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Dogs are great. Bad dogs, if you can really call them that, are perhaps the greatest of them all.

— John Grogan



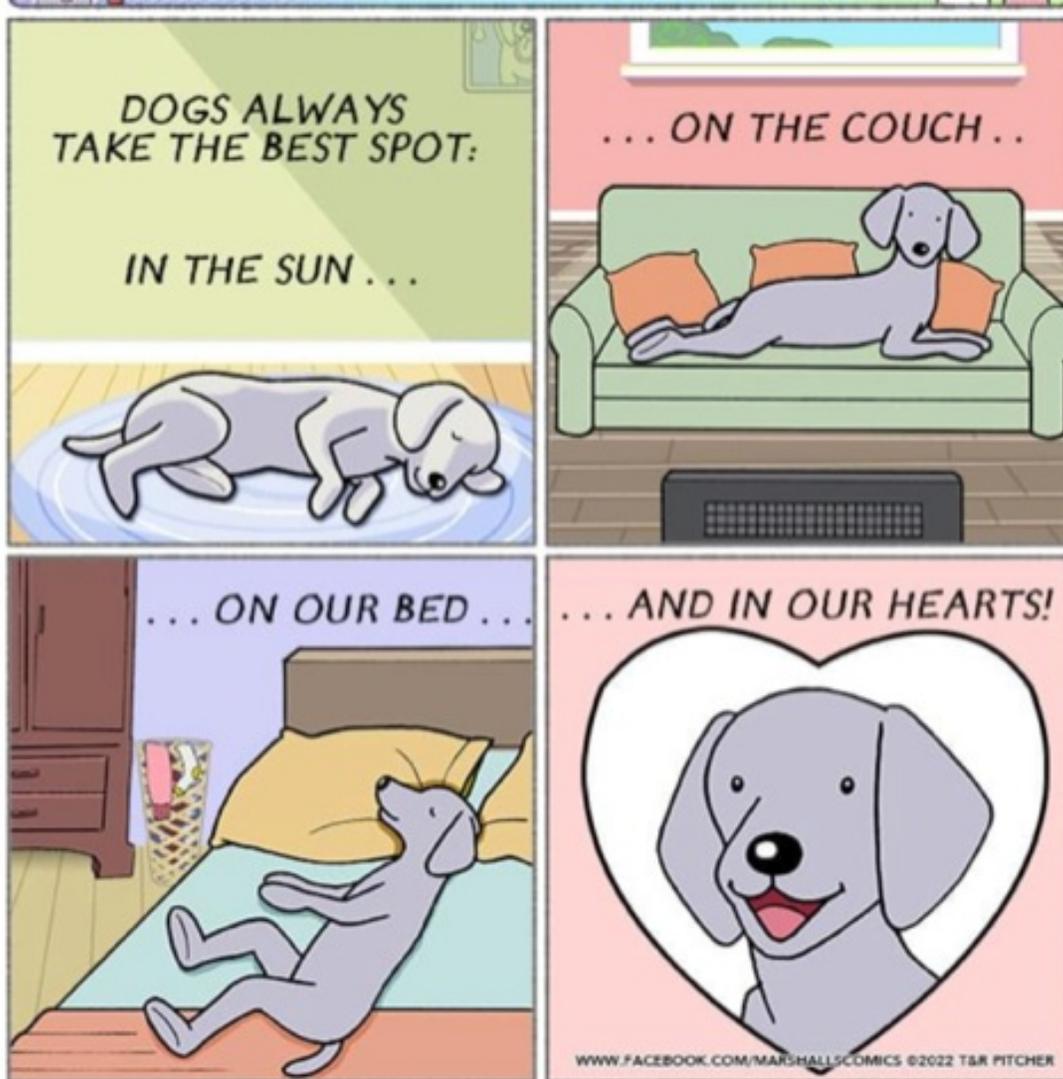
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When I go for a walk with Magic, I am amazed to discover just how many things out there are edible, grass, flowers, bugs and a few things that can't be mentioned in a family oriented publication. She came back from a recent walk with a swollen muzzle from a bee sting and a small cut on her paw, just the happiest little dog in the world. Not to worry, Dr. Mom had her fixed up in no time and I gave her extra tasty treats. She was good to go the very next day.

