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I wonder if other dogs think poodles are members of a weird  
religious cult.

— Rita Rudner

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He always gets so excited when I take him to the dog park



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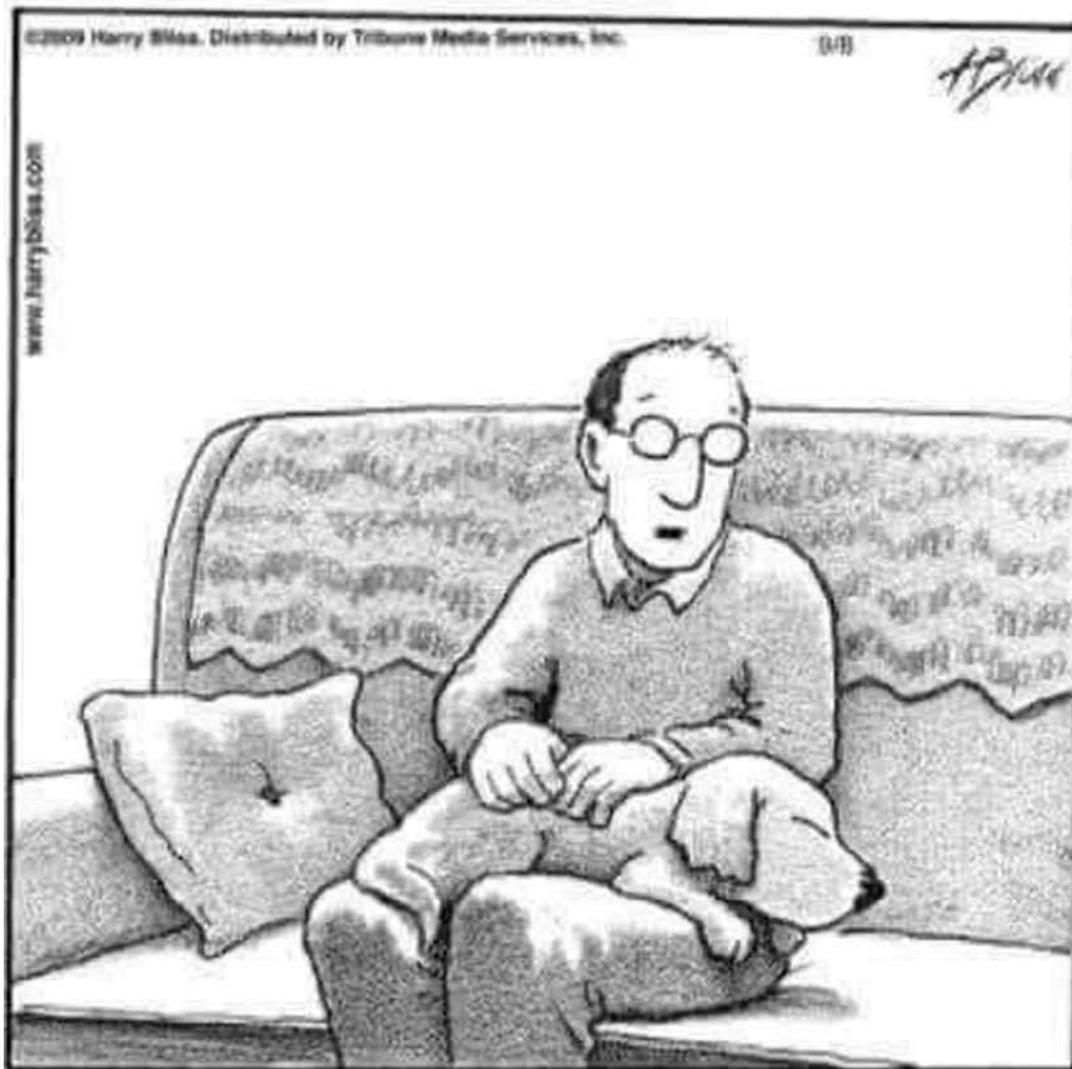


Magic is a COVID baby. I have been able to train with her at CDTC, but she has not had a lot of exposure to busy show rings. I entered Magic in beginner novice not so much because I wanted the beginner novice title, but rather because I wanted Magic to have ring experience. We made our debut at Greater Fredericksburg Kennel Club show which is a stone's throw from the King's Dominion amusement park. The obedience trial was all I wanted it to be, it was hot, (no air conditioning), loud and full of distractions. Magic did not want to focus. There was just too much to distract her. This is one of the reasons we practice ring entry. I spent a fair amount of time getting her into work mode. With lots of treats and patiences I was able to get Magic's head in the game. By the time it was our turn to go into the ring, I had a dog ready to work.

