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Without my dog my wallet would be full my house would be clean
but my heart would be empty.



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This has been a month of obedience shows for Magic and me. Magic recently earned her Companion Dog and Rally Excellent titles. Even though she had her titles, we kept showing in both obedience and rally. Magic is shy, she has a tendency to be distracted in the ring, which results in a performance that is below what she is capable of doing. This month was all about getting her to accept the idea that being in a show is not much different than our practices at CDTC. She needs to pay attention and work as an integral member of an obedience team. Are we there? No, but in October we took another step in the right direction. Happy training.

PERFECT FIT

WHAT'S IT LIKE BEING
A SMALL DOG?

IT'S GREAT!



I FIT PERFECTLY IN
MY OWNER'S LAP.

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**This Veterans' Day Remember Our
Homeless Veterans and Their Dogs**



In November we take a day to honor our veterans. Military veterans are at an increased risk for homelessness. It is estimated that as many as 66,000 veterans are homeless. Many of them have dogs. Studies have reported psychological, physiological, and social health benefits associated with companion animals, who play a significant role in providing stability to the homeless. Homeless veterans report having companion animals to fulfill social needs, such as friendship, and unconditional, nonjudgmental love. Homeless veterans who have pets may have difficulty finding housing and may refuse opportunities for placement if companion animals are not allowed. Some, but not all, shelters will accept dogs. To its credit, the Veterans administration is doing something about this problem. In the last decade, homelessness among veterans has been cut in half. Still tonight veterans and their dogs will be sleeping on the street.



In Ukraine, a Family is Murdered and a Dog Mourns



A Russia missile attack in the Dnipro region killed a family of four: 2 children, their mother, and grandmother.

Their dog was photographed sitting on the ruins of their house. The dog was later then taken to a veterinary clinic for treatment.

Below is an artist's rendering of the incident. I often think of my long gone dogs as being with me on car rides and walks. For the same reason,I am sure that dog's family is with him.



The Good Obedience Trial

By Milly B. Welsh

One of the things I do is show my dogs in obedience. I'll never have an OTCH, but I strive to have respectable scores. And, being a confirmed ribbon whore, I love to have a fancy placement ribbon. I've been showing off and on since November 1981 when at my first trial my Novice A dog won first place and was rewarded with an engraved pewter cup – I was sucked in.

It's fun to see old friends and make new ones. It's a thrill to watch a wonderful performance that earns a 200. A great round by any dog can make my heart flutter. Watching the handlers whose grace allows them to flow around the ring makes me green with envy.

However, not all shows are created equal. Venue is important. I don't want to drive for hours. I want to find a reasonable place to park. My dogs like green grass to potty. I loathe port-a-pots and try to show only at facilities with hot and cold running water and flush toilets. A crate for my dog, a chair for me, and some warm up space are high on my list of niceties. Outdoor shows were a wonderful venue, but they seem to have gone the way of the dodo bird. Recently I showed in the worst venue I've ever experienced. It was indoor with a trampled sawdust floor. As I opened the door, the smell of mold and mildew was enough to knock me backwards, and I've had frequent nosebleeds since then. There was no crating space, no warm up area, and walking in the rings was difficult because they had not been raked to a vague semblance of uniformity. Although a two hour drive for me, the Salisbury KC facility is close to perfect.

The most important aspect of an obedience trial is the judge. This is our hobby: we spend lots of money, lots of time, lots of energy – it should be fun. The judge can make or break the entire experience. An example of the perfect judge is Nancy Withers. She smiles. She's fair. She's helpful. She's fast. She's flexible with conflicts. She knows the rules and shares that information. She has the ability to say a kind word to the handler with the most awful trip one can imagine. She takes the time to have each handler in a veteran's class talk about the wonderful old dog who is having one more time in the ring.

At the other end of the spectrum is the judge who seems to find joy in failing dogs. She sets up rally courses with the hope of a NQ. When asked a question by an exhibitor, her standard answer is "you should know the rules." She denigrates volunteer table and ring stewards, who have often never been to a dog show and undoubtedly will never come back. She was overheard at a specialty saying that the breed was one she didn't like; if this were a joke, it was in very poor taste. Pity the Novice A handler who has the misfortune to show under her. The rest of us simply will not enter when she is judging.

