



# *Obichaff*

The Monthly Newsletter of the  
Capital Dog Training Club of Washington, D.C., Inc.



March 2022

Volume 79 - Issue 2

We cannot all be as good and sweet and lovely as a good dog, but we  
can all try.

Mark Twain

---

Who else thought this was chicken?



Board of Directors

From the Editor

**President**

[Donna Cleverdon](#)

**Vice President**

[Marsha Iyomasa](#)

**Secretary**

[Martha Perkins](#)

**Treasurer**

[Pam Ayres](#)

**Training Director**

[Carla LaFleur](#)

**Assistant Training Director**  
[Janine Castorina](#)

**Training Secretary**  
[Roxane Bouten](#)

**Trial Chair**  
[Benita Bottom](#)

**Trophy Chair**  
[Amy Scheiner](#)

**AKC Delegate**  
[Joyce Dandridge](#)

**Obichaff Editor**  
[Arthur Belendiuk](#)

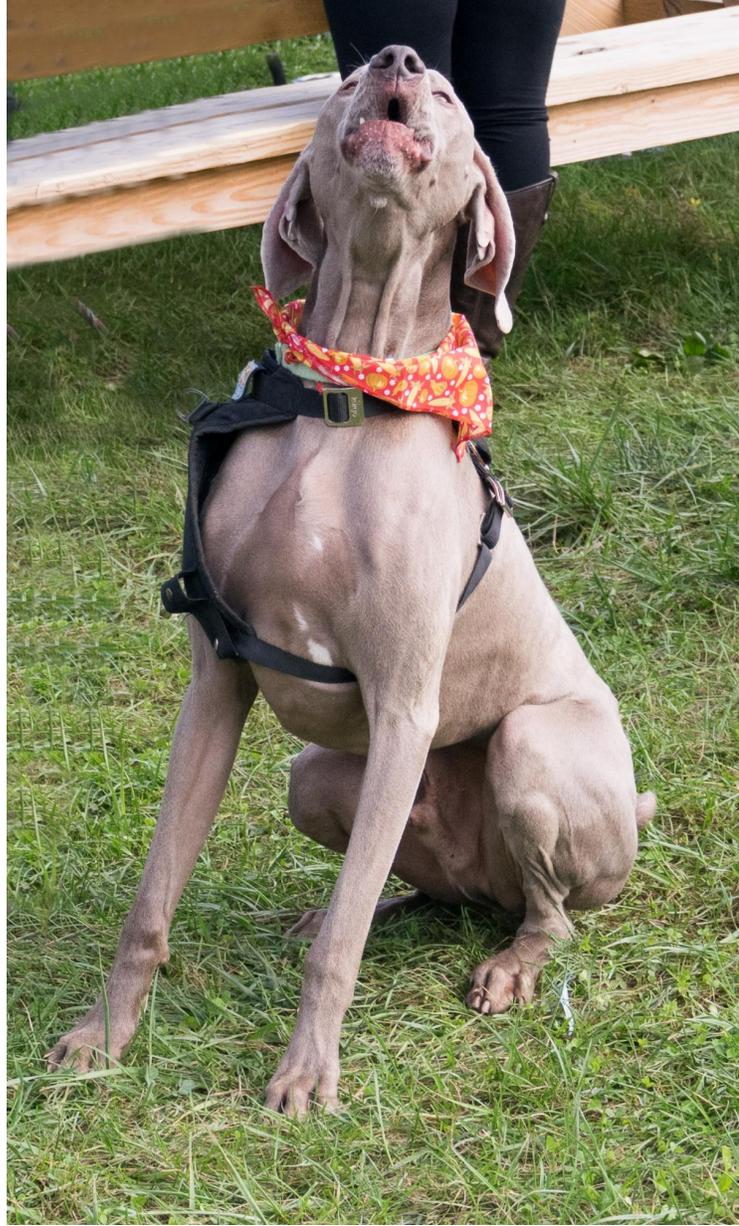
**Members at Large**  
[Luann Korona](#)

[Julie Rovner](#)

[Shirley Blakely](#)

**New Membership  
Information**  
[Shirley Blakely](#)

**Historian**  
[Joan Adler](#)



It has been a month of transitions for my family. We lost Milo at the end of January. One of the things my wife and I miss is Milo's happy howl. Starting from when he was a young dog, Milo would give a full-throated prolonged howl, anytime he was happy, which was often. Pictured above is Milo in full howl taken at a Weimaraner Rescue "Weim and Cheese" fundraiser at Barrel Oak Winery (BOW). Surrounded by fifty or so Weimaraners, Milo just had to let go with a happy howl. Milo howled in the morning to greet the day. He howled when we came home. There was no way we were going to get to training without his howling a good mile before we got to the club. My favorite Milo howling story involves CTA and CDTC instructor Mary LaDieu. Milo and I regularly took

Mary's class at CTA. Mary had been sick and was absent for some weeks from both clubs. One evening I came to Capital; Mary was back and teaching a class. I was going to wait until Mary's class was over to say hello and to ask her how she was feeling. Milo would have none of it. He started happy howling, one long howl after another. Nothing I could do would get him to stop. Mary had to leave the ring to say hello to Milo. Milo understood the importance of loyalty, friendship and of welcoming back someone that had been missing in his life. I just loved that about Milo.

