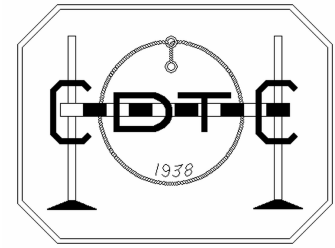


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## Capital Hosts AKC Obedience and Rally Seminars Sandi Atkinson

On the weekend of July 24-25, Capital Dog Training Club hosted two American Kennel Club seminars on obedience and rally. These seminars are termed "judging" seminars, but anyone who is planning to enter obedience or rally trials is welcome, as are prospective judges. Current AKC obedience and rally judges are required to attend the seminars every three years. (Obedience judges must attend the obedience seminar, while rally judges must attend both, since the Obedience Regulations cover what is not specifically mentioned in the Rally Regulations.)

The seminars were presented by AKC Representative Bill Thayne. A PowerPoint slide show highlighted important topics to stimulate discussion. Videos demonstrated various performances, either very good or with scoreable faults. Questions from the audience and discussion of the videos helped us learn more about how obedience and rally are judged according to the AKC Regulations.

My perspective on the value of attending seminars such as these for exhibitors who are not judges is this. First, you will be in the company of not only the AKC rep, but several judges, some with many years of experience. You have the opportunity to ask your questions about obedience and rally and get an authoritative answer that you can understand, not a response from fellow exhibitors which may or may not be accurate.

Second, some of your nervousness when you are competing could be from the "fear of the unknown." The more you know and understand about judging procedures and what roles are played by the

judge, the stewards, you, and the dog, the better off you will be. Experience can teach you a lot, but that is only gained from many trials and years of showing. Attending seminars can give you a lot of knowledge in a short period of time—and might also save you some trial entry fees.

Finally, speaking as a judge of both AKC and UKC obedience and rally, I want everyone to have the best shot at qualifying. Attending these types of seminars and reading the appropriate rulebook (yes, the whole thing) will give you an advantage over the person who sort of knows there is a book, but has not bothered to read it!

Twenty-seven supporters of our sport attended on Saturday and 16 on Sunday. This was a good turnout and a profitable venture for the club. Without the assistance of the following, my job as seminar producer would have been much more difficult. Please join me in thanking them for their service: Joan Adler - received the projector and brought it to the clubhouse on Saturday; Maurine Atkinson - food planner and deliverer; Shirley Blakely - loaned us a large cooler; Marcia Iyomasa - leapt up and own tirelessly to turn off and on the lights so we could see the videos; Jodie Jeweler and Steve (whose last name I don't have) - looked up email addresses for clubs so we could send them a notice of the seminars.

Check out the AKC's web site at [www.AKC.org](http://www.AKC.org) for information on future seminars. Contact Ken Nagler ([knagler@aol.com](mailto:knagler@aol.com)) for information on Hyattsville Dog Training Club's upcoming seminars.

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## From the Training Director: Awkward? Experienced Members in Basic Class

Lisa Daniel

One of the “joys,” or should I just say “responsibilities” of being Training Director is that I get to listen to complaints. A recurring issue, which I hear about from both sides, is the potential for conflict when an experienced member (perhaps with many obedience titles, perhaps also an instructor) takes a new dog into a Puppy Kindergarden, Basic, or possibly Advanced Basic class.

First, let me note that there is not generally an issue with experienced members taking upper level classes because so many of the students in the upper level classes ARE experienced members. Thus, both the instructors and the other students are accustomed to the notion that there will be “students” in the class who are experienced trainers and very possibly instructors in their own right. The problems crop up in the lower level classes because the opposite is true: most of the students are average pet owners “APO’s”, typically with little or no previous training experience and so there is much more potential for confusion if disagreements arise over training approaches.

