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“What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight - it's the size of the fight in the dog.” - *Dwight D. Eisenhower*

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It is HOT out there! We're taking any water-based opportunities that come our way.

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**New Membership
Information**

[Shirley Blakely](#)

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board member)**

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Hadley loves to fetch, so playing with a bumper in the water is just about the best thing ever in her book. I love that the water keeps her cool enough to keep going and also adds a nice level of resistance so she's working even harder, but with less stress on her joints.

We're also dropping in to the Rally Training Group every other Saturday. It's a great, supportive crowd and we're loving the opportunity to practice tougher courses. Rally is a ton of fun and we are both loving it!

Upcoming Seminar: Marsha Smith

CAPITAL DOG TRAINING CLUB PRESENTS

Marsha Smith Seminar

"BUILDING A BRIDGE – TRAINING TO TESTING"

Saturday, August 3, 2024

This seminar will focus on training your dog to perform in competition as they do in training....

Recipes for a Successful Journey with your Partner

- Marsha Smith has been training and showing since the early 1980's. She has earned multiple OTCHs with a variety of different breeds.
- She has written a well-regarded book, **Building a Bridge**, which details this process. She has also written a children's book, **Jody's Journey**.
- Marsha's school, **Canine Workout**, in West Chester, Pa keeps her very busy but she loves to speak to groups and help teams with the often frustrating problem of under performance.



SEMINAR LOCATION: 2758 Garfield Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910

TIME: 10:00am – 3:00pm
Lunch break 12:00 – 1:00pm

FEE: \$50 for working spots
\$25 for non-working/audit spots

SNACKS PROVIDED!

SIGN UP: Register at CDTC.org

QUESTIONS?: Email – CDTCclasses@gmail.com



Please email CDTCclasses@gmail.com with any questions.

Fourth of July Safety Tips



Did you know that more dogs and cats go missing over the Fourth of July holiday than any other time of year? While the Fourth of July typically means fun for the whole family, our furry friends tend not to share that same sentiment. Here are some top tips to keep your canine companion safe and happy.

1. Confirm your pet has up-to-date identification securely attached to their collar anytime they are outside. Given the unpredictable nature of neighborhood fireworks, it's important to have proper identification on even during potty breaks. Use a leash each time you go outside in the evenings, as an added safety measure.
2. Exercise early! Not only is this helpful advice to beat the heat and humidity, it will allow your dog to burn some energy without much risk of getting caught outside while fireworks sound. Adequate exercise can help calm a dog's nerves and make it easier for them to relax.
3. Secure your dog before leaving for any reason. Double check that all windows and doors are closed and secure; dogs can easily break through screens if frightened, so it is best to close all windows. If your dog is crate trained, secure them into their crate. Play some white noise or leave the TV on to muffle sounds. Give them a Kong or other safe form of enrichment.
4. If your dog becomes very anxious during fireworks, consider giving your vet a call for some anxiety medication.

Stay safe out there, and have fun!

Membership Renewal is Open!

Submitted by: Marnie McCown



CDTC Club Membership Renewal is open!

We greatly appreciate your continued support and dedication to our club and look forward to your continued membership!

You have until July 31st to submit your renewal and all the information you need is available on the Member page of the CDTC website (<https://cdtc.org/welcome-members>), as well as in the Groups.IO announcement.

While online renewal is preferred, paper forms are available at the club and a PDF version is in the Groups.IO announcement. Please read the instructions carefully and complete the renewal process by July 31st, 2024.

We will not accept any renewals after July 31st.

If you have any questions, email marniemccown@gmail.com. Please allow 48 hours for a response.

SUP Pups: A Guide to Paddling in



Looking for a family/dog-friendly activity this summer? Got a dog who loves being out on the water? Perhaps SUP (Stand-Up Paddle boarding) is for you! SUP is an outdoor water sports activity where a rider stands up on a large board and uses a paddle to move through the water. These boards are relatively sturdy and wide enough to fit you and your dog with plenty of room. Bring your own equipment, or rent it all! Most locations also have kayaks available, which require less core-strength and balancing ability than the paddleboard.

Check out [this list](#) of dog-friendly launching points in the DMV!

Brags



Jennie Larkin shares:

Hermes travelled to Wilmington Ohio (the Robert's Center) for the first part of the 8 day long Papillon Club of America's National Specialty. It started with three days of papillon-only agility trials. 109 papillons including some of the best in the world!

Hermes was fantastic, earning a triple Q the first day, a double Q and T2B Q the second day, and two high level titles (MXF and MXB) the third day. He now needs only one more double Q (QQ) to earn his Masters Agility Championship (MACH).

