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"If I could be half the person my dog is, I'd be twice the human I am."
- Charles Yu

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From the Editor



We are working on incorporating some Open exercises into our repertoire while keeping things fun and light. Hadley is a sensitive dog who shies away from pressure. As such,

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New Membership**Information**

[Shirley Blakely](#)

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teaching her to "hold" an object on command has been a slow process.

We finally made some progress and now she will hold just about anything we ask her to, which keeps things fun for her and for us!

Here she is, showing off her nice biothane slip lead, as well as her pearly whites. The dumbbell does not garner the same level of enthusiasm, but I am certain we are on the right track!

Growly Dog Seminar

Hosted by Capital Dog Training Club

Growly Dog Seminar



FRI.

AUG 25

6:30 - 8 PM

CAPITAL DOG
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Behavior Modification
& Socialization

Understanding Canine Reactivity



Does your dog become over-stimulated and/or bark, growl, or lunge toward other dogs while leashed or crated? Does your dog exhibit stress or other reactive behavior while crated at a trial, during classes or other events?

By attending this seminar, you will:

- Understand why your dog acts the way they do on leash.
- Learn how to prevent & manage this behavior.
- Begin training so that you may have enjoyable walks!

Support your dog in learning how to choose calm in the presence of their triggers, including other dogs.



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Does your dog become over-stimulated and/or bark, growl, or lunge toward other dogs while on a leash? Does your dog exhibit stress or other reactive behavior while crated at a trial, during classes or other events?

By attending this seminar, you will:

- Understand why your dog acts the way they do on a leash and in the crate.
- Learn how to prevent & manage this behavior.

- Begin training so that you may have enjoyable walks, classes and trial experiences!

Support your dog in learning how to choose calm in the presence of their triggers, including other dogs.

Register [here](#).

Hope to see you there!

Dogs and Water: A Safety Guide



With the recent unbearably hot temperatures hitting our area and heat indexes upwards of 105 degrees, many of us are seeking out ways to keep our dogs exercised safely. This often means swimming! Most dogs love to cool off in the water. It's a great workout, takes pressure off of the joints, and adds resistance to games like fetch. While a day in the water sounds like paradise, it can take a turn quickly without the proper knowledge or preparedness. Here are some pointers for keeping your water play day safe and fun.

Water Intoxication:

Many dogs love to play fetch in water, lap up some splashes, and even chomp around while they swim. These adorable little idiosyncrasies have presented in many a viral video, but did you know there is an element of danger involved?

When dogs consume too much water, they can experience water intoxication, which is when the body is overwhelmed by an excessive amount of water. In doing so, their electrolytes are thrown out of balance and the cells pull in more fluid, creating chaos throughout the body.

A non-exhaustive list of symptoms to look out for include: lethargy, bloating, vomiting, loss of coordination, restlessness, drooling, pale gums, dilated pupils, and glazed eyes. If you suspect your dog may be suffering from water intoxication, get them in to the nearest vet immediately as it is an urgent medical issue.

To avoid excess water consumption, try these things: keep your dog on a leash if they are not under verbal control to avoid consumption without the ability to stop, do not allow them to bite water while playing, and play fetch with a flat object that allows for a bite with less access to water.



Blue-Green Algae:

When looking for a swimming spot, it is important to be aware of the water source and its movement. Choosing running water that is freely flowing is a safer option. When water stands still or is slow-moving, isn't refreshed often, and there are hot temperatures; there is a potential for algae growth.

Blue-Green Algae has made headlines recently for its incredibly toxic effect on dogs. This algae is particularly harmful to dogs because of their consumption of water while swimming.

When approaching a body of water, observe whether or not there is visible algae cover. If so, it is likely not worth the risk of swimming. Additionally, toxic algae can sink to the bottom, so you must assess the situation as a whole. This algae often smells unpleasant, so if you approach water with a foul odor it is best to avoid altogether. You can order test kits that will determine if an algae bloom is toxic [here](#).

