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When an 85 pound mammal licks your tears away, and then tries to sit on your lap, it's hard to feel sad.

— Kristan Higgins

We thought you said
it was



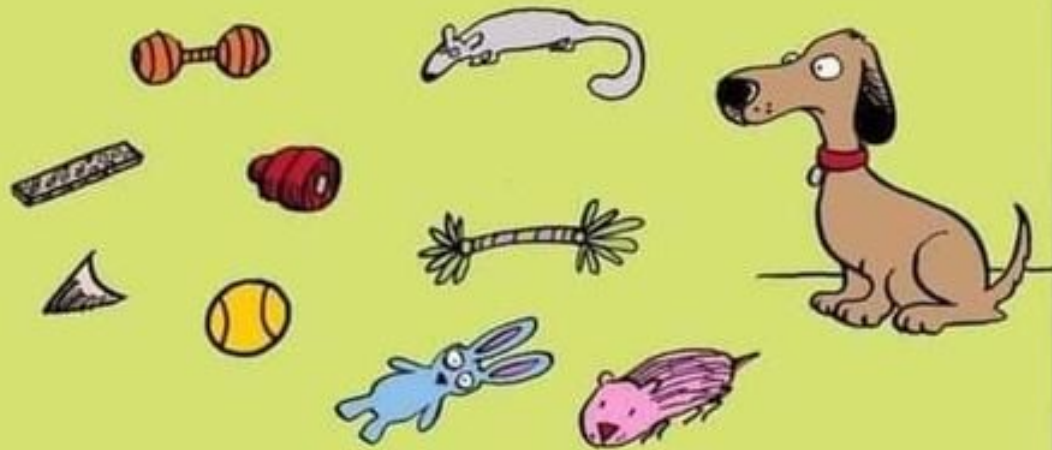
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As I write this, we are on vacation in Maine. Magic loves the beach, especially at low tide when she can explore the tide pools and the critters that live there. She is also very fond of chasing seagulls, who rudely refuse to stand still and be caught. Things move slowly here and maybe that is for the best.

Don't forget about the CDTC'S 2022 Annual Awards and Instructor Appreciation Picnic on September 11 and the Rally and Obedience trials October 7 - 9. Magic and I will be showing that weekend as will other CTA members. If you are not showing, this is a great opportunity to volunteer and to cheer on your friends.

PUPPY TOYS ACCORDING TO A HUMAN



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Maria Scrivan

How To Protect Your Dog From Being Stolen

According to Last Chance Animal Rescue, an estimated 2 million dogs are



stolen each year in the United States. Thieves see dogs as a quick and easy way to make money. With pedigree dogs costing hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars, it's no surprise that

some dogs are stolen and sold on the cheap. Why go to a reputable dog breeder when you can get what you want at half the price? Some steal dogs to use as dog-fight prey, a few may end up in puppy mills for breeding, and others are taken for ransom. Earlier this year, a family from Colorado paid \$1,500 dollars to get back their Yorkshire Terrier after he was stolen from their car. There are also scammers that will call and tell you to send them money and I will give you back your dog, when in fact they have no intention of doing that or they may not even have your dog.

You are not defenseless. Here are 10 things you can do to prevent your dog from being stolen.

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1. Don't leave your dog alone in public.

Leaving your pet unattended is a main cause of dog theft. Treat your dog like you would your child. Think twice before leaving it tied up outside a store, even for a short period of time.

2. Keep an eye on your pet at all times.

If you lose sight of your dog, it only takes a moment for them to be snatched. Only let your dog off leash in a park if they stay within view and will come to you when called. If they can't be trusted off leash then don't risk it.

3. Secure your yard to keep thieves out and your pets in.

Only leave your pet in your garden if it is well secured and can keep your dog enclosed. Make sure your fences are solid and difficult for a thief to climb in or your dog to get out.

4. Keep pet doors and human doors locked.

A pet door might be convenient, but it can also be a security risk. When your dog is inside, keep pet doors, external doors and windows locked. If you're going to be away from home, keep your pet safely locked inside your house.