And Jennie shares again!

June has been super busy!

My papillon Hermes competed at the Papillon Club of America's 3 day papillon-only agility trial over Memorial Day weekend, then the following weekend he earned his 20th QQ to earn his master agility championship (MACH). So he is now GCH CH MACH Patuxent Fuligin Winged Messenger BN RI MX MXB MXJ MJB MXF FCAT3.

Nikko, my papillon mix, has been loving lure coursing! He earned his coursing ability (CA) title, and at Capital's Fast CAT trial earned his FCAT! I've also started entering him in agility trials, for training in the ring while we finish his training.





Dianne Hardy writes:

Rye earned her AKC Agility Master's F.A.S.T. title, at the Oriole Dog Training Club on June 9. Fifteen And Send Time is a timed game that includes a distance challenge with a change of direction and minimum distance of 15 feet at the Excellent and Masters levels (the Fifteen in the name refers to number of obstacle choices, not the distance). Rye has natural distance abilities because of her speed and confidence, and for point collection (excluding the send bonus) the dog can make obstacle choices without penalty. However, we do plan on improving the match between Rye's choices and those of her handler.

Delegate's Corner

By: Joyce Dandridge

In the Companion Events Committee Meeting:

- Doug, the VP of Sporting Events, reported companion events remain in a positive trend. Agility up 1.8%. Obedience up 6%, Rally up 15%. He mentioned Scent Work increase of 30% and Fast CAT is 19%.
- Doug presented the AKC Board's decision the Educational Policy on a Safe Environment. He stated the Board initially bought 2000 seats from the Darkness to Light Program which is to be used by all staff and AKC Junior Judges by July 1. After July 1, the program will be dispensed in phases to the rest of the judges and dog show community. If judges choose not to take training, they will be put on hold doing assignments. He said people will receive an email letting them know when they can take the training, so wait for the email. Junior Coordinators have been notified recently to take the course. He mentioned training must be renewed every three years.
- Doug mentioned agility exhibitors are happy over the elimination of the pause table.
- On the controversial issue of tripods in obedience and the pilot currently occurring, judges have submitted 33 forms. It was mentioned the forms did not allow for judges to make comments. It was a yes/no response. The committee felt this was not a true evaluation of the exercises with the tripods. The committee asked Doug to request the AKC Board extend the pilot 6 months so more data can be obtained and the judges comment form be revised.
- It was mentioned that the Canine Health Foundation is setting up a scholarship on sports medicine in canines. No research has been done by anyone in this area.
- Norine, chair of the subcommittee on BN excellent class presented a report of the results her survey. There were 705 responses and not huge support for the additional class. There was concern for judging time and facility space. She mentioned 80% of the Novice exhibitors stated they were afraid of heeling on lead and off lead.
- If you have any suggestions for changes in BN, please send to me and I will forward to the subcommittee.
- There is a NEW Obedience Regulations book (black cover). It has all the updated regulations bound in the book with no addends (loose pages).

In the General Meeting:

- Tom Davis presented the Chairman's Report which explained again the Board's Policy on a Safe Environment. He urged everyone to take the training.
- Dennis Sprung presented the Presidents Report which detailed the AKC's Economic Impact Study. I have copies and will forward the handout to CDTC members.
- The CFO presented the financial report.
- The Delegates voted on the rule to end term limits for AKC Board of Directors. The rule did not receive the required 2/3 vote required by the bylaws. So, for at least the fifth time this attempt was defeated. Term limits will remain.
- A Forum was presented on How to Conduct a Bench Show Committee Hearing. It was very informative and I am hoping I can get a copy of the presentation to share with our CDTC Board members. Last year 252 actions were taken in such hearings by clubs. Hearing Committee should remember there is a checklist to follow as the investigation proceeds. It was emphasized that the committee should still submit a report even if the preliminary investigation sees no cause.

Available Classes

[Class List and Registration](#)

Upcoming Classes/Tests/Trials

Classes

Register for all classes [here](#).

Puppy Kindergarten classes begin
April 7 and April 21

Family Dog 1 classes
start May 8 and May 14

Family Dog 2 class
starts May 7

Beginner Novice Obedience
starts April 24

Beginning Conformation
Starts April 27

Continuing Scent Work
starts April 8

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 classes.

Email the [Agility Director](#) with all agility related questions.

Email [Training Secretary](#) with all other questions.

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](#) with questions.

Next Membership Meeting

July 9th, at 8:00pm



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