Magic earned her Rally Advanced title in June and I continue to see a lot of improvement, especially when it comes to attention in the ring.

In this issues there are a couple of articles for summer fun. I also included an article on bloat. If you are relatively new to dog parenting, please take the time to read this article, it could save your dog's life.

Happy Summer!



Cool Dog Products for Summer Fun.

Looking for cool summer gear for your dog? The *Obichaff* is here to help with a selection of fun, serious and not so serious dog gear for summer fun.

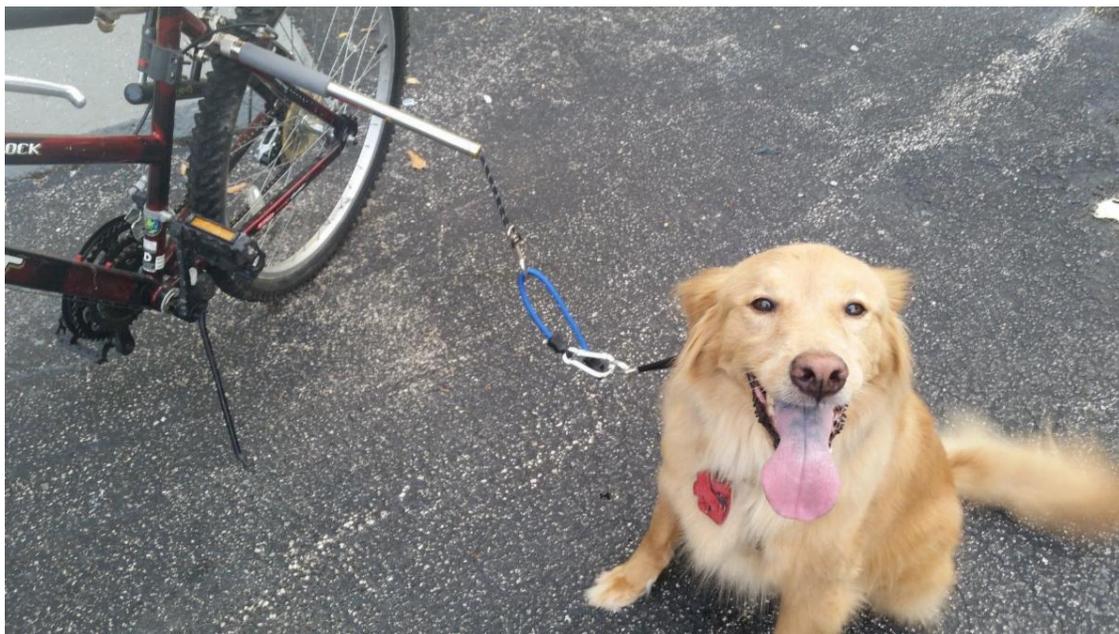
Set sail with your dog in tow with the FUNBOY Bark Yacht Dog Float. This dog sized FUNBOY original float has been engineered with the dog experts at Bark to deliver you and your dog the ultimate poolside experience. The dog float is specifically designed with puncture-resistant material and a treat compartment so your furry BFF can join you for every pool day in style. You can get it from [FUNBOY](#) for \$59.00.



Walkee Paws are the world's first dog leggings designed to be a "better bootie." They're easy to get on and stay on thanks to the patented over-the-back design. Each pair features four-way stretch fabric for the ultimate canine comfort, plus waterproof rubber soles to protect your pooch from all the ruff stuff outside. Whatever, protection these legging may or may not provide they are simply hilarious. The leggings can be purchased for \$39.99 at [Walkee Paws](#), but, if you do, we suspect your dog will hate you.