Even so, this is a situation that may go flawlessly if both the member-student and the instructor know each other well and/or have similar expectations about how things should work. However, it is also a situation with some pitfalls and potential for tension. As we all should be well aware, no two dog trainers train in exactly the same way. Fortunately, there is more than one way to skin a cat – more than one method works, and Capital gives its instructors the freedom to train in the way that they are comfortable, assuming some level of efficacy and excluding methods that would be abusive. In practice this naturally means that the experienced member is likely going to have training methods that s/he prefers to those being advanced by the PK or Basic instructor – hence the potential conflict.

Having been in both the instructor role and the student role in this situation a number of times, my hope is to give both sides some perspective on the other, and some suggestions for making a potentially awkward situation easier. First, let’s consider the instructors. Our instructors volunteer their time and, particularly the PK and Basic instructors, are a critical component of our club’s ability to exist as well as of its *raison d’etre*. In short, they are, or at least should be, treated as treasures.

Let’s also keep in mind that the vast majority of the students in PK and Basic are APO’s, who have little or no experience of dog training whatsoever. PK and Basic teachers have the challenge of motivating this group and imparting a huge amount of information to them, all in the context of what can be a chaotic and very distracting environment. The very last thing these instructors need, and the very last thing the other students need, is someone in the class who repeatedly challenges or disagrees with the instructor, or who constantly refuses to try what the instructor is suggesting. This is not only frustrating for the instructor, but it is undermining his or her authority and hence confusing to the other students. A drawn-out debate is an inappropriate waste of class time. While I will be the first to say that every student, as the one responsible for the well-being of their dog, has the right and duty to refuse to do something s/he believes would truly be to the dog’s detriment, I would also argue that if such a situation comes up repeatedly in a class, either it is an issue for the Training Director, and/or it is an inappropriate match of student and instructor.

Now let’s consider the member’s point of view. Let’s say this member has multiple obedience titles on other dogs and rightly considers herself a knowledgeable trainer. It’s likely that she has brought her new dog to a Basic class not because she particularly wants to learn new ways of doing things, but because she wants to compete with this dog and wants to accustom the dog to learning in a group training environment. In all likelihood, this member has already started training at home with the techniques she is comfortable with, and at least some of the time they are different from the techniques being taught by the Basic instruc-

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### Help Wanted: Capital's Obedience & Rally Trials

We will soon host our annual AKC. obedience (10/10/10) and rally trials (10/9/10). We ask every club member to help make these trials the best possible:

- \* First and foremost, we need people to help staff the trials. The chief ring stewards will once again be Shellie, [Shellie.A@verizon.net](mailto:Shellie.A@verizon.net).
- \* We will put on a wonderful potluck lunch for our judges and volunteers and offer it to exhibitors. The judges' luncheon will once again be coordinated by Benita, [bbottomsvi@comcast.net](mailto:bbottomsvi@comcast.net).
- \* You can help with trophies, Jane, [Jane468@earthlink.net](mailto:Jane468@earthlink.net), and/or with ring hospitality, Mary, [Mary-HRice@aol.com](mailto:Mary-HRice@aol.com).
- \* If you want to get involved with vendors and/or catalogue advertisements, contact Burton, [Burton@BGCommunications.com](mailto:Burton@BGCommunications.com).

The judging panel this year will be extraordinary: Ginger Kinion, John Landis, and Bob Squires for obedience, and Janet Lewis for rally. Everyone is invited to join us at our judges' dinner, Saturday night. (We will each pay our own way.) It is an excellent opportunity to get to meet some outstanding judges.

We will put on a presentation of "Everything That You Need To Know So You Can Help At An Obedience and/or Rally Trial" at the September general membership meeting. The premium list is now posted on our web site.

--Burton Goldstein, Show Chair

### Going to the Dogs...

As many of you know, I was somewhat incensed by the process put forward to register for a dog park pass in Montgomery County. The portion to which I objected had nothing to do with the fee and everything to do with the need to have a veterinarian certify that the dog had been given vaccinations not required by the county's legal code. I am not shy in expressing myself and decided to do so to the parks authority on this issue. I rooted around the parks website to find what looked to be an appropriate email address and fired off the following:

[This is a quote from the registration instructions] "Please note the application does include a section that must be completed by a licensed veterinarian." What is the justification for this? If the dog has a valid county registration it has an up-to-date rabies. I should be able to provide you my dogs' registration numbers and a check. No other vaccinations are required by law.