Magic did well, she scored a 195 1/2 to take first place in beginner novice. That said we made mistakes. I lost focus and that cost us two points. Magic too did not give me the same level of attention I would have had if it was just the two of us working at the club.

I will keep showing Magic in beginner novice until the two of us are use to working together in a busy obedience ring.

On the way back from the show we stopped for ice cream. After sitting out all day in the 90 degree heat we both deserved it.



"I suppose I can wait a little longer to go to the bathroom."

## President's message:

Regarding obedience trials:

Capital's annual Obedience/Rally Trial is BACK after the cancelation hiatus of 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This year's trial will be held at the Beltsville location of CTA, well-know to many of our members. This location makes it so much easier for our members to volunteer. The dates are October 8 for the Rally trial, and October 9 and 10 for the Obedience trials - a single trial each day. Please plan on lending a hand on at least one of these days. By doing so, you help make one of our signature events a success, and

show your pride for our club. Your participation will be fun and educational as well.

On a personal note, my Standard poodle, “Arrow”, recently earned his Companion Dog title. He did this at three consecutive trials, with scores that also earned him placements and a High in Trial award. He could not have done this without the knowledge and help of our instructors, or the support of our club. EVERY member contributed to this achievement. Each of you owns a small piece of that HiT ribbon!

Yes, it is possible to train on one’s own. Yes, a trainer can go all the way to any title without help. But from where I sit, I maintain that it is a lot more fun to do it with others. I also maintain that whether I am a student in a class, or an instructor, I learn more by training with other trainers. You challenge me, make me think, not only about what I am doing, how I am doing it, but also how I express myself when I am instructing. When I am the instructor, I am re-teaching myself and my dog. It is an endless source of joy and fascination for me. Thank you!

## LET’S CELEBRATE! Annual Awards and Instructor Appreciation Picnic

CDTC’S 2021 Annual Awards and Instructor Appreciation Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, 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. We hope to see all of you there to honor our talented, hardworking, and dedicated instructors as well as those who earned titles in 2020. 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.

The Club will be providing box lunches from Panera as well as water and soft drinks, or, if you prefer, you may bring your own lunch. You may BYOD (Bring Your Own Dog(s)) to this event. We also have an alcohol permit, so you may bring alcoholic beverages (to be consumed under the covered portion of the shelter).

The address is:

Seneca Creek State Park  
"Buck" Picnic Shelter  
11950 Clopper Rd.  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Plan ahead for crowds at the entrance gate, especially if the weather is nice! The picnic area is well within the park, so you will need to drive for a bit to reach it after entering the park at the main entrance. Click [here](#) for a map of the park to help you navigate to our picnic site:

If you are planning to attend, please RSVP [Amy Scheiner](#) at or 301-466-7493 by 9/4/21 so Amy can order enough box lunches for all.

Note: If you are age 62 or older, you can apply for a Golden Age Pass for free lifetime entrance to Seneca Creek and all Maryland State Parks. The cost for the pass is \$10. Click [here](#) for a link to the application.

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## Dangerous Drugs for Dogs

Our dogs are always with us. That is a good thing that can sometimes lead to bad results. When Magic was a puppy she ate my hearing aids that I had left on my nightstand. My wife and I were so panicked that she had swallowed one of the batteries that by the time we found both batteries we were so glad we did not even scold Magic. Bedrooms and bathrooms can be dangerous places for dogs. Dogs have easy access to these rooms and the medications they contain. Medications left on nightstands or in the bathroom sometimes find their way into the stomachs of dogs.