For the dog that needs more exercise than a walk can provide, you can purchase a bike mounted leash attachment. Attach this to your bicycle and the two of you can go for a ride. You can purchase the Hands Free Dog Bicycle Exerciser Leash at [Amazon](#) for \$73.00.



The Leuchtie Illuminated LED Dog Collar ensures that your dog will be seen at all hours of day or night. The collar is 100% waterproof and can be purchased to work with batteries or in a rechargeable model. Long lasting and durable, this is the perfect dog accessory for overnight camping trips or for evening walks around your neighborhood. The Leuchtie collar is made in Germany and is in high demand. If you want to purchase this product you will

need to look around on the internet.



Absolutely everyone needs a tennis ball launcher. The Hyper Pet launcher will send a tennis ball soaring. The mini cannon also allows for hands free pickup, and comes equipped with extra ball storage. Just load, cock, and fire. You can buy one on [Amazon](#) for \$39.32.



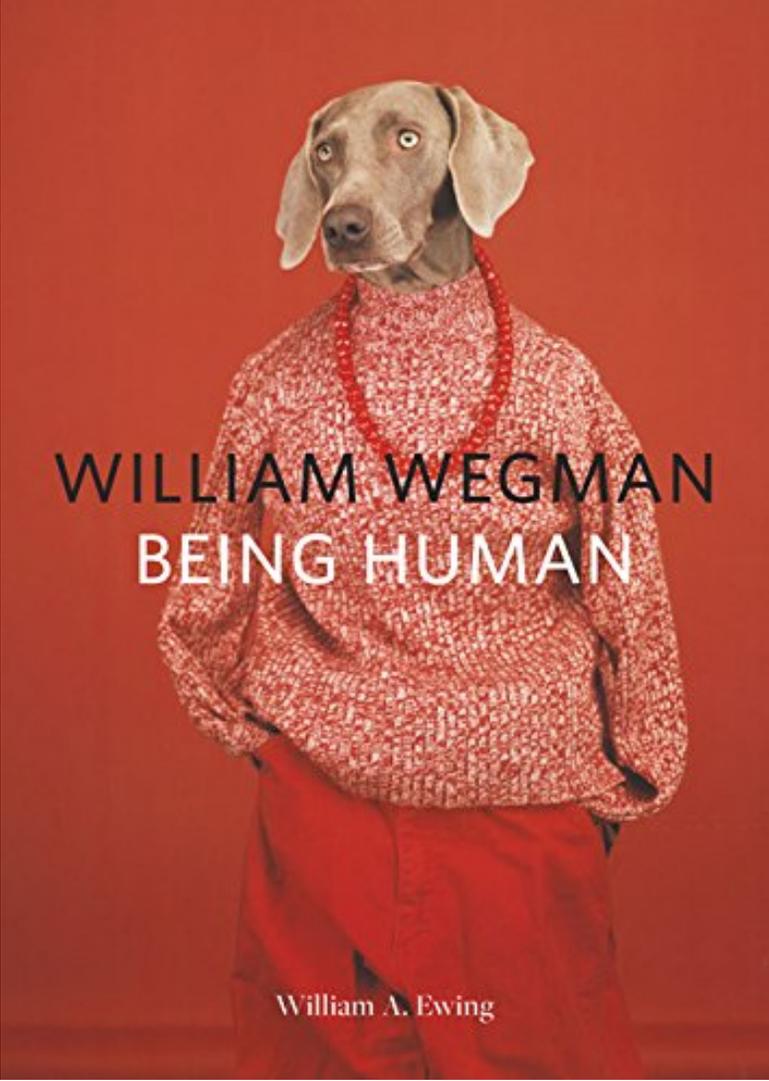
Of course your dog needs a Rogz Grinz Smiling Dog Ball Toy. Sure you can play fetch with any old ball, but let's be honest, when your dog comes back with a big toothy smile on her face you will know it was worth it. You can order one from [Chewy](#). From \$3.99.



William Wegman: Being Human

By William Wegman and William A. Ewing.

