



# AWS NEWSLETTER

## VISIT US AT PETCO



November 2 & 3  
at Petco  
(169 Danbury Rd.)

AWS representatives will be there from 10am-2pm to answer your questions, and introduce you to some of our feline friends.

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## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Construction should be complete sometime at the end of November so please call ahead for an appointment to meet your next furry family member. Tuesdays 11-7 and Wednesday through Saturday 11-2.

## Meet Willow



Willow and siblings, Barnaby and Chickadee, came to us when her owner went into a nursing home. She is quickly adapting to the shelter environment. She is a bit reserved but eager to find a new forever home.

To learn more about Willow, call the shelter at 860.354.1350

## IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP



By renewing or becoming an AWS Member your tax deductible contribution will help provide food, shelter and health care for cats, dogs, puppies and kittens while they await adoption.

Contact AWS at 860-354-1350 for more information, or make your Membership Donation directly online.

## HOW TO PET A DOG

**Not the top of the head.** Standing directly over a dog and touching the top of his head is an aggressive move of one-upmanship in the canine world. What a dog really loves is to be stroked on the cheeks and along the sides of the neck.



**Go with how his hair grows.** Dogs prefer longer strokes in the direction their hair goes — backwards from the neck to the tail, and down the sides from the back.

**The belly.** Yes, by all means with your own dog and any other dog who feels comfortable enough with you to offer his tummy, belly rubbing goes a long way.

**Avert your eyes.** This is more for the dog you want to win over on the street rather than your own dog, who already knows you're in the dark when it comes to canine manners. Direct staring is literally considered hostile in the canine world, especially if it's sustained.

**Approach indirectly.** Again, this is for a dog you don't know, or don't know so well. Making a bee-line for a dog is perceived as an act of

aggression. Better to approach gently by making a slight arc in your path and coming up from the side. It gives him more time to size you up without feeling a direct threat.

Excerpt from Tufts University's *YOUR DOG* newsletter

## STEALTHY CAT TRIES TO GO ON VACATION



The cat is officially out of the bag, folks.

One man was pretty concerned when airport security took him into a separate room, only to reveal his pet cat, Candy, hiding in his luggage. “Candy decided to sneak into our hand bag,” Nick Coole wrote on Facebook on Oct. 16. “Fair play to airport security for helping to get her home so we could catch our flight.”

There was no big punishment for Candy’s crimes, though. She was picked up by trusted pals and Coole was able to make his flight.

The sneaky feline underwent her mission at Isle of Man Airport on Isle of Man, an island that sits between Great Britain and Ireland.



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