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"My little dog, a heartbeat at my feet." - Edith Warton

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Welcome to the 81st Volume of the CDTC Obichaff! After a holiday hiatus, we are back to regularly scheduled monthly editions.

Our favorite part of the time off? Enjoying the

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**New Membership
Information**

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snow! We soaked up each day of that particularly wintery week and got out there to enjoy the first measurable snowfall the DMV has had in two years. When we have snow, Hadley spends about 90% of our time outside with her nose buried into the top layer, soaking up all the scents she can get. Hounds!

Here's to hoping we get some more before Spring arrives!

Canine Valentine



While Valentine's Day is typically associated with chocolate, flowers, and teddy bears exchanged amongst couples, we're focusing on the real life partners: our dogs!

Spending Valentine's Day with your canine companion this year? Here are some fun ideas to make the day a little extra special:

1. **Teach a new trick:** Teaching your pup a new trick encourages teamwork, bonding, and fun. Lately, we've really been putting a lot of work into our "hold", but have also taught fun tricks like "play dead" and "sit pretty".
2. **Go for a long walk:** Few things feel better than a long, meandering walk in nature. Our dogs feel fulfilled and everyone

sleeps better: a win-win! Looking for a new spot to explore? I recommend the [National Arboretum](#) , [Turkey Run Park](#), and the [Capital Crescent Trail](#) as some options for fantastic walks with your dog.

3. **Throw in a training session:** I know, I know...if you are reading this article you are likely already spending more time than the average person training your dog. Instead of your usual training session, mix it up! Head to the local park for a change of scenery, set up some hides for a scent-work session, or change up the rewards with some new treats! All of these things can add a fun twist to your usual routine and improve your pup's performance.

Whatever your Valentine's Day looks like, we hope it is a great day!

Meet the newest AKC-recognized
breed:

The Lancashire Heeler



As of January 1st, the 201st AKC registered dog breed and newest member of the herding group is eligible to compete as such.

The Lancashire Heeler is described by its breeders as smart, fast, sweet, loving, clever, mischievous, intelligent, energetic, loyal, attached, versatile, tenacious, robust, affectionate, and alert.

With a weight range of 9-17 pounds, these dogs pack a lot of punch in a tiny package. They come in both black and tan or liver and tan. They're high energy and have a versatile and weather resistant coat.

A pint-sized heeler, these dogs still need a job or they'll find their own, likely at the expense of their owners' shoes...

To learn more about the latest member of the AKC registry, head over to their breed page [here](#).



Down and Back

An AKC Podcast

As an avid podcast listener, I'm always looking for new listens that relate to subjects I'm interested in. I recently learned the AKC has its own podcast "Down and Back: Stories from the American Kennel Club Archives" available to listen on podcast platforms.

This podcast covers topics like pet loss and grief, breed specific episodes, dog behavior, canine careers, and more. Utilizing information from AKC's extensive archive, the episodes are well-researched and informative. They tend to be about 20-25 minutes long, making these episodes digestible and perfect to pop on during your next dog walk.



Bragg

Congratulations to my most recent puppy kindergarten graduates! It was a pleasure teaching you all; I can't wait to see all the amazing things every one of these teams accomplishes!

-Payton Murphy



Claus - handled by Michelle Yue



Charlie - handled by Allison Abbondante



Tank - handled by Lisa Silverman



Bugsy - handled by Clare Waterman and Barb Hirsch



George (not pictured, brother Teddy) - handled by Dan Bradfield



Lori - handled by Evan Hoffman



Pompa - handled by Molly Saweikis

Not pictured, but still very much deserving of praise:
Ruby the corgi, handled by Susie Marlow

Submit yours to CDTCObichaff@gmail.com

Delegate's Corner

Check back next month!

Available Classes

[Class List and Registration](#)

Upcoming Classes/Tests/Trials

Classes

Register for all classes [here](#).

Puppy Kindergarten classes begin
February 15, March 17, and April 21

Family Dog 1 classes
start March 19 and March 20

Family Dog 2 classes
start March 3 and March 20

Foundations and Focus
Thursdays at 10 am
Contact [Training Secretary](#)

Beginning Conformation
Starting February 3 at 3pm

Rally Novice begins March 16

Continuing Scent Work
is taking new students
Contact [Training Secretary](#)

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

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.

Testing

CGC/Tricks Testing
March 9 at 10 am to noon

Training Groups

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

Obedience Training Group
meets the 1st Saturday of the month

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 (Obedience, Agility, or Rally).

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](mailto:TrainingSecretary@cdtc.org) with questions.

Next Membership Meeting

February 13th, at 8:00pm



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