your dog may also have a night of constant barking as each group of trick-or-treaters walk by.

Woof-O-lanterns!



Steps to sculpt a Woof-O-Lantern:

Tools needed:	carving knife or saw
large loop tool	exacto knife
medium loop tool	ribbon tools
small loop tool	poker (helps to push out cutouts)
scraper tool	

1. When selecting a pumpkin, it is important to know the size and shape that would work best for you and your dog breed. Keep in mind that there are different varieties of pumpkin to choose from. You will want a pumpkin that is thick skinned so that you are able to create depth with many layers and dimensions.

2. If you are feeling artistic and would like to try your hand at free-hand pumpkin sculpting, use a photograph of your dog. Sometimes it is best to enlarge the picture for reference.

3. Time to gut your pumpkin. To do this, open the pumpkin from the top/stem end with a large knife. It is best to cut this opening at an angle so that the lid will not end up falling inside. Be sure that you make the opening large enough to put your hand inside the pumpkin. You will need to scrape off any seeds that have attached themselves to the top or stem end of the pumpkin. Then clean out the inside of the pumpkin from the seeds and pulp.

4. Now that you have gut your pumpkin it should be easy to find which side has the thickest wall. If you are unsure, just guess. Using your large loop tool you will need to scrape the outer skin of the pumpkin away. Hint: It is almost like peeling a potato. It is important to scrape off only the area of skin that you plan to use for your design.

5. It is time to sketch out your design. Use a sharp tool to draw a rough draft of your dog onto the area that you have just scraped clean. Be sure not to draw too deeply into the flesh because it is just something for you to go by.

6. This next step requires you to carve off the outer areas of your design. You need to do this all around the sketch of your dog because the idea is to make the image of your dog to pop out from the

background area. You may need to do this a few times to create more depth.

7. Define your working space, so in order to do so, take either a large or medium loop tool, hold the tip of it and go over the outline of your dog's image. Similar to when you take a darker crayon to follow the lines when coloring a picture, the loop tool creates a thicker and more solid line that creates the outer shape of your dog and sets him/her away from the background.

8. From there you'll want to use a smaller tool to define the other characteristic shapes of your image. For instance, create the deeper lines that separate the mouth from the nose or the eyes from the nose. When doing this, think about which sections of the image you will want to glow or be brighter. If you want the eyes to look lit up, you will want to carve closer to the inside of the pumpkin, leaving a thinner wall area in that specific section. The thinner the wall cavity, the brighter that area will light up. The thicker the wall cavity, the darker that area will be.

9. Once you have the main areas cut deeper to enhance those areas, you will need to start creating depth throughout the different parts of the dog image. Use a medium loop tool to help start this off. Hold your tool at different angles to portray the image as it appears in your photograph. Every time you carve out the more defined areas, go back and clean it up. Doing so allows you to soften up an area and round it up a bit by carefully and gently carve away at the hard corners.

10. Once you get this part done, go back and check on the overall thickness of this carving area. If you think it is still thick enough to carve deeper lines, or if you are looking to create more light areas, go back and fix those areas.

11. It's time to take out the ribbon tools and create fur for your dog image. Play around with these tools to design the right flow of fur.

12. Your carving is now complete but it is not quite done yet. Pumpkins can have many loose pieces of skin and fiber that may be sticking out from your sculpture. To rid your image from these runaway pieces, take your exacto knife and cut those parts away. Also try shaving away the inside areas for these loose pieces.

13. The fun part is here. After all of that hard work sculpting and cleaning, you now have a beautiful Woof-O-Lantern to light up at night! Sculpting an image on a pumpkin takes a few tries sometimes, but don't give up! Art comes from within and each one of us has our own unique style. When you become more comfortable with the tools and the process, you'll have family and friends begging you to make a Woof-O-Lantern for them! Happy Hound Hauntings!

HOWL-O-WEEN

Tricking Treats



Makes 14 bewitching treats - perfect for gobblin'. These frightfully good howl-o-ween treats are guaranteed to give your pup a very spooky boo-st! Recipe provided by Three Dog Bakery.

2 1/2 cups water	1/4 cup chopped pecans
1/2 cup canned pumpkin	1/4 tsp nutmeg
1/8 tsp vanilla	1/4 tsp cinnamon
1 egg	1/4 cup oats
4 cups whole-wheat flour	1 tablespoon baking powder
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Pumpkin Apple Peanut Butter Sandwiches

This simple and delicious recipe can be made for your children or for your dogs.

- 1 Honey crisp apple
- Peanut butter
- A loaf of your favorite sliced bread
- Pumpkin cookie cutter



Remove and discard the core, stem, and seeds of the apple. Thinly slice the apple. Take out two slices of bread. Spread a tablespoon of peanut butter on one slice of the bread. Place a few of the apple slices over the peanut butter. Then take another tablespoon of peanut butter and spread on the other slice of the bread then place that slice of bread peanut butter side on the apples. Gently hold the sandwich still and use the cookie cutter to make the shape of the sandwich. Sandwiches can be served immediately. For a warmer or toasty sandwich, place the pumpkin sandwich on parchment paper and place on a baking pan. Bake the pumpkin sandwiches at 350 degrees for 10 - 15 minutes, depending on how toasty or warm you want the sandwiches to be.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a bowl mix water, pumpkin, vanilla and egg thoroughly.

Combine flour, raisins, pecans, baking powder, nutmeg and cinnamon in a separate bowl, stirring well.

Add wet ingredients to dry and mix well, making sure no dry mixture is left.

Spoon into a greased muffin tin, filling each cup completely. Sprinkle the top of each muffin with oats and bake for 1 1/4 hours. Cool completely and store in a sealed container.



*Wishing You a
Happy Halloween!*

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Collie Rescue League of New England



Adoptables



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- If left alone, collies can become bored and/or depressed. This breed needs to be active or socially stimulated.
- Collies are wonderful with children.
- They are sensitive to inclement weather such as thunderstorm or heavy rain.
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