CDTC Obedience Trial

By Benita Bottom



Exhibitors enjoyed three great events on Oct. 7th-9th for the annual CDTC Rally and Obedience trials held at CTA in Beltsville. Many thanks to our judges Dr. Karen Tucker from MA and former member Josie McAuliffe. There were 51 Rally entries on Friday, 91 Obedience entries on Saturday, and 74 Obedience entries on Sunday. Congrats

to all the qualifiers and thanks to those not yet exhibitors for showing.



To make the trials a success a big thanks goes to our members who volunteered over the three days including Gaby Alvarado, Sandi Atkinson, Pam Ayres, Roxanne Bouten, Jasmine Carastro, Donna Cleverdon Obedience Trial Secretary, Dr. Joyce Dandridge, Barbara Davit, Sue Faber, Matt Gaisford, Martin



Goldstein, Luann Korona, Julie Rovner, Amy Scheiner Trophy Chair, and Tom Tatham. I know our new member volunteers enjoyed

getting to see the ring performances.



It's never too early to start planning for next Oct. Reach out if you would like to volunteer for next year. We can use a Hospitality and Luncheon Chair, Volunteer Coordinator, Obedience Secretary and Rally Secretary.







Beware of High Interest Pet Loans



California Governor Gavin Newsom signed a bill that prevents online pet stores from offering financing for pet sales, a widespread practice that's trapping pet owners in loans that sometimes end up tripling the cost

of their dog, according to the Washington Post.

Some pet stores and online retailers use high-interest loans and leasing agreements that tout low monthly payments and target hopeful pet parents without great credit. One financing company that frequently works with pet stores, EasyPay, says it helps out customers who wouldn't normally be able to afford the Shih Tzu of their dreams...with a 199% interest rate.

Financing can be a key part of animal sale proposals. Average consumers may not be able to afford to spend thousands of dollars for a puppy, but predatory lenders can easily turn casual browsers to purchasers by including a link to instantaneously apply for seemingly low or no interest short-term financing — even for those with bad or no credit. Full disclosure of interest rates, fees, payoff amount, and general loan terms are not available until after a loan application is made and — critically — after an emotional connection to a photo

and the desire to purchase a particular animal is present.

California isn't the only state that wants to get rid of the pet price gougers. Eleven other states have banned pet financing, but the current patchwork of regulations makes it impossible to end the practice entirely.

Braggs

Erin Jephson writes that Mavis earned her Rally Novice title at the Hyattsville show, it was Mavis' best run yet.



Hadley earned her Beginner Novice title, with her last two legs at the CDTC trial. She had two second place finishes, and one first place win! We're relieved and happy to have earned our first ever title, and look forward to more time in the ring when we go for our CD.





I want to thank everyone involved in the trial. It was smooth, well organized and friendly. (Taking a GIANT dog into a small space, often leaves other exhibitors less than pleased to see us.) The judge was efficient, pleasant and quite generous.

I am thrilled to announce that Quigley earned his Rally Novice title! He earned his 1st leg a year ago, at the PA regional IW specialty. His 2nd leg was in May at our National, in Fair Hill, MD, so it was important to me to (try to) get his title at OUR trial! His score was less than stellar, but we've never trained anywhere but at CDTC, and we've really only trained in Rally for one, 6week class! CDTC rocks!

Jodie Jeweler and Quigely



Shannon Hall writes: Connor is now an AKC agility champion! He finished his PACH, which AKC describes as:

Preferred Agility Champion: In order to acquire the title, a dog must achieve a minimum of 750 championship points and 20 double qualifying scores obtained from the Master Preferred Standard Agility class and the Master Preferred Jumpers With Weaves class. We worked very hard for this title and I am super proud of my boy, who needed only 6 more points at our last trial to finish, and who gave me 38 points to really nail it. Good Boy Connor!