My dogs' shot protocols are worked out annually by me and my vet depending on circumstance, dog health and lifetime vaccination history. The county doesn't need to be concerning itself at this level and it is about as acceptable as demanding a form from a pediatrician to allow a kid to swim at a county facility. I train and trial my dogs and they have all of these shots and then some, but I feel quite strongly that the county is over-stepping its bounds pretty clearly here. What's next, a clean fecal test and Canine Flu shots annually?

The county did not respond immediately, but several days later, Sheila O'Neil contacted me to let me know that she learned while obtaining her own dog park passes that the county had decided to change the process to require only the fee and county license number. On August 2nd, the county parks authority contacted me via email and told me the same thing, indicating that the policy change was indeed in response to my email and others similar! I was delighted to get confirmation that my little activist effort was successful. I've sent in my fee and minimal paperwork and am happily back at the dog park.

—Shannon Hall



## AKC Delegate's Corner: Joyce Dandridge

### The Importance of Your AKC Delegate

#### What are the unique powers of a Delegate?

- Approves Rules governing dog shows and field trials
- Approves amendments to the AKC Bylaws
- Nominates and elects Delegates to serve on the AKC Board of Directors & Delegate Standing Committees
- Approves new member clubs
- Votes to uphold or overrule an AKC Board decision to disapprove a Delegate candidate or to remove a seated Delegate
- Only a Delegate may serve on the AKC Board
- Votes to discipline, and even to expel, a Member Club

#### How do they exercise these powers?

- Attends and votes at quarterly Delegate Meetings
- Attends and/or Participates with Delegate Standing Committees
- Brings Member Club's proposals to the Delegates and/or Delegate Standing Committees
- A Member Club, through its Delegate, may propose amendments to the AKC Bylaws or AKC Rules directly to the AKC Board
- Informs all members of their Member Club of Delegate actions
- Acts as ombudsman for Member Club members dealing with AKC

#### What are the qualifications for a person to become a Delegate?

##### Required — Article VI of the AKC Bylaws:

- Represents a Member Club
- Both Member Club and individual are in good standing with AKC
- Is a resident US citizen or has permanent resident alien status
- Meets all of the occupational eligibility criteria
- May not have been found guilty of or admitted to the theft, embezzlement or misappropriation of funds or property from an AKC Club

##### Suggested — for perspective and continuity:

- Ten year involvement in AKC events and/or activities
- Willingness to serve for five years or more
- Willingness to invest time, effort and expenses
- Willingness to speak up and become involved
- Willingness to engage others in crucial conversations

#### What should a Member Club expect from their Delegate?

- Long term (5 years or more) commitment to represent and serve the Member Club
- Commitment to attend and participate at Delegate Meetings
- A timely report on the actions taken at Delegate Meetings
- Presentation of actions/issues that will come before future Delegate Meetings
- When applicable, vote as directed by the Member Club

#### What should your Delegate expect from the Member Club?

- Long term appointment as Delegate
- A forum to report on what transpired at Delegate meetings
- Discussion and guidance on forthcoming actions/issues
- Assistance with Delegate expenses to expand who might become Delegates and to maximize their participation



## Capital Dog Training Club Instructor Recognition and Awards Dinner 2009

Capital members gathered at the clubhouse on July 13 to recognize the contributions of instructors and assistants and to celebrate those who earned titles in 2009. Following is a list of members and their dogs who earned AKC Agility and other titles in 2009.