Signs of blue-green algae poisoning come on quickly and require immediate veterinary attention. These symptoms include: diarrhea and/or vomiting, drooling, weakness, confusion, seizures, and breathing difficulties.

Blue-green_Alga image

Beach Behavior:

Maybe this talk of algae in ponds has you headed for the ocean with your pup. Who doesn't love a beach trip?!

When your pup tags along on the family vacation, it's important to keep their safety in mind with these top tips:

- Keep an eye on the waves and currents. Before letting your dog swim in the ocean, make sure they are capable and the current is not strong. Riptides are dangerous for even the most experienced swimmers. Consider a life vest to aid in the event that they are pulled out and need help.
- Look out for unsafe animals, like jellyfish, that may harm your dog if touched or ingested.
- Provide plenty of access to shade, along with fresh water. The salty ocean water is not safe for anyone to drink, so it's important to keep a safe drinking option readily available for your pup.
- Do not allow them to ingest sand. While the sand covered nose makes for an adorable picture, too much sand can build up in a dog's digestive tract and create a blockage.



With these tips in mind, get out there and cool down with some safe swimming!

Caption THIS!

Do you have a meme-worthy photo of your dog? Or, perhaps you are particularly clever and witty, with a mind full of funny captions? Well, welcome to "Caption This"! This section of the Obichaff will feature reader submitted photos worthy of funny captions. The following month, I'll feature the best captions!

Submit your photos and captions [here](#)!

July's photo of Beau:

"Really???" - Submitted by Nan Marks



August Photo Submissions:



Roxane Bouten shared her son's new puppy, Tulip, with
Eileen Freedman sharing the caption:
“Yes, I can hear you. I AM sitting”

Caption the photo of Tulip by emailing [here](#)!



Submitted by Eileen Freedman with her caption:
"Look what I got just for doing my homework well and not eating it!"

Caption the photo of Blue by emailing [here](#)!

Wag N' Wash Bethesda: A Review

Like many of our members in the DMV, I was saddened to hear of Loyal Companion's bankruptcy and subsequent store closures. Many local pet stores had been acquired by the brand; so many, in fact, that it felt like nearly every pet store nearby was closing up shop. Although I make the majority of my pet-related purchases online, it's helpful to have a local spot available for frozen goods, and general accessibility.

When the news broke of the Loyal Companion closures, I took advantage of the close out sales and went around to the different locations in my immediate area. When I walked into the [Bethesda location](#), I was informed they had sold the store to Wag N' Wash. Having never heard of the brand, I researched to learn that Wag N' Wash is a subsidiary of Pet Supplies Plus. I was excited at the prospect, as I've enjoyed every Pet Supplies Plus I've visited.

The store is still undergoing some renovations, though it has remained open during the transition. They have a great selection of dog and cat food, litter, toys, treats, and more!



My favorite feature of this store is the self-wash pet stations. For \$15 you can give your pup a bath in a professional dog bath, complete with access to soaps, towels, and a blow dryer! They provide oatmeal shampoo, a hypoallergenic shampoo, and a 2-in-1 shampoo and conditioner hybrid product. There are curry combs available to really loosen that fur up and wash it all away.



Unfortunately, Hadley and I disagree about how awesome the blow dryer is. I love that it blows off any remaining dead fur, keeps me from having to deal with the "wet dog" smell, and all of the fur is easily washed away and not all over MY bathroom! She thinks it is totally awful and should not exist. Luckily, she tolerates everything well!

One of our favorite things to do is pop across the street and onto the [Capital Crescent Trail](#) to take a nice long walk along the trail and back, stop in to Wag N' Wash for a bath/blow dry and a treat, and grab lunch for the humans at Bradley Food and Beverage. A great day for all!

Braggs

Marnie McCown writes:

Beau achieved his Trick Dog Advanced title performing 10 tricks, including 'talk', 'bow', and a very dramatic 'play dead'. While their CDX run is the next goal, pursuing a Performer title may be in Beau's future. Congratulations, Beau!