Culled from over three decades of Wegman's portraits of his Weimaraners —Man Ray and later Fay Ray and her several generations of offspring—the



WILLIAM WEGMAN BEING HUMAN

William A. Ewing

more than 300 photos collected in this volume vividly illustrate the artist's witty, humanist approach to his subjects. Divided into 16 themed chapters, the book showcases some of Wegman's best-known images of the dogs tricked out with people paraphernalia and dress alongside previously unseen gems from his personal archive. Even though Wegman claims to be averse to

anthropomorphizing his dogs, his photos capture them at their most human looking. This is most evident in the chapters titled "Vogue" and "Style," in which the dogs endure crimes of fashion with the blandly indifferent faces of runway models. Likewise, "People Like Us" and "More People Like Us" collect portraits of the dogs in diorama-like settings wearing the attire of everyday people and posed in often amusingly ill-proportioned postures. The book's introduction presents Wegman's dogs as his collaborators and whimsically discusses the portraits. In a concluding essay Wegman provides a brief history of his work with his Weimaraners—in whose soulful eyes and expressions, which seem to range from bemused to bored, viewers are likely to read their own interpretations of the human condition.



LET'S CELEBRATE!
**CDTC'S 2022 Annual Awards and
Instructor Appreciation Picnic**



CDTC'S 2022 Annual Awards and Instructor Appreciation Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 11. We will be gathering outdoors at the Seneca Creek State Park "Buck" Picnic Shelter from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. I hope to see all of you there to honor our talented, hardworking, and dedicated instructors as well as those who earned titles in

2021. A large picnic shelter has been reserved for our event (it is covered so no worries about rain!) with nearby parking and restroom facilities.

Feel free to bring your own chairs if you would like to sit outside of

the covered portion of the shelter/picnic tables. There will be a small, nominal entrance fee for each of us to enter the park (\$3 for Maryland residents, \$5 for non-residents). Your family and friends are welcome to attend this event with you.

You may BYOD (Bring Your Own Dog(s)) to this event!

Brag

LH Dachshund, Maddie, earned her NACSW LV1 Vehicle Search Title in Carlisle, PA, on May 29. Her nose knows!