### AKC Agility

#### Novice Standard (NA)

Jill Bond	Bozo	Rat Terrier
Jane Weisemann	Jack	Siberian Husky

#### Novice Standard Preferred (NAP)

Jill Bond	Sami	Rat Terrier
Jois Kietur	Lily	Australian Shepherd

#### Novice Jumpers-with-Weaves (NAJ)

Jill Bond	Bozo	Rat Terrier
Jill Bond	Sami	Rat Terrier
Laurie Falter	Cub	Rottweiler

#### Novice Jumpers-with-Weaves Preferred (NJP)

Jois Kietur	Lily	Australian Shepherd
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#### Open Standard (OA)

Jill Bond	Bozo	Rat Terrier
Laurie Falter	Cub	Rottweiler
Mary Webb	Joy	Shetland Sheepdog
Jane Weisemann	Jack	Siberian Husky
Jennie Larkin	Bo	Papillion

#### Open Jumpers-with-Weaves (OAJ)

Jill Bond	Bozo	Rat Terrier
Mary Webb	Joy	Shetland Sheepdog
Jennie Larkin	Bo	Papillion

#### Open Jumpers-with-Weaves Preferred (OJP)

Jill Bond	Sami	Rat Terrier
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#### Excellent Standard (AX)

Mary Helen Rice	Jeep	Scottish Terrier
Mary Webb	Joy	Shetland Sheepdog

#### Excellent Jumpers-with-Weaves (AJX)

Jill Bond	Bozo	Rat Terrier
Mary Helen Rice	Jeep	Scottish Terrier

Mary Webb	Joy	Shetland Sheepdog
Jane Weisemann	Jack	Siberian Husky
Jennie Larkin	Bo	Papillion

**Novice Fast (NF)**

Jill Bond	Bozo	Rat Terrier
Terri Marvel	Checkers	Scottish Terrier
Mary Webb	Joy	Shetland Sheepdog

**Novice Fast Preferred (NFP)**

Jill Bond	Sami	Rat Terrier
Mary Helen Rice	Drake	Scottish Terrier

**AKC Earthdog**

**Master Earthdog (ME)**

Mary Helen Rice	Jeep	Scottish Terrier
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**AKC Field Trials**

**Derby List**

Milly B Welsh	Arnie	Labrador retriever
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**Senior Courser (SC)**

Brigitte Greenberg	Pony	Whippet
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**Field Champion**

Brigitte Greenberg	Pony	Whippet
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**AKC Conformation**

**Breed Champion (CH)**

Dianne & Jeffrey Harab	Hershey	Field Spaniel
Elizabeth Jarrell	Sophia	Australian Shepherd

**Therapy Work**

**Canine Good Citizen**

Dianne & Jeffrey Harab	Hershey	Field Spaniel
Elizabeth Jarrell	Sophia	Australian Shepherd

**CGC/TDI Test**

In honor of the American Kennel Club's Responsible Dog Ownership Day, CDTC will hold Canine Good Citizen and Therapy Dog International testing on Sunday, September 26th.

Shannon Hall, the test coordinator, needs some volunteers: a neutral dog team (already CGC certified); several adults for the crowd, distraction and supervised separation portions of the CGC; two children and someone to ride around in a wheelchair for the TDI part of the test. Please let her know if you can help.

Pre-registration is REQUIRED for the CGC/TDI testing. To register or volunteer contact Shannon Hall: shandavegh@gmail.com.

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tor. Suppose she has been using one particular method of training her dog to heel and the instructor is teaching a different method and asking each team to try it sequentially. The member does not want to confuse her dog and feels frustrated. In addition, she may even feel her method is more effective.

Thus, we have potential for conflict and both sides have legitimate concerns. The instructor does not want to be undermined nor confuse her class and waste class time with disagreements over training approaches. The member does not want to be forced to switch to a training method she may view as less effective and possibly confusing to her dog as she is likely to be doing a lot of training on her own with her own methods.