Shannon Hall writes:

The boys had a good day at Oriole running NADAC on July 1st.





Sherri Locke writes:

Mason at 8 months finished his CGC title at our Family dog 2 class and Lena my GSD got her first BCAT title at our FASTCAT trial.

Delegate's Corner

By: Joyce Dandridge

- Agility Nationals in 2024 will be March 14-17 in Perry, GA.

- You should know state requirements for health certificates for dogs when traveling to shows.
- Number of entries from Jan.-April 2023 vs 2022) Agility increase 1.3%; Scent Work increase 16.1%; Fast CAT increase 19.3%; Rally increase 15.5%; Obedience increase 5.35%
- Pilot Program for Three-Legged Dogs in Non-Jumping Obedience and Rally began July 1 and ends December 31, 2024. Every judge will fill out a form each time they have a Tripod exhibit in their ring.
- AKC is still asking clubs that have not done so to select a Juniors Coordinator. Number of clubs to date: All Breed Clubs- 52, Performance and Companion Events/Limited Breed Clubs- 8, Parent Clubs- 72, and Specialty Clubs- 13.
- Clubs are encouraged to use Juniors as stewards and to offer Junior Showcase events.
- The VP of AKC Sports Events suggested in our committee meeting that maybe the AKC Education Department develop an “AKC Approved Trainers Program”. Everyone thought it was a good idea.

Available Classes

[Class List and Registration](#)

Upcoming Classes/Tests/Trials

CGC Testing

CGC testing is scheduled for Aug. 5, and Nov. 4
Links to register: [Aug](#), [Nov](#)

Classes

Register for all classes [here](#).

Puppy Kindergarten classes begins Sunday, August 6 at 9am and September 17 at 3pm.

Family Dog Classes - We have a Family Dog 1 class beginning

October 1 at 4pm and Family Dog 2 classes beginning August 2 at 1pm and September 6 at 6pm.

Heeling, Fronts, and Finishes starts October 3 at 6pm.

Beginner Novice starts September 13 at 6pm.

Beginning Conformation starts Saturday, August 12 at 3pm.

Continuing Scent Work
Contact [Training Secretary](#)

Rally Competition Class has space available.
Contact [Training Secretary](#)

[Beginning and Intermediate Flyball](#) classes meet
Saturday evenings
contact [Dona Dwyer](#)

Permission is required to register for Beginner Novice, Novice, Open, and Utility Obedience classes
Contact [Training Secretary](#)

Fill out the [Agility Waitlist Questionnaire](#) to get on the wait list for the next available class.

Email [Training Secretary](#) with questions.

Training Groups

Rally Training Group meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month 1 - 2:30 pm.

Conformation Group meets Saturdays. contact [Janice](#) with questions. Non-members pre-register and pay for dates you plan to attend [here](#).

Thursday Open/Utility Training Group (Goldstein @ 12:30pm). Contact [Burton](#).

Friday Utility Training Group (Cleverdon @ 1:00pm). Contact [Donna](#).

For information about **Freestyle Training Group**
Contact [Training Secretary](#)

Thinking of joining CDTC as a Member?

Active membership in the Capital Dog Training Club (CDTC) is available to an individual who:

- has completed no less than three (3) months as a training member paying the prescribed fees/dues, and
- whose dog has passed a Proficiency Test as prescribed by the Club with a dog that she or he has trained **or** has obtained a qualifying score toward an AKC title in any “dog companion sport” trial.

Active membership includes the right to attend meetings, vote, access to the Members Only section of CDTC’s website, access to seminars, events, announcements of the Club, the right to hold an elective office in the Club, and all other privileges and benefits of the Club (including 2 free classes per quarter). Visit cdtc.org/membership.

Email [Training Secretary](#) with questions.

Next Membership Meeting

August 8th, at 8:00pm



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