When we train in a dog sport, we learn about our dogs, and they learn about us. This creates a close bond. When that bond is broken, it hurts. Still, I would not change a moment of my life with Milo. I only wish I had had a little more time.



## Dogs of Ukraine

I am Ukrainian. My parents came to this country after World War II. I was born here, but the Ukrainian language, culture and a deep love for the country and its people came to me with my mother's milk. By any metric my migrant parents were poor, but I was raised to understand that we were rich and fortunate. We lived in this incredible country of enterprise and opportunity; we were never hungry; we had a

comfortable and warm apartment, and most importantly, we were safe, no one was trying to kill us. Among the many gifts my parents bestowed on me was their love of animals. Growing up we had ducks, rabbits and dogs. As a wobbly, my father kept bees. When my parents retired to Florida they fed storks and feral cats.

As I write this, a great humanitarian crisis is unfolding in Ukraine. People are dying, others are fleeing for safety. Still they remember their pets and refuse to leave them behind. They too are part of these Ukrainian families. I understand that Poland has made an exception for Ukrainians forced to evacuate. They can come into Poland without the necessary papers for their pets. Thank you to the people of Poland.

Слава Україні! Героям слава!

Below are a few recent pictures from Ukraine.













## Masterpieces with Dogs

In *The Power of Art*, Simon Schama wrote that “Great Art has dreadful manners.” Masterpieces, Schama contends are thugs. “Merciless and wily, the greatest painting grab you in a headlock, rough up your composure and then proceed in short order to rearrange your sense of reality.” In art dogs are often presented as little more than background. In writing this article, I wanted to

find masterpieces that included dogs, not as bystanders or background, but as vital parts of the composition. I am happy to report that there are many, many fine examples. Below are a few of my favorite artists, who have included dogs as an integral part of their oeuvre.



## Ai Weiwei - Zodiac Heads - Dog

The dog head sculpture is part of Ai Weiwei's monumental work *Circle of Animals/Zodiac Heads*. According to Chinese legend, when a wandering dog chooses to settle down in a home, it is thought that that family will prosper. The dog is part of twelve bronze animal heads representing the signs of the Chinese zodiac, each of which stand approximately ten feet high. These sculptures are re-envisioned and enlarged versions of the original eighteenth-century heads that were designed during the Qing dynasty for the fountain-clock of the Yuanming Yuan [Garden of Perfect Brightness], an imperial retreat outside Beijing.

Ai Weiwei is longtime critique of the Chinese government and has been targeted by the government. He has been beaten, his studio has been razed and he is currently living outside of China. As Ai Weiwei wrote: "What can they do besides exile [me] or make me disappear? They have no imagination or creativity."



## Lucian Freud – *Double Portrait*.

Lucian Freud often used dogs in his portraits, painting them lying alongside his human subjects. Freud's own Whippets appear as the main subjects of some paintings. The artist explained his love of working with dogs: "I am impressed by their lack of arrogance, their ready eagerness, their animal pragmatism." He strove to have his human subjects look as relaxed and natural as his animal ones.

In *Double Portrait* (above), I love way that human and animal limbs entwine. The woman reclining on a bed resting on her elbow is his daughter with Freud's whippet, Pluto. When Freud included a dog in his paintings, he painted it in the same style as he painted his human models and afforded the dog the same importance in the composition.



Frida Kahlo - *Itzcuintli Dog With Me*

Frida Kahlo loved animals and had many pets. She considered them a replacement for the children she was not able to have after a serious bus accident crushed her spine and lower body. Among her pets she kept hairless Mexican Itzcuintli dogs, one of which she features in this work. Itzcuintli dogs are very rare and were highly prized by the Aztecs.

Kahlo was married to Mexican muralist Diego Rivera. Kahlo and Diego were devoted Marxists. Rivera lost a commission to paint a mural in Rockefeller Plaza when he insisted on including the head of Lenin as part of the mural's composition. When Leon Trotsky was hiding from Stalin's assassins in Mexico, Trotsky and his wife stayed with Rivera and Kahlo. Trotsky and Kahlo became lovers and soon, no doubt at the insistence of Ms. Trotsky, the couple moved to other quarters. Soon thereafter, Trotsky was killed when an icepick was driven into his head by one of Stalin's agents.



### **Andy Warhol - Dog (Dachshund)**

After Andy Warhol adopted his Dachshund, Archie, in 1973, they became inseparable. Andy took Archie everywhere — art openings, his studio, and even restaurants where Archie would sit on his lap beneath a napkin (to avoid restaurant inspectors, and probably also to sneak some food).