Let me suggest some guidelines for easing this situation. (Again, I have been in both of these positions.) First and foremost, the instructors are entitled to respect. That means that if a member actively disagrees with the instructor's approach, unless there is an immediate concern of outright harm to a dog or person, it should be taken up with the instructor OUTSIDE of class. The same is true of "helpful" comments. No matter how experienced (and many of our members are of course also instructors) s/he is, the member should keep in mind that their role in this class is student – not instructor, not even assistant. Keeping the correct role in mind means that concerns or "helpful" additional information should be raised privately without potential confusion of other students or using up precious class time.

Second, members enrolling in these classes should recognize going in that the instructor is undoubtedly going to use some different techniques from the ones they normally use. I recommend that members keep an open mind – learning new ways of doing things can broaden you as a trainer. When an instructor asks you to try something that is different from the way you do it, first ask yourself if there is really any harm in trying it. My guess is that many times, the answer is really "no" (there is no harm), it just may feel like a waste of time. If the worst that could happen is you try something a couple of times and basically never do it again outside of class, then why not just do it? For one thing, you may be surprised and discover that it's really useful.

If you find yourself in a situation where you are truly concerned that your dog will be confused, tell the instructor politely: "I've been training this differently at home, do you mind if I do it my way, or would you rather I sat this exercise out?" In other words, raise your concern, but don't get into a discussion, take up class time, or insist that you get to do it your way. Please keep in mind that even if you are correct that your method is "better", you will be ultimately doing the other students a disservice by muddying the waters.

Third, instructors, for their part, should be sensitive to the fact that experienced members are different animals (so to speak) from APO's, and consider using them as a resource rather than viewing them as a problem. One strategy I have used as an instructor when I have an experienced member in my class and which I have also observed others using successfully, is to point out to the other students in the class early on that we have an experienced trainer in the class and that, because dog trainers use a variety of methods, they may occasionally see that team doing something a little different from what we are doing. I may also invite the experienced member to comment on an approach or even to demonstrate a different approach where I think it may be helpful and not confusing to the other students. I also, if they don't mind, may ask the member to occasionally act as the demo team for an exercise that I know they do in a manner consistent with how I am teaching. In this way, the member feels recognized for having the expertise that s/he has gained and is more likely to feel like part of the instructor's team, rather than in conflict.

As a member taking class, the two areas where I most appreciate instructor leeway are: (1) allowing me to sit out an exercise or do it a little differently if I request that, with minimal back and forth; and (2) being tolerant of my doing a little extra training in a quiet, *nondisruptive* (i.e. in the corner, not intruding on the rest of the class from either a noise or a space perspective) way during "down times" when the instructor is

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## Braggs!

Benita Bottom-Svitchan and Siena (Siena is the real Mom) are happy to report their girl Savoy's new Ch and Apprentice Water Dog titles both earned in July. Savoy is officially **Ch TagAlong's High Tea for Two AWD**. Savoy finished her Ch on July 8th at Howard County expertly handled by Greg Strong, AKC registered handler, and earned her water title on July 18th in Cary, NC, at the Movers and Shakers Portuguese Water Dog trial recognized by the PWDCA. Siena is happy to report she successfully completed four of her Courier water exercises at the trail and thinks all of her obedience training helps her with her water work too.



Marzipan, an **All American/Mixed Breed**, completed the final two legs of her CD title while earning a Second and Third place finish in Novice A at the Lakawanna Kennel Club obedience trial in Bloomsburg, PA, July 30 & 31. She earned the first leg of her title on June 19 with a First place finish during her debut at the Mt. Nittany obedience trial in State College, PA. Neither Marzipan or I had ever competed before, but Marzipan did great, winning her title in three days of competition. We are very proud of her!

—Theresa Goedeke

My Papillon, Tip, went to the Three Rivers Papillon Club supported entry shows at Canfield Ohio on August 6-8. On Friday he took Reserve Winner's Dog to a 5 point major, then on Saturday he took Winners Dog and Best of Winners (5 points) and did it again on Sunday for another 4 point major! He was beautifully groomed and handled by his co-owner, Colleen Kirby. He now has 12 points and two majors towards his breed championship! But until then he is still just **Waytogo's Walk This Way NJP**. (He was also the only dog in the whole entry with any performance title!)