5. Mix up times and routes for your daily walks.

Vary the time of day, place and route when you walk your dog, so that potential thieves loitering in the area don't become familiar with your routine. Some dogs are targeted and snatched during walks.

6. Don't overshare information about your pet.

Beware of strangers who start asking you too many questions about your dog or seem to be paying it a lot of attention. Be careful about what you post about your pets on social media — if you're uploading photos of them, make sure you're not giving away information that could disclose where you live.

7. Thoroughly research dog walkers, sitters, groomers and trainers.

Don't hand your dog over to just anyone. Always check references and reviews and ask for photo identification, before trusting your pet with someone new. Ask your friends or vet to recommend a professional they know and trust.

8. Neuter or Spay your pet.

Desexing your dog or cat will make them less desirable to thieves, who might be looking to breed them and make money from selling their puppies.

9. Keep your dog's ID up-to-date.

Make sure your pet is microchipped, and that you keep the details up-to-date, especially if you move house. Always make sure your pet is wearing a collar and ID tag with your name and mobile number on it and consider getting a GPS tracking device that can be attached to the collar and linked with an app on your phone.

10. Take lots of photos of your pet.

Take clear photographs of your pet from various angles and update them regularly. They'll come in handy if your dog is lost or stolen. Make a note of any features that might distinguish your dog from others of the same breed.

If the worst should happen and your dog is stolen.

- Report it to the Police.
- Check "found pets" listings on rescue organizations and pounds.
- Make a flyer with a photo and details of your pet and post it in your neighborhood.
- Visit all your neighbors and talk to them directly about your missing pet. Ask them if they have any security footage from around the time your pet was stolen.
- Advise local vets, rescue organizations and shelters.
- Advise the microchip company so they can mark your dog's

record as “stolen”.

- Spread the word on social media, it may help make your dog “too hot to handle”. Post details and photos of your dog on social media and ask people to share your post.



Fun Autumn Hikes and Activities You Can Do with Your Dog



Payton Murphy writes: "Not sure if this is too far, but it's a GREAT hike for people looking for a bit of a challenge and it is super beautiful in the fall. Two hours outside the city in Shenandoah, there's an 8.5 mile trail called Hightop Peak Loop. It can be shortened to about 5.5 miles as well. The views on top of Hightop Peak are amazing! There are lots of cute BnBs in the area if anyone wants to make a weekend of it. Here's Hadley showing off the view; this is September so leaves hadn't changed much yet."

Shenandoah National Park is a dog friendly wonderland. Dogs are allowed on most hiking trails, in the campgrounds and pet friendly lodging is available. Be sure that you and your dog are physically up for the hike and that you can control your dog if it

encounters a wild animal. Have a plan if your dog is injured on a hike. Always check the park's web page for specific rules concerning dogs.

Tiffin Shewmake writes: "One of my favorite dog walks is the [Muddy Branch Trail](#).

The 9 mile trail runs from Darnstown



Road in Gaithersburg (where there is parking) to Blockhouse Point on River Road and the C&O Canal at Pennyfield Lock. I usually park at Darnstown Road. From that parking area, there is an upper trail that runs through the woods and has more hills and a lower trail that runs along Muddy Branch. We mostly let the dogs off lead to swim and get the zoomies and then leash them up for walking because there are walkers, dogs, bikes and the occasional horse from the Potomac Horse Center on the trail. However, it's not that crowded."



Arthur Belendiuk's favorite dog hikes.

The C&O Canal is a dog-friendly national park. The towpath runs from Georgetown for 184 miles to Cumberland. I live near the Carderock entrance to the park. While it has bathroom facilities and ample parking, in the warm weather it tends to be crowded, especially

with bicyclists. I am always worried that someone in a hurry to get to no place in particular will injure my dog. There are hiking trails that I can access, and I use those, without fear of people on bicycles.