Andy was so attached to Archie that he refused to travel to London without him. Archie became something of an alter ego for Andy during

interviews, and Andy would deflect questions that he didn't want to answer to his doting Dachshund.



**Paul Gauguin** - *Still Life with Three Puppies*

Still life paintings are a long-standing tradition in art, and Paul

Gauguin puts a twist on this with his 1888 piece called *Still Life with Three Puppies*.

When Gauguin painted *Still Life with Three Puppies* he was living in Brittany among a group of experimental painters. He abandoned naturalistic depictions and colors, declaring that “art is an abstraction” to be derived “from nature while dreaming before it.” The puppies’ bodies, for example, are outlined in bold blue, and the patterning of their coats mirrors the botanical print of the tablecloth. It is thought that Gauguin drew stylistic inspiration for this painting from children’s-book illustrations and from Japanese prints, which were introduced to him by his friend and fellow artist Vincent van Gogh that year.

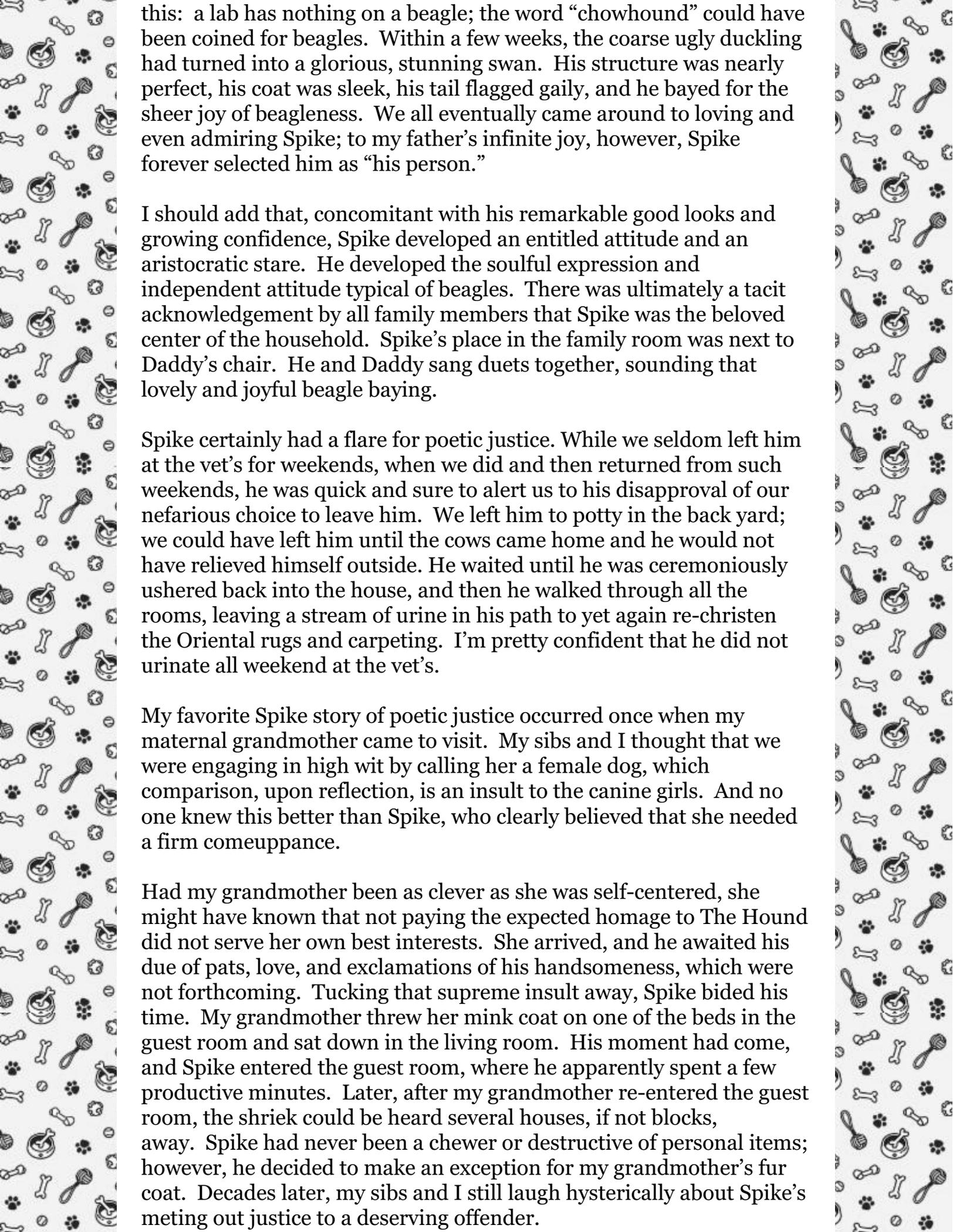
---

## My Father’s Hound

By Martha L. Perkins

I was nine years old when my father brought home, tucked protectively under his arm, a skinny, skittish, sorry-looking, seven-month-old, tri-colored beagle puppy. My father proudly announced that “Spike” came from Happy Jack Kennels, which everyone knew bred champion hunting hounds. No one in our family was inclined to think much of Spike—except for my ever-positive father, who beamed over his new buddy. Spike had been living, literally, in the Happy Jack Kennels with a number of other hunting dogs; and he lacked couch, even for a hound. If you looked him in the eye, he piddled—wherever he was; and when he was fed, he dragged his food under a chair, disinviting anyone to partake of his treasure.