—Jennie Larkin

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perhaps engaged in going around on a one-to-one basis for an exercise.

As an instructor, I most appreciate it when members are respectful and save their comments or critiques for after class. Personally, I will always allow someone to sit out an exercise if they prefer, and I will certainly entertain allowing them to do it "their way," but if it is a recurring issue I may take it up with them outside of the class to see if they would be happier in another class. I also very much appreciate the help of experienced members, but prefer that they not offer help or advice unless asked as it interrupts the flow of the class.

At Capital we are fortunate indeed to have so many experienced trainers. Many of us wear a number of different hats. I think if we try to be somewhat flexible and keep firmly in mind which hat we are wearing in a given situation, everyone will gain. Happy training!

### Freestyle Meet-Up

Members of Capital's Freestyle Class are meeting with other freestylers for a run through as preparation for a competition in Durham on November 6 and 7. The date is September 25 from noon until 2:30 at Colonial K-9 in Stafford. Everyone is invited to come and support the group.

—Sally Kirschenman

## Class Schedules

<u>Time</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Ring</u>
<b>MONDAY</b>			
10-11:30 am	Freestyle TG	Ely	2-3
6-7:15	Open	LaDieu	2-3
7:15-8:05	SN	Adler/Dwyer	1
7:30-8:30	Novice	Golec	3
8:15-9:15	Utility	Adler	1-2
8:30-9:20	Basic, 9/13-11/1	Hall	3
<b>TUESDAY</b>			
5-5:50	CGC Prep	Daniel	1-2
6-6:50	AB, 8/31-10/19	Daniel	1-2
7-8	Adv Conf	Dandridge	2
7-8	Novice	Merchant	1
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. 8-10	Club Meeting	Bldg.	
4 <sup>th</sup> Tues.	Board Meeting		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			
12-2:30	Ob. Skills TG	Spodak	1-2
5-5:50	B. Nov, 8/25-10/13	Larkin	2-3
6-7:30	Agility (Comp)	Harrill	1-2-3
7:30-8:45	Agility (Intro 2)	Briefel	1-2-3
<b>THURSDAY</b>			
9:30-10:30	SN	Adler	1-2
9:30-10:30	Novice	Holt	3
11:30-12:20	AB, 6/17-8/5	Christensen	1-2
11:30-12:20	B. Rally, 9/2-10/7	Daniel	3
11:30-12:20	Basic, 9/9-10/28	Christenson	1-2
12:30-3:00	Open/Utility TG	Goldstein	1-2-3
6-7	Novice	Gurvin	1-2
6-7	Utility prep	Harry	3
7-8	Utility	Harry	2
7-8	Retrieve	Dornak	3
8-9	SN	Dornak	3
8-9	Open	Harry	1-2
9-10	Open	Nappier	2
<b>FRIDAY</b>			
10:15 am-12:30	Freestyle	Ely/ Kirschenman	1-2-3
1-4 (approx.)	Building Cleaning bldg		
7:00-8:00	Novice	Cleverdon	1
7-8:30	CCI*	Hathaway	3
*Canine Companions for Independence			

### Oops...

Please return the pictures taken from the Club on the July meeting/awards night that were in the "free" pile. They belong to Dona Dwyer. They are flyball pictures which are/were in a 16x20 frame and individual pictures (5 or 6) in a frame with vines or flowers on it (11x14).