If your dog ingests human medication, bring the original container to the veterinarian. The packaging will contain important information including which drug your dog ingested, what strength, how many pills were in the container and possibly the manufacturer's recommendations concerning overdose or poisoning.

The most common human medications to cause poisoning in dogs include:

# 10 Most Common Human Medications Harmful to Dogs

1. Aspirin
2. Ibuprofen
3. Naproxen
4. Indomethacin
5. Acetaminophen
6. Xanax
7. Ambien
8. ACE inhibitors
9. Beta Blockers
10. Adderall

## Pet Poison Hotline

Keep this number on your fridge should your pet ingest a poison or medication\*:

**855-764-7661**

24/7 Animal Poison Control Center

\*fee applies

## NSAIDS

The nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) are widely used and readily available – many of these can be purchased over the counter. These drugs are used to treat pain, inflammation, and fever in people. Examples of NSAIDs include aspirin, ibuprofen, naproxen, and indomethacin. In dogs, orally ingested NSAIDs are rapidly absorbed. Most achieve peak concentrations in the blood within three hours. The most commonly seen side effects of these medications are gastrointestinal irritation and damage to the GI tract.

At recommended dosages, NSAIDs have little effect on the kidneys, but in cases of overdose (and also with chronic usage) renal damage has occurred. The simultaneous use of two NSAIDs can lead to kidney dysfunction. Additionally, NSAID overdose has caused clotting problems and liver disease. These drugs can also react with other

drugs.

## **Acetaminophen/Tylenol**

Another readily available human medication often used to treat pain and inflammation in dogs is acetaminophen. This drug, sold as Tylenol and other brand names, can be obtained both over the counter and in some prescription preparations. Exposure to dogs usually occurs through administration of acetaminophen by uninformed but well-meaning owners intending to treat fever, pain, or inflammation in their animal. Poisoning can occur from a single exposure to a large dose or from chronic exposure to a low dose.

Acetaminophen poisoning in dogs causes injury to the liver and, in high enough dosages, even liver failure. Clinical signs can include lethargy, loss of appetite, belly pain, and jaundice. Swelling of the face and paws is also commonly seen. Cats are even more sensitive than dogs to acetaminophen — clinical signs can result from ingesting a single tablet.

## **ADHD Medications**

Medications used for attention-deficit disorder and hyperactivity contain amphetamine, a potent stimulant. Ingestion of these medications by dogs can lead to life-threatening tremors, seizures, elevated body temperature, and even cardiac and respiratory arrest.

## **Blood Pressure Medications**

Blood pressure medications, like ACE inhibitors and beta blockers, can cause weakness, stumbling, and dangerously low blood pressure.

## **Sleep Medications**

Medications designed to aid with sleep, like Xanax, Ambien, and Valium, can cause dogs to become lethargic, seem intoxicated and, in some cases, have dangerously slowed breathing rates. Some dogs become severely agitated after ingesting these drugs.

## **Treatment for Accidental Medication Intoxication**

The vast majority of these accidental intoxications can be successfully managed with early treatment. For poisonings, the best outcomes involve seeking immediate advice from your veterinarian followed by aggressive, proactive treatment, if necessary. Your vet may suggest making the animal vomit if ingestion just occurred, but your pet may also need intravenous fluid support or treatment with specific medications and antidotes to combat the toxin. Always check with your veterinarian before starting any treatments to neutralize the

poison.

It's important to note that time is of the essence for many of these poisonings, and most treatments are best done at a veterinary hospital.

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## Rare Breed Conformation

By Janice Kopp

In the past six months I have been introduced to two breeds unknown to me and one breed that I have always wanted to meet: the Pyrenean Mastiff, the Thai ridgeback, and the Basset Fauve de Bretagne. Their owner/handlers are seeking titles in UKC and rare breed organizations. Eventually, they most likely, will be recognized by the AKC. This, however, is an arduous process. It may take years to fulfill the requirements.



Some rare breed clubs resist going to the AKC. I know this was the case with the Leonbergers. Now they are a well-represented at shows. Many parent clubs resist the AKC for fear that the breed will become too advertised, too popular, and over-breed with poor breeding practices. This has happened with the “dog du jour”

breeds.