It was not an auspicious beginning for Spike’s sojourn with our family. At least part of the reason is that Spike was a “substitute” for our beautiful, vivacious, whip-smart beagle puppy, Pike, also from Happy Jack’s, who had been killed a few days before Spike’s unwelcome (at least from my perspective) intrusion. As a child, I did not initially appreciate the fact that Pike was homed as a pet when he left his littermates; and, on the other hand, Spike was intended as a kennel dog, purely to hunt small game. One was pampered and adored, and the other was fed in the kennels with all the other hounds. Daddy was determined to give Spike both love and a modicum of class, and he succeeded admirably in doing both. For weeks he carried the gawky puppy around under his left arm and scratched his head when Spike sat next to him. Love, affection, and gentle human touch began to work their magic on Spike, as did the square meals he enjoyed each day, without the necessity of fending off invaders. Let me tell you



this: a lab has nothing on a beagle; the word “chowhound” could have been coined for beagles. Within a few weeks, the coarse ugly duckling had turned into a glorious, stunning swan. His structure was nearly perfect, his coat was sleek, his tail flagged gaily, and he bayed for the sheer joy of beagleness. We all eventually came around to loving and even admiring Spike; to my father’s infinite joy, however, Spike forever selected him as “his person.”

I should add that, concomitant with his remarkable good looks and growing confidence, Spike developed an entitled attitude and an aristocratic stare. He developed the soulful expression and independent attitude typical of beagles. There was ultimately a tacit acknowledgement by all family members that Spike was the beloved center of the household. Spike’s place in the family room was next to Daddy’s chair. He and Daddy sang duets together, sounding that lovely and joyful beagle baying.

Spike certainly had a flare for poetic justice. While we seldom left him at the vet’s for weekends, when we did and then returned from such weekends, he was quick and sure to alert us to his disapproval of our nefarious choice to leave him. We left him to potty in the back yard; we could have left him until the cows came home and he would not have relieved himself outside. He waited until he was ceremoniously ushered back into the house, and then he walked through all the rooms, leaving a stream of urine in his path to yet again re-christen the Oriental rugs and carpeting. I’m pretty confident that he did not urinate all weekend at the vet’s.

My favorite Spike story of poetic justice occurred once when my maternal grandmother came to visit. My sibs and I thought that we were engaging in high wit by calling her a female dog, which comparison, upon reflection, is an insult to the canine girls. And no one knew this better than Spike, who clearly believed that she needed a firm comeuppance.

Had my grandmother been as clever as she was self-centered, she might have known that not paying the expected homage to The Hound did not serve her own best interests. She arrived, and he awaited his due of pats, love, and exclamations of his handsomeness, which were not forthcoming. Tucking that supreme insult away, Spike bided his time. My grandmother threw her mink coat on one of the beds in the guest room and sat down in the living room. His moment had come, and Spike entered the guest room, where he apparently spent a few productive minutes. Later, after my grandmother re-entered the guest room, the shriek could be heard several houses, if not blocks, away. Spike had never been a chewer or destructive of personal items; however, he decided to make an exception for my grandmother’s fur coat. Decades later, my sibs and I still laugh hysterically about Spike’s meting out justice to a deserving offender.



As many family dogs did those decades ago, Spike roamed the neighborhood, taking the same route every day, allowing his admirers to greet him and hand out treats, as was his due. He did not consider it beneath his dignity to sit up and beg for food, a self-taught trick of his. He was not a particularly naughty hound . . .well, except for the time he dragged home a thick-cut, raw sirloin steak, likely from someone's picnic table, ready to be grilled. We never did determine who went hungry that evening. We still laugh heartily about that one, too.

As Spike got older, he developed cancer; and the time finally came to do the kindest, final gesture and send him on his way. At our home Daddy held his best friend in his arms, while our sweet vet gently sent Spike on his way. It was the only time I ever saw my father cry.