Theresa Ward Warner

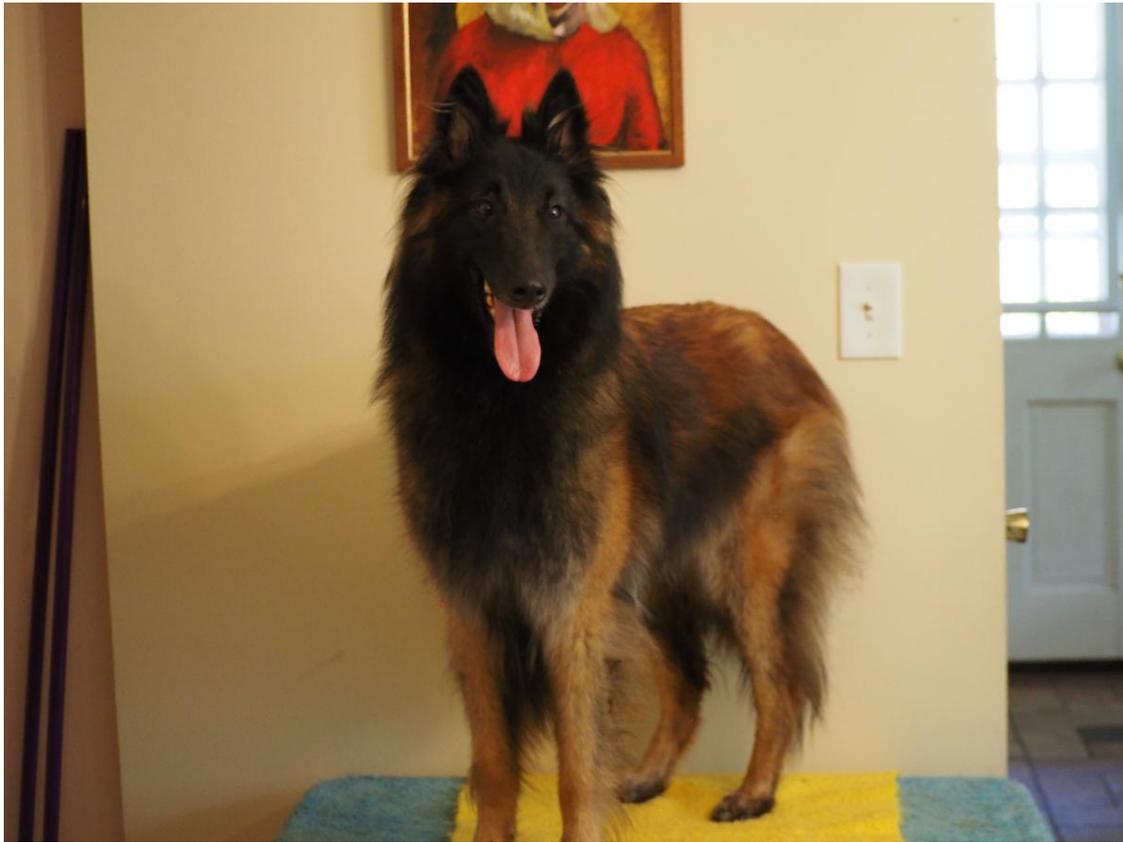


Shirley Harry writes: ZeZe earned her NACSW L1V title and got her CAX Title.





Mary Carson is thrilled to announce the arrival of 8 (6 boys and 2 girls) healthy Belgian Tervuren puppies June 7-8. Proud parents are GCHB CH Coyote Run's Spring Break VCD1 UD TD BN GN RE CA CGC TKI B-CAT NA NAJ CDSP-UD "Breaker," owned by Vicki and Jerry McCloud, and CH Reflections Baker's Globe Mallow CD BN RN PT RATM CZ8B CGC "Holly," owned by Mary and Mark Carson and Elizabeth Nemore.



“Team Shih Tzu” Attend Their Breed Specialty

After three years of not holding their annual, national, breed specialty, the American Shih Tzu Club restarted that tradition, and Burton and Shellie Goldstein agreed to support their breed, their club, and their friends, so they drove halfway cross country to St. Louis. (ASTC annually makes substantial contributions in their honor, to support their community service work.)

Months before this, once the Bear finished his rally championship, he heard the word “retired”. But then he was invited to compete for the AKC national rally championship, July 8th, Eukanuba Ring, Wilmington, Ohio (to be live streamed on AKC.TV). In addition to schmoozing, kibitzing, grooming and conformation handling seminars, they had one day of agility for both the Bear and Emma, and two days of obedience and rally. (This was great practice/rehearsal for the upcoming AKC RNC.)

While there, the opportunity presented itself, and with no preparation work, Tikva and Mica, at four months old, earned both their Canine Good Citizenship titles, and their Novice Trick Dog titles. The week concluded at the big awards banquet, where the Bear was awarded top rally dog, but more importantly, inducted into the ASTC Performance Hall of Fame. Years before this, the first dog to be awarded this ultimate recognition, was M.G., Burton's previous Shih Tzu, and the first of that breed to earn a U.D.2.

A long but proud trip.

Ha’Tikvah (“Tikva”) and Micah (“Mica”) are proud graduates of Eileen’s excellent Puppy Kindergarten classes.



Hermes finished two more agility titles! Novice Fast (NF) and Open Jumpers (OAJ). That’s an awful lot for a dog who turns 2 in August! CH Patuxent Fuligin Winged Messenger RN NA OAJ NF DCAT TKN.

Tali recently earned her Masters Standard Preferred (MXP) and Master Jumpers Preferred Bronze (MJPB) titles.

Jennie Larkin



**Bloat Know the Signs,
Know What Steps to Take.**



Bloat is a condition in which food or gas stretches your dog's stomach, causing abdominal pain. While it is more common in large breed or deep-chested dogs, any breed can develop bloat. Depending on the severity, bloat can be fatal if not treated within an hour or two.