Pyrenean Mastiff are a startling large breed. They are an ancient breed that shepherded and guarded the flocks in the Pyrenees Mountains. They resemble the Leonberger which is a more recent breed. When working with these breeds, the owner/handler must keep in mind that these are ancient breeds, and they have not been family domesticated for generations. Many of their natural instincts and drives are still part of their initial character. The two Pyrenean mastiffs that come to class have been very successful in the rare-breed arena.

The Thai Ridgeback is a medium-sized compact dog. I sense that this breed is very intelligent and loyal to their leader, man or dog. They have

an intense eye which is focused on the leader or prey. Like the Pyrenean mastiff, this dog is an ancient breeds used to guard and protect. “Ridgebacks are deeply loyal, fierce, protective, and diligent dogs that are rarely seen outside of Thailand.”

It is natural that I, a PBGV owner, would be attracted to the Basset Fauve de Bretagne. In some ways the resemble the PBGV, but they are different as I am learning. I met my first one this past weekend. She was adorable, full of energy and intelligence. She, like most hounds, was willful and energetic. I am looking forward to working with this breed and learning more about them. I have considered owning one although my pbgv breeder warned me they are different than the PBGV.



People who choose these rare breeds MUST do their homework before owning. Understanding the natural instincts and characteristics of a breed is a part of loving dog ownership and training. Most dog breeds were developed for a purpose, a job. Keep that in mind when you are training. Use those instincts positively to encourage your dog to achieve and win.

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## Braggs

Jo-Anne Riddle writes: Nico, GCH Merrie Munro’s Dark Clarion’s Grace qualified for the Top Twenty in Scottish Terriers this year.

# NICO

## GCH Merrie Munro's Dark Clarion's Grace



Deblin's Walk This Way X GCHS Merrie Munro's Dark Endora

### Top 20 Owner Handled Qualified and NOH Group Placer



Shown here with  
Breeder Judge Fred Ferris  
And Handler Marjory Good

Breeder Jo-Anne Riddle  
Owners: Jo-Anne Riddle/Veronica Potter

Donna Cleverdon writes: Fair Hill Honor Code, a.k.a Arrow, earned the third leg of his Companion Dog title on July 31 at the Washington Poodle Club's obedience trial at C.T.A. The following day he qualified on the "safety leg" to win the class and High in Trial for the poodles. We were delayed for a year due to the pandemic, but at last we are on our way.



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Milly Welsh writes that Dotty finished her CD and Rally Advanced on August 8th.



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Sue Faber reports that she has "two really cute students in my Rally Advanced Class. They are both really doing well." The Great Dane is Ziva and her mom is Bonnie Hochhalter, the Wirehaired Dachshund is Keiki with her mom Pam Mechler.



Jean Bedenbaugh writes: Arco, Tudorose Silver Streak CGCA TKN Therapy Dog earned his Utility Dog (UD) title with a blue ribbon at the Washington Poodle Club trial on July 31. So proud of my boy!



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Mariah Stover writes: Tenley enjoying the dog days of summer at the annual Montgomery County Pooch Pool Party. This year's event was on August 21-22 at Upper County Pool in Gaithersburg. Many CDTC pups joined in on the fun and practiced their doggie paddle.



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Dianne Harab reports that Bosco earned his UD on August 28, 2021 at Oriole's trial with a score of 193 and a 2nd place finish.



## Australian Town Kills Dogs



I did not believe this story when I first read it. The Taliban may kill dogs, but not the “put another shrimp on the barbie” Australians. Unfortunately, it is all too true. According to news accounts, a local government in Australia fatally shot dogs that were set to go to an animal shelter over concerns that the shelter’s employees could spread the coronavirus by traveling to pick up the animals. A total of 15 dogs were killed, ten of which were puppies. The decision was made to stop people from other communities entering area. The shelter volunteers were distressed and already had COVID-safe measures in place to handle the dogs.