---

## Mark Twain for Dog Lovers: True and Imaginary Adventures with Man's Best Friend

Edited by R. Kent Rasmussen

### Book Review

*Mark Twain for Dog Lovers* combines one of America's most beloved authors and dogs. Twain specialist R. Kent Rasmussen traces the history of dogs in Twain's life—from the ones he knew personally, like his daughter's dog which he took in after she died, to the foreign dogs he saw on his travels around the world. America's favorite satirist was an avowed lover of all animals. Four-legged friends appeared frequently in his correspondence and his fiction, excerpts



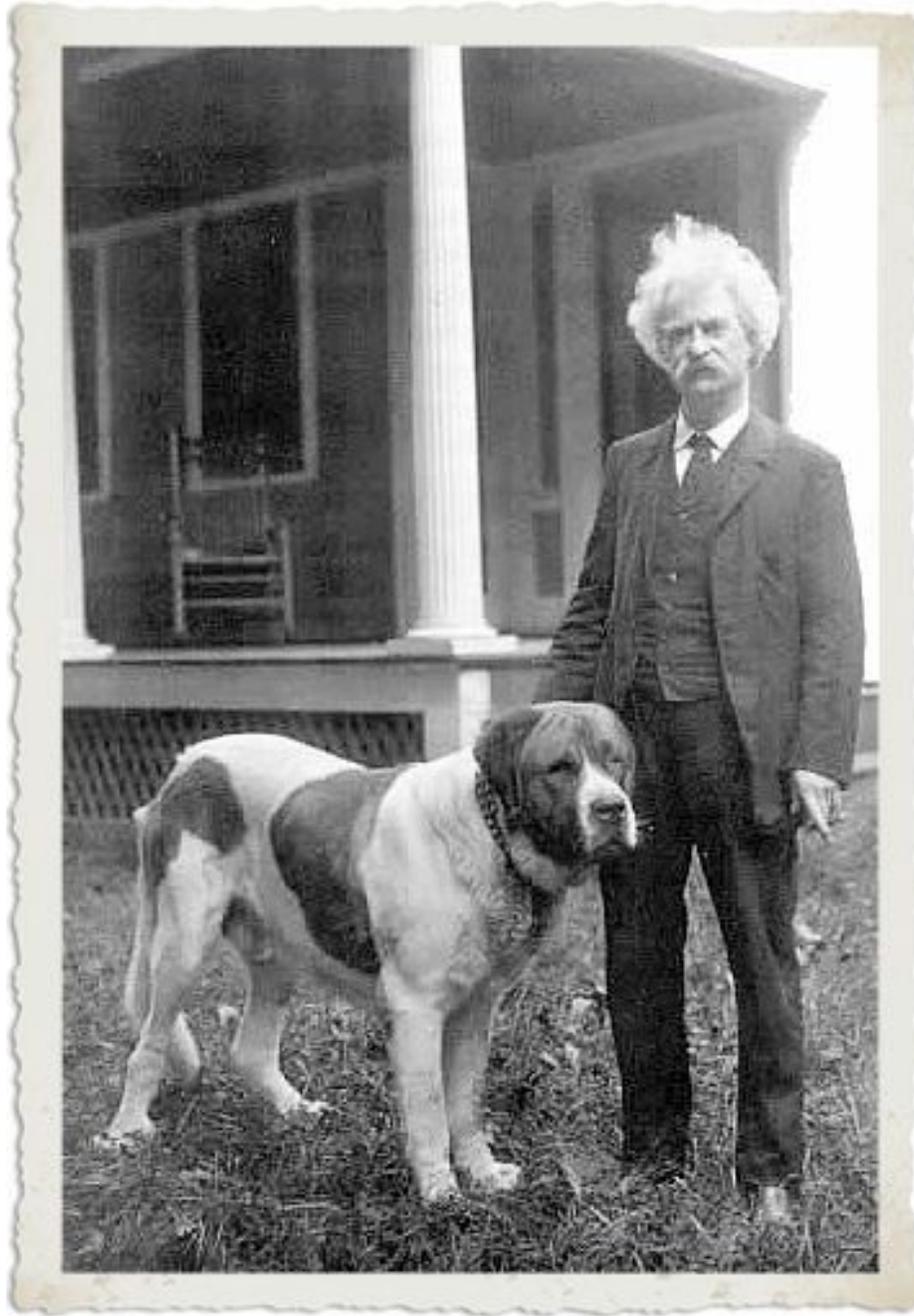
TRUE AND  
IMAGINARY  
ADVENTURES with  
MAN'S BEST FRIEND

MARK TWAIN  
**FOR** DOG  
LOVERS

EDITED BY  
R. Kent  
Rasmussen



from which have been collected into this lighthearted anthology of "true and imaginary adventures." Mark Twain for Dog Lovers honors man's best friend with forty-six short pieces: "Why Dogs Aren't Welcome at Funerals," "A Dog With Genius in Him," and more. So with your dog by your side, settle back in a comfy chair, and enjoy a hearty chuckle!



## Protecting Yourself and Your Dog from Aggressive Dogs

By Carla LaFleur

Recently there was a serious dog bite incident in my neighborhood. I wrote a little PSA for the neighborhood that I've adapted for CDTC. I hope this will help you to have a plan in case a similar situation ever happens to you.