Milly Welsh writes: Razor: Rally Novice: 99, 99, 98 (8/26-10/4); CD: 197 1/2, 194 1/2, 197 1/2 (9/25-10/9): QA2 (9/3) a field trial title.

Graden's Cutting Edge, QA2, CD, RN - call name Razor - handler Milly B Welsh - owner Milly B Welsh and Charles Hayden - dob 11/27/18.



Jennie Larkin writes: Hermes went Best of Breed both days at the Talbot KC shows in Harrington Delaware, earning the remaining Grand Champion majors and Wins over Champions he needed. Now he only needs points to finish his GCH!

We also got to see friends, including Brad Smith (who took lovely informal photos of dogs and handlers around the rings at the show).

Hermes: CH Patuxent Fuligin Winged Messenger RN NA OAJ NF DCAT



Hermes earned his Beginner Novice (BN) title at the National Capital KC Trial, where he also earned his first two legs towards his Rally Intermediate title (with two first places). On top of that, he won Select Dog in the Papillon breed ring both days, for more points towards his Grand Championship.

He is now CH Patuxent Fuligin Winged Messenger BN RN NA OAJ NF DCAT

Jennie Larkin



Every year I make homemade Howl-o-ween costumes for my dogs. This year they are peacocker spaniels. - Mariah Stover



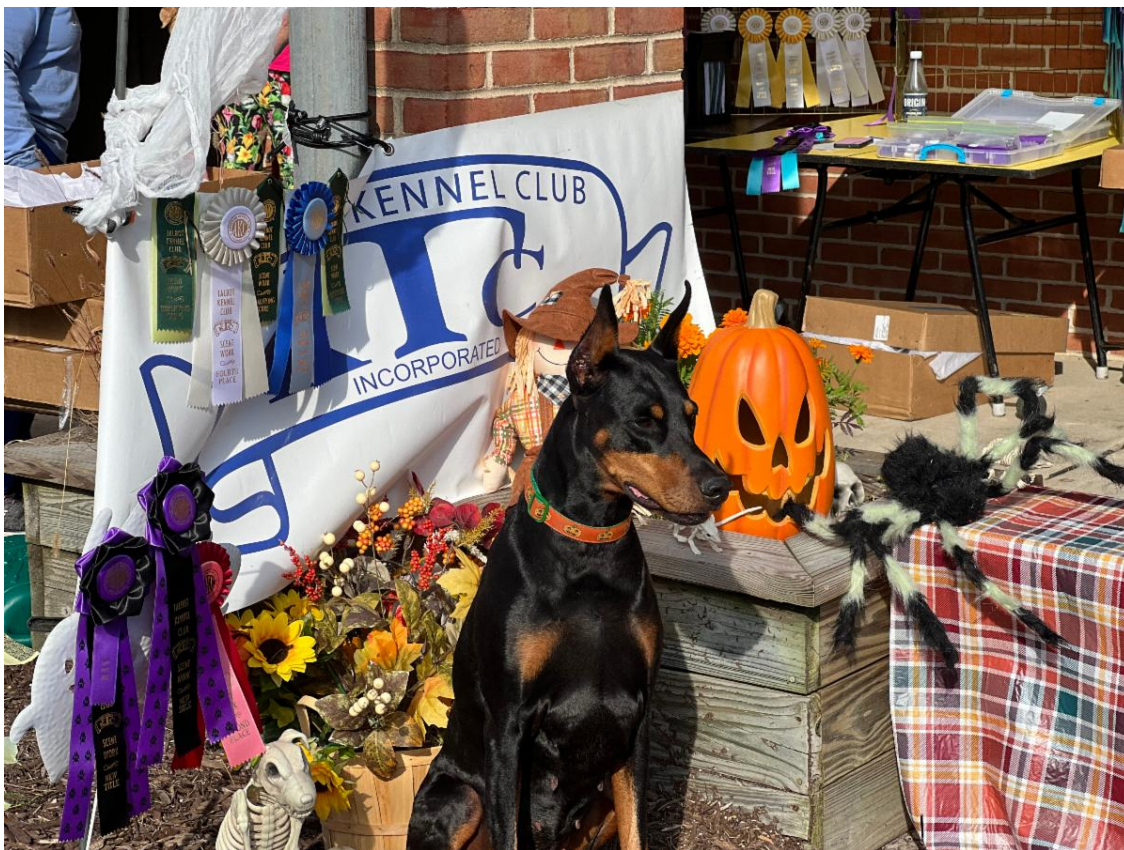


Report from Team ZeZe: I couldn't be more proud of ZeZe today at her NW2 Trial in Wayneboro Pa a special thanks to Aaron Adamak and. Sue Dehner and my training group. Here goes: she got overall