Magic's happy place is the Izaak Walton League in Poolesville. The IWL is a 624-acre conservation farm. Dogs are welcome and can run off leash. You must be a member to enter the property, so there are very few people and the chances of running into another hiker are

low. There are no special requirements for becoming a member, but there is a yearly work commitment.

Not far from the IWL is the McKee-Beshers Wildlife Management Area. Located next to the Potomac River and the C&O Canal, the McKee-Beshers Wildlife Management Area is over 1,971 acres of fields and forests you and your dog can explore. The best place to enter is off of Hughes Road. As you enter, there is parking on your right. There are two large ponds that are frequented by bird watchers and photographers. This is a great place to explore, but you should keep your dog on leash. Once you are past the ponds, you can walk the fields in either direction with little chance meeting another person. Once cautionary note, horseback riding is permitted on the property, so your dog may find some nice horse poop to roll in. Trust me, it is a long ride home.

Mariah Stover writes about her favorite pumpkin farms.

There are several great farm and pumpkin patches in the area that are dog friendly! A quick note - sometimes policies change at the last minute or even during the season so be sure to double check the farm's website before heading out with your pup to confirm dogs are still allowed and whether tickets are required.

Hollin Farms
1524 Snowden Road
Delaplane, Virginia

Hollins Farms is a fantastic local farm to check out in the fall. The farm always has a wide variety of pumpkins and gourds for purchase. But also offers sprawling mountain views of autumn leaves and apple orchards you can walk through. Friendly dogs are always welcome on a leash including in the pumpkin patches and apple orchards (just not in the vegetable gardens). Best part - no tickets required / no admission fee so this farm is perfect for a last minute visit.

Editors Note: Barrel Oak Winery (BOW) is also located in Delaplane. BOW is dog friendly, has food and, of course, wine.



Montpelier Farms
1720 North Crain Hwy
Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

Montpelier Farms has a huge fall festival that is perfect for families and for your pup. There are lots of games

and activities for the kids and your pup can accompany you everywhere - in the pumpkin patch, on the hayride, in the corn maze, and touring around the farm to see the animals (the turkeys are always a big hit with Tenley). Advance tickets have been required since the COVID 19 pandemic began so be sure to check the website before heading to this farm and if you plan to go on a weekend in October, purchase your tickets early as they do sell out quick.



Sneads Farm
18294 Tidewater Trail
Fredericksburg,
Virginia 22408

Sneads Farm is another great local farm where you can take your pup to explore and pick out a pumpkin. There is an activity area for kids

at the back of the farm and farm animals to sniff including horses and sheep. For those planning ahead, Sneads Farm is also a pick your own Christmas tree farm in November/December and you and your pup can stroll along the rows of trees until you find the perfect one. There is a nominal per person fee that you pay upon entering the farm - no advance tickets required.

Great Country Farms
34345 Snickersville
Turnpike
Bluemont, VA 20135

This dog friendly farm offers a corn maze and apple picking in September and then a

large pumpkin patch and fall festival in October. Tickets tend to sell out for the weekends so its best to purchase early.



Burnside Farms
11008 Kettle Run Rd.
Nokesville, VA 20181

Burnside Farms is a great dog friendly spot - at this farm you can walk through several sunflower fields in the late summer/ early fall. I was just there in mid-August and there were still tons and tons of sunflowers that had yet to bloom. Currently the sunflower festival is set to run through Labor Day, but I expect it will be extended to mid-September due to the current state of the sunflower fields. Advance tickets are required so check the farm's website.



What's in a Name?



In the early 1990s, soon after Ukraine became independent, I made several trips there. At the time, there was a dearth of programming on Ukrainian television. Mexican soap operas were imported and, for a time, became all the rage. One day I was invited to visit a small

village in Western Ukraine where my friend's mother lived. I meet his mother and her goose, Donna Algousda, who she named after a character in a Mexican soap opera. Donna Algousda is a great name for a goose, but not such a great name for a dog.