\*\*\*Do not allow your dog to rush up on other dogs...EVEN IF YOUR

**DOG IS FRIENDLY!** I do not recommend on-leash greetings at all. They can lead to overexcitement at best and leash reactivity at worst. Almost every neighborhood has reactive dogs (dogs who put on an aggressive display when they see another dog), and when a dog rushes up on a reactive dog, it goes into "fight or flight." If the reactive dog is on leash, it may feel trapped and that it needs to use aggression to push away the approaching dog or person.

\*\*\*Walk your dog on a collar they **CANNOT** slip out of. A slip collar or a martingale are two types of collars that dogs cannot slip out of. If your dog needs another type of collar for training purposes, back it up with a carabiner or an attachment strap to a second collar. Equipment can fail, so be prepared with a backup plan. Here is a [backup attachment](#) that can be used for a head halter or prong collar.

\*\*\*If your dog is aggressive, muzzle training is **ESSENTIAL**. It means that if you lose control of your dog, no physical damage is likely to occur and that means less liability for you and a safer neighborhood for everyone else. Muzzles do not harm dogs when properly used. A properly fitting muzzle should be big enough that the dog can fully open its mouth, pant, and drink. [Muzzle Training and Tips](#) is a good resource and Baskerville muzzles, while not 100% biteproof, are easy to find in any pet store. An owner who muzzles their dog is being responsible and likely feels a lot of stress about their dog so please give them space.

\*\*\*What should you do if an aggressive dog approaches you? The first line of defense is to claim the space and try to shoo the dog away. You can also carry harmless Pet Corrector spray to scare off the dog long enough for you to get away. Pepper spray works if that fails.

\*\*\*Avoiding dog bites to children. Most dog bites to children are by a dog known to the family, not random. I always recommend the site "[Stop the 77](#)" to parents. It has many kid-friendly videos and flyers to educate kids on how to be safe around dogs.

\*\*\*What should you do in case of a dog bite in general? First of all, stay calm and take a breath before doing anything. Do not yell or strike the dogs; this will just amp them up. Watch this [video](#) by expert Ed Frawley to learn how to pull 2 dogs apart by the back legs.

\*\*\*What should you do in case of a dog bite at CDTC? Our instructors have a process for handling dog bites and we have a first aid kit in the club. Keep control of your own dog, and back away from the incident. If you are able to help, please follow the instructor's directions. Using a leash rather than your hands is the safest way to avoid injury.

Document everything about the bite (pictures, communication, vet report, etc.) and report to Montgomery County. Dogs with a bite

history are required to be on muzzle anytime they are off their owner's property.

Any dog can bite if it is in pain or afraid, no matter how friendly it is normally. I have even muzzle trained my friendly Golden Retriever, just in case. The skill is not something I ever anticipate needing, but say he broke his leg and I needed to get him in the car to go to the vet.

It is imperative to have an emergency plan to protect yourself, and your dog. Hopefully you will never need to put the plan into action.

## Much Ado About Dewclaws



Milly Welsh suggested that I write an article for the *Obichaff* about dewclaws. Specifically, should or should they not be removed? First, what is a dewclaw? It's that little digit on your dog inner front leg. Though not equivalent, essentially, they are the dog's thumbs and big toes.

Do Dewclaws Have a Purpose? A dewclaw that is attached by bone to a dog's front foot has a definite purpose. When dogs run, their front feet often bend to the point where their dewclaws meet the ground. At high

speeds (especially when turning) or on slippery surfaces, these dewclaws provide extra traction and help stabilize the carpal (wrist) joint. Some dogs also use their dewclaws to help them climb trees, hold objects to better chew on them, or climb out of the water if they've broken through ice. See video below. For agility dogs, leaving the dewclaw in place helps them with tight turns.

Should dewclaws be removed? No, unless there is a good medical reason to do so. The distinction to make is whether the dewclaw is firmly attached to the dog's foot. Rear and double dewclaws tend to only be attached to by skin and should be removed as they can be ripped off. In the past 10–20 years removing dewclaws has fallen out of favor with many veterinarians, although some breeders still prefer to have the dewclaws removed. Dewclaws are generally removed when the puppy is less than five days old, so most likely the decision was made for you by the breeder. However, if you are interested in field work, agility or other active sports you may want to have a discussion with your breeder about your future puppy's dewclaws. In the final analysis dewclaws are a functioning digit and should not be removed unless there is a good reason to do so.



---

## Braggs

Martin Goldstein proudly reports Molly was able to pull herself together long enough for the AKC evaluator to deem her a Canine

Citizen in Good Standing (CGC). Additionally, per further AKC criteria and evaluation, she is apparently fully certified and authorized to turn tricks at the novice level (TKN). We remain in negotiation on my 'management percentage'. Happily, given the recent changes in our country's leadership criteria, a career in the worlds oldest profession will not preclude her from announcing her candidacy during our next Presidential election. Given that she is 11 months old, she has the potential to survive 2 terms in office. We have high hopes.