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## Book Review Dog-eared Poems About Humanity's Best Friend By Dawn Thompson

If I had purchased this book expecting it to be a gentle book of poetry, I might have felt misled. As it is, I borrowed it from my local library and enjoyed it for the historical picture, in poems, of course, of our relationship with man’s best friend. The

POEMS  
ABOUT  
HUMANITY'S  
BEST  
FRIEND



# Dog-eared

Edited by **DUNCAN WU**

editor has compiled these poems with the intention of helping us understand ourselves through the poets' relationships with dogs. The book is a chronological compilation of poems beginning with Homer and ending with A. E. Stallings (b. 1968). As a lover of history, I found the book interesting and thought that other dog lovers would as well.

## Wine Review Nectar of the Dogs



The moto of Nectar of the Dogs winery is "It's not really drinking alone if your dog is with you." Here are people after my own heart. They love their dogs and when they pass on to Rainbow Bridge they

honor them by putting them on the labels of their wines. “We created this wine company to honor their memory and to celebrate the fun times in life we share with our best friends, furry and non!” *Wine Enthusiast* gave their wine, “CCF Mikmurphy” (Paso Robles) a 90 point rating. *Wine Enthusiast* describes the wine as: Deep black-plum and black currant flavors meet with smoked meat and black pepper on the palate, framed by tense acidity and dense tannins. They had me at dog. Check out the video below to learn more about what they do.



## Name the Breed

By Eileen Freedman

Our July/August Puppy Kindergarten has a large number of unusual breeds. How good are you at matching the breed to the pup photo? Below is the breed list and photos. Good Luck.

- A. Siberian Husky
- B. Collie
- C. Labrador Retriever
- D. Great Dane
- E. American Staffordshire Terrier
- F. Cane Corso
- G. English Cocker Spaniel
- H. Toy Mini Aussie

I. Standard Poodle

J. Lagotto Romagnolo

K. Irish doodle (Irish Setter + Golden doodle)

L. Samoyed



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## 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.

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## 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 or S.T.A.R. Puppy](#) - a few spots left. New classes listed in October and November newsletters.

Family Dog 1 - classes are full, more will be listed in October. Add your name to the update list [HERE](#) for early announcements

Family Dog 2 - no new classes listed until October newsletter, add your name to the update list [HERE](#) for early announcements  
(if you are a CDTC FD1 Grad and need a FD2 class, email [Karen](#))

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)

Obedience Run-Thrus (BN/Nov/Open/Util) will be held 11/13/2021. Registration link will be [HERE](#) (registration opens mid-September).

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

[FLYBALL](#) has space for new participants, tell your friends!

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

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

Members use your discount codes to register. Email [Karen](#) for questions.

**NEW CLASSES!**

**Intro Obedience Skills for Rally Novice:** This class provides a quick introduction to several obedience skills that are necessary for participating in Rally. Skills taught include heeling, fronts and finishes. At the end of the class students should be ready to enroll in Rally Novice. Students who are primarily interested in competition obedience are advised to instead enroll in Fundamentals of Competition Obedience 1. This is a 4-week class. We recommend enrolling for Rally Novice (offered consecutively) as well.

**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) has resumed. Contact [Karen](#).

**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). Contact [Karen](#).

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## Delegate's Corner

By Joyce Dandridge

As of this writing, the AKC has decided to have an in-person Delegates meeting in Newark in September. Some items on the agenda for companion events: 1) Junior participating in the sport, 2) Update on online Obedience/Rally Judges Seminar, 3) Number of Obedience Judges in different areas of the country, 4) The number of All Breed Clubs dropping Obedience from their shows, 5) Update on Beginner Novice and Novice Virtual, 6) Existing Judges in Obedience mentoring prospective judges.

In the general meeting there will be elections of standing committee members. If you have heard of someone running for a committee seat and you would like for me to vote for them let me know. The CEC has its set number of members nominated and no election is needed.

Some of you expressed your concern to me personally about the changes in Fast CAT which will be initiated on Sept. 1. I along with some other Delegates have discussed this on the Delegates List which includes Delegates on the AKC Board. They (The AKC Board) have responded with reasons why they felt changes were necessary. I have forwarded the response from the Vice Chairman of the AKC Board in reference to the issue to those that have contacted me personally. I would imagine this issue will be discussed at the meeting although a decision has been made.

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## 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.”

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**Next General Membership Meeting  
September 14, 2021 at 8:00pm**

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