As kids often have a say in naming the family pet, it should come as no surprise that dogs are often named after Disney characters. Teens are taking inspiration from *Stranger Things* with an uptick in animals named Barb and Eleven.

Dog names have evolved over the years. If you have a dog named Spot, Fido, King or Rex, the name is less common than you might think. These days popular dog names include Luna, Bella, Charlie, Daisy, Max, Lucy and Sadie.

It matters what you name your dog, so take some time to think about it and maybe don't let your four-year-old have the final say. Shorter names are better for your dog—that means it's probably a no for Sir Fluffington the Third. Dog trainers suggest that a two-syllable name might be best for your dog. Because most of our commands for dogs are one syllable—sit, come, stay—opting for something that has a different sound, but without being too long, can quickly catch your puppy's attention.

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

Dianne Harab writes: Introducing Rocky, our 14 week old Liver Roan Field Spaniel rescued from Texas.



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

Ready, set and show. We are a little more than two months away from CDTC's annual Rally and Obedience trials being held at CTA in Beltsville, MD. It is a great opportunity for our members to show and/or volunteer to steward. Rally will be held on Friday, Oct 7 starting in the late afternoon and Obedience on Saturday, Oct. 8 and Sunday, Oct. 9. Karen Tucker is judging Rally and Obedience: Utility, Open and some Alternative and Optional classes. Josie McAuliffe is judging Obedience: Beginner Novice, Novice, and Preferred Novice. The premium will be up on [Clantyre.net](https://www.clantyre.net) in August and the trial opens August 17 and closes September 21.

CDTC has a heritage as one of the first AKC Obedience clubs. Member support makes our trials successful. Members can show and volunteer to steward in a class in which you are not exhibiting. Online sign up will be available soon for stewarding, but in the meantime please reach out to Trial Chair Benita Bottom via email at benita.bottom@gmail.com to ask about stewarding.

Ready, set and show October, 7-9!

Available Classes

[Class List and Registration](#)

Upcoming Classes/Tests/Trials

Puppy Kindergarten begins Sunday, September 11 at 3pm
Register [here](#).

Two sessions of **Heeling, Fronts, and Finishes**
are scheduled beginning September 19 and October 17.
Register [here](#), and [here](#).

Beginner Novice starts October 6.
Register [here](#).

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

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

Rally Advanced/Excellent begins September 10.
Register [here](#).

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

Scent Work 2 begins September 12.
Register [here](#).

[Beginner Conformation](#) starts September 24. 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. Contact [Amy](#).

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.

Delegate's Corner

By Joyce Dandridge

The next Delegates meeting will be in September; however, the AKC Board of Directors passed the following at its August meeting which could affect our club:

- The Disqualification and Reinstatement procedure was modified to establish that dogs disqualified more than once under the provisions of Chapter 11 Section 8-A of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows are ineligible for reinstatement. This applies to disqualifications by judge for attacking a person in the ring, by Event Committee for Attacking and injuring a person or a dog, or administratively barred due to multiple excusals for aggression.
- Board Policy was modified to require only one judge for three passes for lower level titles in Obedience, Agility, and Rally. This was a provision placed in effect during COVID and is being made permanent.
- Board Policy was modified to remove the restriction on the number of times an individual can judge a class at Obedience or Rally trials in a cluster. This was a provision put in place during COVID and is being made permanent.
- Board Policy was modified to reduce the date and mileage restriction for judging assignments in Agility to 30 days/100 miles. This was a modification to a provision that was put in place during COVID and is effective January 2, 2023.

As a reminder, the AKC Board wanted to remind clubs the AKC rules and regulations require that **at least (5) members of the Event committee must be individually listed in the premium list.** All members of the Event Committee must be from the event giving club and they must be in good standing with both the club and the AKC. Our Trial Secretary should take note.

Also, the Board did not discuss or make a decision on the tripod in Obedience at its August meeting. It is on the agenda of my CEC meeting in September and thus we will inquire where this issue stands.

**Next Membership Meeting September 13, at
8:00pm**



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