---

Shirley Harry writes: ZeZe earned her NACSW L1C title January 29.



Moose, owner-handled by Martha Perkins, earned two four point majors in Richmond on January 29 & 30. He accomplished this in spite of the fact that he spent most of his time in the ring crying and mooning over the beautiful Sera (owner-handled by Jean Lowry), who earned a major as well. Moose and Sera train together and thank Janice Kopp for her instruction of their owners.



---

Milly Welsh has a new puppy Graden's Panama. What a cutie.



---

Jean Lowry writes: Sera, my Welsh Springer Spaniel, earned a major at the Middle Peninsula show in Richmond on Saturday, January 29th. I bring Sera and a couple of her relatives to Janice Kopp's handling classes and Janice has done an excellent job in helping to get my pups into shape so they are competitive even at 16 months. A very patient and supportive instructor.



---

Congratulations to the Wednesday 1pm Family Dog 2 class and CGC certificant. Every team put in the work and it shows! Hope to see you all in a future class or at a trial some day! --Carla LaFleur

Pictured: Liesel Flaig and Jesse, Lydia Gillman and Luca, Erica Lee and Ziti, Kathryne Mei Calo and Sunny, Anat Ferleger and Chloe, Alexis Smith and Winslow (off camera but present!)



## KUDOS

By Marsha Iyomasa

In the spirit of cooperation, I don't know how else to say it, but a big Mahalo Nui Shout Out to Richard Lahne, returning Capital member for his hard work and the combined Thursday and Monday night Novice Classes on the recent Novice Mock Trial . Richard, who is not in either class, served as Table, Gate and Ring stewards, arriving early to help setup, and post trial, getting everything back up to the Mezzanine. The support received from Donna Cleverdon, Shirley Harry, and Mark, rounded out the very important club village assistance. From all of those who participated, the trial was deemed a success complete with ribbons, goodie bags, and refreshments.

NIH Spends Taxpayer Dollars  
on Cruel Research



dogs and monkeys, respectively. In brief, there will be nine treatment sessions. The Contractor will administer combinations of a test article dosed by oral gavage followed by an interaction article **dosed by intravenous infusion.** The dose levels of the test and the interaction articles, and interval between their doses will be specified by the NIDA COR. The intravenous interaction article and its vehicle **will be administered via a surgically implanted vascular access port using a programmable infusion pump carried in a jacket or backpack worn by each animal.** Typically, each treatment combination will be separated by at least 5 days. The Contractor shall use infusion pumps that have the capacity to record, store and report the actual time, duration and volume of the interaction article

Obtained by White Coat Waste Project via Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) spent about \$2.3 million between 2020 and 2021 on an experiment that involved injecting beagles with cocaine.

The White Coat Waste Project (WCWP), a watchdog group published documents they obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request showing the research agency disbursed \$2.3 million to the project.

"The objective of this study is to evaluate the potential adverse cardiovascular effects that may result when [redacted] (test article) and cocaine (interaction article) are administered together to male Beagle dogs," the study states. It also explains the experiment was designed to show how the effects of cocaine in the body can be altered with medication. The study trained seven 6-month-old beagle puppies to wear a jacket, which was used to injects the dogs wearing it with cocaine and experimental drugs. After the study, beagles were either sent back to the Charles River animal colony, where NIH purchased the dogs "for future use," or they were "euthanized," documents state. The final report is due May 2022.

"There are barbarians who seize this dog, who so greatly surpasses man in fidelity and friendship, and nail him down to a table and dissect him alive, to show you the Mesaraic veins! You discover in him

all the same organs of feeling as in yourself. Answer me, Mechanist, has Nature arranged all the springs of feeling in this animal to the end that he might not feel? Has he nerves that he may be incapable of suffering? Do not suppose that impertinent contradiction in Nature."

-Voltaire, *Dictionnaire philosophique portatif* (1764)

---

## CDTC Needs CGC Evaluators

CDTC is looking for people who can be Canine Good Citizen Evaluators. To become a CGC Evaluator a person has to have 2 years of working with dogs and owners; must be 18 years; and have experience with working with a variety of breeds. Many of our members and training assistants have these qualifications! This allows them to teach a CGC class, trick dog class or STAR puppy. An evaluator can test for all levels of CGC, trick dog titles, and virtual manners. Our club can really use more of these evaluators! Here's the link to the [AKC website](#).

---

## Want to Make a Donation for Hungry Dogs? It's Easy!

The food pantry is now accepting unopened containers of dog food. Cleverdog is accepting dog food donations in their front vestibule and then delivering them to the food pantry. Feel good by dropping off doggie food donations on your way to CDTC. It takes less than a minute and does so much good.

---

## Available Classes

[Class List and Registration](#)

### Upcoming Classes/Tests/Trials

[Conformation \(Beginner, Jrs., Puppies, Training Group\)](#) - Use link to register. Training group is ongoing. Contact [Janice](#) for help choosing a class.