When bloat occurs, your dog's stomach begins to expand, or distend, and cuts off blood flow to the abdomen as well as the stomach itself. This may cause injury (even death) of the stomach wall and, without treatment, eventually other organs. Bloat can also put pressure on the diaphragm, leading to trouble breathing.

In severe cases of bloat, a dog's stomach twists and fills with gas. This is called gastric dilatation and volvulus (GDV) and is considered one of the most painful, severe emergencies in veterinary medicine. This degree of bloat cuts off blood flow to the stomach and the lower half of the body, making it impossible for food to pass into the intestine. In extreme cases of GDV, a dog's stomach can rupture, and the spleen can also be injured.

This is a very serious health emergency and, if untreated, a dog with GDV will die within hours.

All cases of bloat require immediate medical attention to determine the severity. If bloat is treated immediately, it is often curable. Simple bloat, where the dog's stomach has not twisted, can sometimes be managed without medication, but may require fluids or other treatments.

Other degrees of bloat, including GDV, can also be curable if diagnosed in the early stages. These conditions are usually treated with immediate surgery.

Bloat is a very uncomfortable, often painful, health crisis for dogs. As a result, a dog with bloat may:

- Dry-heave (also called retching) without vomiting any food.
 - Have abdominal distention (this might not be visible in the early stages of bloat)
 - Experience sudden anxiety, pacing, an inability to get comfortable or constantly moving around the room/house.
 - Be guarding their belly or looking back at their belly
 - Position themselves in downward facing dog pose, where the dog's back half is up and upper half is down
 - Pant and drool
 - Collapse
 - Have a racing heartbeat (tachycardia)
 - Have pale gums
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It's unknown why bloat and GDV occur in dogs, but there are suspected risk factors that can increase the chance of bloat. While bloat can occur in any dog, risks factors that increase the chances of bloat in dogs are:

- Ingesting large amounts of food or water too quickly
- Weighing more than 99 pounds increases the risk by about 20%
- Age (Older dogs are at a higher risk)
- Being deep chested
- Exercise immediately after eating.
- Eating from an elevated food bowl
- Having a close relative that was diagnosed with bloat
- Eating dry food with fat or oil listed in the first 4 ingredients

Treatment of simple bloat can be quite straightforward. Dogs are usually hospitalized to receive large amounts of intravenous fluids and sometimes medicine. They're also walked often to stimulate movement of the gastrointestinal tract to help move the gas and food quickly through the body.

A dog with GDV requires more intense care that typically includes:

- Intravenous fluids with electrolytes .
- Pain medications .
- A procedure to decompress the stomach. In some instances, this helps untwist the stomach.
- Electrocardiogram (ECG) to monitor for any heart abnormalities.
- Surgery is performed as soon as the dog is as stable as possible.

After treatment, dogs with simple bloat tend to bounce back into their normal lives and routines 1 to 2 days after receiving treatment. Following GDV surgery, a dog will remain in the hospital until pain is controlled and the dog is eating and drinking well on their own.

Regardless of the type of bloat or treatment a dog experienced, vets suggest the same steps to lower the risk of bloat in the future:

- Never leave large bags or bins of food accessible to your dog to avoid overeating.
 - Do not use raised food bowls unless advised by your veterinarian (some pets require a raised food bowl due to a medical condition)
 - Wait at least 1 hour after a meal or drinking a large amount of water for any exercise or playtime.
 - Feed small meals a few times throughout the day instead of 1 or 2 large meals
 - Avoid gorging on water when drinking
 - Discuss preventative surgery with your veterinarian for breeds
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at higher risk of bloat. This can often be performed during your pet's spay or neuter procedure.