Thank you,  
Dona Dwyer

<u>Time</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Ring</u>
<b>SATURDAY</b>			
7:30-8:30	PK, 9/11-11/6	Melchior	2-3
9-9:50	PK, 8/28-10/16	Solomon	2-3
11-12:30	Freestyle	Guzman	1-2-3
1-1:50	Basic	Daniel	1-2
2-2:50	AB, 9/11-11/6	Christenson	2-3
6:30-7:30	Beg. Flyball	Lindberg	1-2-3
7:30-8:30	Flyball practice	Dwyer	1-2-3
<b>SUNDAY</b>			
TBD	CGC/TDI Test	Hall	1-2-3
4-5:15	Agility (Hndl.)	Maloney	1-2-3
5:15-6:30	Agility (Intro)	Hall	1-2-3
6:30-7:45	Agility (Beg.)	Bond/Carter	1-2-3

# Class Schedules

<u>Day</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
<b>PUPPY KINDERGARTEN</b>			
Sat	8/28-10/16,	9:00-9:50 am	Solomon
Sat	9/11-11/6,	7:30-8:30 a.m.	Melchior
<b>BASIC</b>			
Sat	9/4-10/30,	1:00-1:50 pm	Daniel
Mon	9/13-11/1,	8:30- 9:20 pm	Hall
Wed	9/9-10/28,	11:30 am-12:20 pm	Christenson
<b>AB</b>			
Sat	9/11-11/6,	2:00-2:50 pm	Christenson
Tues	8/31-10/19,	6:00-6:50 pm	Daniel
<b>CGC PREP</b>			
Tues	8/31-9/21,	5:00-5:50 pm	Daniel
<b>BEGINNING NOVICE</b>			
Wed	8/25-10/13,	5:00-5:50 pm	Larkin
<b>SUB-NOVICE</b>			
Mon	C	7:15-8:15	Adler/Dwyer
Thur	C	9:30-10:30 am	Adler
Thurs	C	8-9	Dornak
Fri	C	7-8	Cleverdon
<b>NOVICE</b>			
Mon	C	7:30-8:30	Golec
Tues	C	7-8	Merchant
Thurs	C	9:30-10:30 am	Holt
Thurs	C	6-7	Gurvin
<b>OPEN</b>			
Mon	C	6-7:15	LaDieu
Thurs	C	8-9	Harry
Thurs	C	9-10	Nappier
<b>UTILITY</b>			
Mon	C	8:15-9:15	Adler
Thurs	C	6:00-7:00 (prep)	Harry
Thurs	C	8:00-9:00	Harry

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<b>RETRIEVE</b>			
Thurs	C	7-8:00	Dornak
<b>BEGINNING RALLY</b>			
Thurs	9/2-10/07,	11:30 am-12:30 pm	Daniel
<b>CGC AND TDI TEST</b>			
Sun	9/26	TBD	Hall
<b>AGILITY</b>			
Wed	C	6:00 - 7:30(Comp.)	Harrill
Wed	C	7:30 – 8:45 (Intro 2)	Briefel
Sun	C	4:00 -5:15(Hndl.)	Maloney
Sun	C	5:15- 6:30 (Intro)	Hall
Sun	C	6:30-7:45 (Beg.)	Bond/Carter
<b>ADVANCED CONFORMATION</b>			
Tues	9/21-10/26,	7:00-7:50 pm	Dandridge
<b>FREESTYLE</b>			
Fri	C	10:15-12:30	Ely/ Kirschenman
Sat	C	11-12:30	Guzman
<b>TRAINING GROUPS</b>			
Mon	C	10-11:30	Ely
Wed	C	12-2:30 (Ob. Skills)	Spodak
Thurs	C	12:30-3:00	Goldstein
<b>FLYBALL</b>			
Sat	C	6:30-8:30	Lindberg/Dwyer
<b>OUTSIDE GROUPS</b>			
Fri	C	7-8:30	CCI, Hathaway
<b>BUILDING CLEANING</b>			
Fri	C	1-4 approx.	S. Harrill

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CDTC offers a variety of other activities for dogs and people, including matches, trials and seminars on dog-related topics.

Capital has a fully matted indoor, air-conditioned facility in Silver Spring, Md.

**Important Dates at Capital**

Tuesday, September 14:  
**Membership Meeting**

Sunday, September 26:  
**CGC/TDI Test**

Saturday, October 9:  
**CDTC Rally Trial**

Sunday, October 10:  
**CDTC Obedience Trial**

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