Puppy Kindergarten - we have a class starting in March. Register at [cdtc.org/puppy-kindergarten](http://cdtc.org/puppy-kindergarten). Add your name to the update list [HERE](#) for new class schedule announcements

Family Dog 1&2 - We have a Family Dog 1 class starting in May. Register at [cdtc.org/family-dog-classes](http://cdtc.org/family-dog-classes). Add your name to the update list [HERE](#) for new class schedule announcements

Fundamentals of Competition Obedience 1,2, &3 - email [Tom](#)

[Novice & Open](#) classes on Monday nights are taking new students

[Rally Competition Class](#) - for those ready to or already competing (Atkinson, Thursdays @ 11AM, ongoing)

Scent Work 2, beginning in March, has an opening contact [Training Secretary](#)

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

Click [here](#) to go straight to registration. Email [Training Secretary](#) for questions.

Click [here](#) for more class information on the CDTC website.

### NEW CLASSES!

**Fundamentals of Competition Obedience 1 (FCO1) :** This class slowly and systematically teaches heeling with sustained attention. Dogs will also be taught to stand, sit and down quickly and without moving out of position. Fast, straight fronts and sits will be taught. Ring entry and sustained connection between dog and handler will also be emphasized. Students enrolling in this class should have a strong commitment to excelling and will be expected to practice between classes. Permission of the Instructor is required. Email [Tom](#)

**Fundamentals of Competition Obedience 2 (FCO2) :** This class teaches foundation skills necessary for competing in Open and Utility. It is not necessary to have earned a

novice title before taking this class, but all dogs must have excellent heeling (on and off leash), and straight fronts and finishes that are performed promptly. Students will have typically completed Fundamentals of Competition Obedience 1 prior to enrolling. Foundation skills that will be taught include: retrieving, go-outs, directed jumping, pivots and scent discrimination. The emphasis will be on providing a firm foundation in these skills and providing a roadmap for training the actual competition skills. Less emphasis will be placed on training these skills to the point of being competition-ready. Instead, students will be prepared to perfect these skills in open and utility classes. Ideally, this class will be taken upon completion of Fundamentals of Competition Obedience. Permission of the Instructor is required. Email [Tom](#)

### Training Groups:

**Conformation Group** meets 1st & 3rd Saturdays at 5pm. Non-members pre-register and pay for dates you plan to attend [HERE](#).

**FCO Training Group** meets some Saturdays at 1pm. Contact [Tom](#).

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

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

**Rally Training Group** meets some 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 1pm. Contact [Sue](#).

### 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](http://cdtc.org/membership).

---

# CDTC Agility Trial

April 8, 9, & 10, 2022

Spring is really just around the corner and so is the annual CDTC Agility Trial.

Dates: April 8, 9 & 10, 2022

Location: Carroll Indoor Sports Center

515 Old Westminster Pike, Westminster, MD 21157

## [Premium Agility Trial](#)

We love volunteers and will gladly provide on the job training. So this is a great opportunity to learn more about agility trials if you are just starting agility or thinking about it. Please send our trial chair [Benita Bottom](#) an email if you would like to volunteer or support our Chief Steward Mary Rice as a volunteer coordinator at the trial. Let us know what days and times you would like to volunteer. We hope to see you in April at the trial.

## Delegate's Corner

By Joyce Dandridge

The next Delegates meeting will be held in March. On the agenda to be discussed for the Companion Events Committee are the following topics:

- Three legged dogs in Obedience and Rally- In formation has been obtained from Judges, Veterinarians as well as input from exhibitors
- Tracking three-legged dogs in Agility
- All Breed Clubs dropping Obedience
- The idea of having Rally Judges judging Beginner Novice- One of the committee members has put this on the agenda.

As mentioned, no Delegate decided to run against the nominating committee's nominees so they will be formally elected for the next class.

For those of you who had not heard, Ron Menaker former chair of the AKC Board for many years and whose ideas developed into the AKC Championship Show with Eukanuba and now with Royal Canin passed.

Finally, I emailed the membership on the current DC proposal involving dog seizures. AKC ask that members speak or write the city county council. I am in touch with Charley Hall at AKC in reference to this matter.

---

## CDTC Swag

Do you love CDTC? If so, you can purchase CDTC logo items at [Cafepress](#). Order now and get your stuff for the holidays. Capital gets a portion of the proceeds. There's a great selection from sweatshirts, to mugs to magnets.

## CDTC Groups.io

CDTC members, if you have not done so already, please join <mailto:cdtc@groups.io>. It is a great way to keep up with the day-to-day activities of our club. To sign up, go to <https://groups.io/g/cdtc> and click "Apply for Membership."

---

**Next General Membership Meeting**  
**March 8, 2022 at 8:00pm**

---



Subscribe

Visit our website