Available Classes

[Class List and Registration](#)

Upcoming Classes/Tests/Trials

[Puppy Kindergarten](#) begins Sunday, August 14
Register [here](#)

[Family Dog 1](#) begins Tuesday, September 13
register [here](#)

A 4-week [CGC prep](#) class starts July 5. This class reviews CGC skills and culminates with the CGC test
Register [here](#)

We have a new novice obedience skills class.
Heeling, Fronts, and Finishes begins September 12.

Register [here](#)

Open & Utility Obedience Skills has openings.

Contact [Training Secretary](#)

Novice & Open Obedience classes on Monday nights are taking new students

Contact [Training Secretary](#)

Continuing Scent Work begins July 18.

Register [here](#)

Rally Competition Class - for those ready to or already competing

Contact [Training Secretary](#)

Beginner Conformation starts July 16. Register [here](#).

Training group is ongoing. Contact [Janice](#) for help choosing a class.

Beginning and Intermediate Flyball classes meet Saturday evenings

contact [Dona Dwyer](#)

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

Email [Training Secretary](#) with questions.

Training Groups:

Conformation Group meets 1st & 3rd Saturdays at 5pm and Thursdays at 8pm. 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](#).

Rally Training Group meets some 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 1pm.

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.

Delegate's Corner

By Joyce Dandridge

In the Companion Events Committee Meeting:

- It was mentioned in all cases of the sport entries are up. The first six months in 2021, Obedience had 886 entries and in 2022 there were 1238. In Rally in 2021, it was 942 and in 2022 1332. In agility in 2021 it was 1801 and in 2022 it was 2058.
- The 9th annual AKC Rally National Championship will be on Friday, July 8 in Wilmington, OH at the Roberts Centre. The event filled beyond capacity with 500 entries and 150 waitlisted from the lower classes.
- The 28th National Obedience Championship will be held July 9-10 in Ohio at the Roberts Centre. There are 140 teams entered.
- The staff has made the suggestion to make permanent getting 3 legs under one judge for an Obedience title. The original Regulation for all sports required a dog to receive three passes under two different judges. The committee voted 6-4 to pass and send to AKC

Board as committee being in favor. We did not know the staff was going to submit ahead of time or I would have asked your input. I voted against this as one of the four. I see an exhibitor following one judge to get a title. I also see this as watering down the title with less of a challenge. The AKC Board will discuss at their next meeting and it will be interesting to see the outcome on this. If you have thoughts on this, please email me. I have a feeling this may be discussed further in the committee meetings.

- The committee did approve unanimously eliminating the restriction of limiting the judge's assignment to judging the same classes in only two trials in a show cluster. Thus, a judge will be able to judge the same class at more than two trials in a cluster.

- One of the committee members made a suggestion to have Rally judges be able to judge Obedience BN class. AKC staff has reservations however it will be discussed further at the next meeting in our committee. Please let me know your thoughts on this topic.

- A final committee vote was taken on the issue of Three-Legged Dogs in Obedience and Rally. A motion was passed not to support after receiving comments from Vets and Experts on Canine Locomotion. Several of the experts are from universities and one even has a tripod. The Experts discussed at length canine body structure, canine movement on four legs, balance and gravity among other topics of concern. The committee vote was 11-1 against the proposal to allow. AKC staff has asked the CEC committee to submit a letter and the information from the experts to the AKC Board. The AKC Board is scheduled to vote on this issue in August.

- There was a discussion on the shortage of Obedience judges. Diane Schultz, the new Director of Companion Events stated AKC realizes there is a shortage. She stated they are looking at changing some application requirements like the apprentice requirement. They are thinking about having a recruitment activity and mentoring program. Interesting was her comment that it no longer takes six years to get thru to a UD but they are finding it is more in the time of three years now. Our committee recommended looking at the UD requirement and possibly allowing CDX folks to at least judge Beginner Novice and Novice classes.

Renewals are Now Past Due!

Attn: Existing CDTC Members

Membership renewals are now PAST DUE! A renewal needs the signed form, applicable rabies certificates, and dues payment. Please send them to Mary Carson ASAP. See the emails she has been sending you for details.

Next Membership Meeting July 12 at 8:00pm



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