second place in the trial, third place in containers (most proud of this) and pronounced in exteriors, vehicle and interior 1 & 2. This was our first try at NW2. We were connected that day. - Shirley Harry



Team ZeZe ventured to Ridgely Maryland to Talbot Kennel Club Scent Work Trial on the Eastern shore. We are happy to report a Novice Exterior Title with 4th, Advanced Interior Title with 2nd place and Excellent Interior Q leg with 1st place. ZeZe is an awesome team partner. -Shirley Harry



Sue Faber reports that Dazzle earned her Inermmediate Rally title with scores high enough to have her invited to the Rally Nationals.



**CDTC's Rally and Obedience Trials
October 7-9, 2022**

Available Classes

[Class List and Registration](#)

Upcoming Classes/Tests/Trials

S.T.A.R. Puppy Kindergarten begins
Thursday, January 5 at 6pm.
Register [here](#).

Family Dog 1 starts Tuesday, January 10 at 8pm
Register [here](#).

Family Dog 2 starts Tuesday, January 10 at 6pm
Register [here](#).

Heeling, Fronts, and Finishes
begins Monday, January 9 at 8pm.
Register [here](#).

Beginner Novice starts Tuesday, January 3 at 6pm.
Register [here](#).

Beginning Conformation starts Saturday, January 10 at 3pm.
Register [here](#).

Open & Utility Obedience Skills has openings.
Contact [Training Director](#)

Upper level Obedience classes
Contact [Training Director](#)

Rally Competition Class has space available.
Register [here](#).

[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](#).

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 year the Rally Championship will be two days. The RNC will be on Friday and Saturday, June 16 & 17 and the NOC will be Sunday and Monday, June 18 & 19.

In July, The AKC Board approved the following revision to the Obedience and Rally Regs. Prizes offered only to members of certain clubs or owners of specific breeds may appear in the premium lists.

In October, the staff will be making a recommendation to change the number of dogs invited in each breed by OTCH points from three to six. This increase may encourage more exhibitors to show their nontraditional breeds more in obedience with the hopes of earning some OTCH points to get invited and should eliminate the need for a second round of invites to reach the minimum entry of 125.

Just in case you missed it. The following COVID provisions were made permanent by the AKC Board: 1) In all Agility, Obedience and Rally classes that require three qualifying scores to earn a title, the three scores may be earned under the same judge; 2) In Agility 30 days/100 miles between assignments will start on January 2, 2023.

In an effort to not delay approval of judging panels for clubs, AKC staff increased seminar requirements extension for obedience and rally judges to January 1, 2024. Additionally, staff has begun a mentoring program for new applicants and provisional judges. This program includes one of the field representatives being personally assigned to each person under this category.

Finally, I want to personally say how much I enjoyed our recent trial and meeting some members I did not know previously. It was a well-planned event. Thank you, Benita and committee. **IMPORTANT MESSAGE:** Our club and many of the clubs in our area are having serious problems getting stewards for trials. If clubs drop trials, it means less opportunity for folks to get qualifying scores. As I work on an AKC subcommittee and interview all breed clubs, this is one of the main comments they are making for dropping Obedience and Rally. My kennel club on October 16 had only three folks show up to steward. Thanks to the exhibitors the trial was able to continue. Knowing that CDTC and National Capital KC trials are in October, please reach out to Benita, the trial chair for both, and commit to help early. Instructors of CDTC classes, please encourage your students to volunteer. They will be taught what to do and AKC is currently preparing a video course on instructions.

8:00pm



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