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“All his life he tried to be a good person. Many times, however, he failed. For, after all, he was only human. He wasn’t a dog.”

- Charles M. Schulz

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In our household, August brought with it the need for an annual vet visit. We've been schlepping over to our old vet in NE DC for

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years, but this year we decided it was finally time to move local.

We took Hadley to Chevy Chase Veterinary Clinic and had a wonderful experience! Dr. Silver has been practicing for over 50 years and runs his clinic with his wife and kids. Dr. Silver's attention to detail is incredible, and their pricing is extremely reasonable. They have one patient in at a time, which is great for helping everyone feel more at ease.

As you can see, Hadley was happy to practice her hold and show off her accomplishment!

Labor Day has Gone to the Dogs!



For thousands of years, dogs have worked along side humans, making our lives easier. This Labor Day, we are shining some light on a few canine careers!



Herding:

There are records as far back at the 16th century indicating shepherds used herding dogs to control their flocks, though it is believed dogs were assisting farmers with controlling their herds long before that. Herding breeds are born with natural predatory instincts that drive them to go after livestock and keep them herded together. With a combination of strong genetics and training, these dogs are excellent working companions with a plethora of drive and skill.



Therapy Dog:

Therapy dogs are certified through organizations that allow for volunteer teams of dog and handler to go to places where people are in need of support, often due to emotional or physical stressors. Therapy dogs must be very social and enjoy meeting many different people. Studies have shown petting animals in times of distress can lower heart rates, reduce anxiety, and raise endorphins. These dogs provide great comfort and in return, they get lots of love and attention.

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Search and Rescue:

Search and Rescue dogs utilize their incredibly strong sense of smell to locate lost people. Often brought in after disasters, these dogs are highly trained to detect human odor and can find missing persons much faster than human beings alone. For hundreds of years, dogs have been used to find people in snow, rubble, in the wilderness, and more. High drive, scent drive, stable dogs excel in this line of work. Dogs love to use their noses to find odor, and humans have found a way to channel that talent into a productive canine career.



Service Dog:

Under the Americans with Disabilities act, a service dog is defined as “a dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability.” By assisting their human with specific tasks, service dogs help make life easier and more accessible. Any

breed can be a service dog, though some are better suited than others. Amongst the most popular breed choices are Labrador Retrievers, Golden Retrievers, Poodles, and Collies. Service dogs are not required to have any specific registration, but rather they must be under control in public at all times, and be specifically task trained to mitigate a disability.

Don't forget to thank the working dogs in your life this weekend, even if your dog's only job is being a dog!

CDTC's Annual Rally and Obedience Trials

Submitted by: Benita Bottom

CDTC's annual Rally and Obedience trials are Oct. 7-9 at Canine Training Association (CTA) in Beltsville, MD. You can find the premium for entry on Clantyre.net.

CDTC counts on our club members to volunteer and make the trial a success. Please let Benita know what days you can volunteer.

Rally is Friday from 4-8PM. Saturday and Sunday are Obedience from 8:00-4:00 although the Novice and Beginner Novice ring will most likely be over by 2:00 PM at the latest each day.

Lunch and snacks are provided for all volunteers. We usually have soup and an assortment of sandwiches and cookies from Panera. Benita is also scheduling a Volunteer Zoom call on Tues., Sept. 19 at 8:00PM for any members that have questions on volunteering. You do not have to attend the call to volunteer. Just send Benita an email with day/days you can volunteer. Her email is: Benita.bottom@gmail.com.

Happy tails and happy training!

CDTC's Quarterly CGC

Once again, CDTC hosted our quarterly Canine Good Citizen drop-in testing! We had a blast testing this great group of dogs and their dedicated owners.

Interested in getting your CGC or a Trick Dog title? Sign up for our

November test [here](#)! If you have interest in a Community Canine and/or Urban Canine Good Citizen test, please email [here](#) so we can get an idea of how many interested parties we may have.

Congratulations again to the fantastic teams highlighted below!



Winnie, handled by Elsy, received her Canine Good Citizen and Trick Dog Novice titles!



Abe, handled by Amy, earned his Canine Good Citizen title!



Edgar, handled by Kevin, earned his Canine Good Citizen title!



Kenai, handled by Rebecca, received his Trick Dog Novice and Trick Dog Intermediate titles!



Bernard, handled by Mishka, received his Canine Good Citizen title!



Armand, handled by Andrea, earned his Canine Good Citizen title!



Tater, handled by Julie, earned his Canine Good Citizen title!



Quigley, handled by Jodie, earned his Canine Good Citizen title!

Coming Soon: CDTC's Yard Sale!

Submitted by: Marnie McCown

Breaking News!

The CDTC Yard Sale has been scheduled for November 18th-19th and we need your gently used items to make it a success!

Please consider donating your unwanted household and dog-related items. We will provide information on location, donation drop-off,

and timing in the October issue of Obichaff, so watch this space!

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please email CDTCYardSaleCommittee@gmail.com

Annual CDTC Awards Picnic

Submitted by: Amy Scheiner

LET'S CELEBRATE!

CDTC'S 2023 Annual Awards and Instructor Appreciation Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, October 21. We will be gathering outdoors at the Seneca Creek State Park "Buck" Picnic Shelter from 12:00 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 2022. 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!

The Club will be providing boxed lunches from Panera and bottled water.

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. Attached is a map of the park to help you navigate to our picnic site:

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/Documents/SenecaTrailMap-DayUse.pdf>

Note: If you are age 62 or older, you can apply for a Golden Age Pass for free lifetime entry to Seneca Creek and all Maryland State Parks. The cost for the pass is \$10, and a link to the application for this is below:

<https://shopdnr.com/GoldenAgePass.aspx>

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to me (Amy Scheiner) at scheiner99@aol.com or 301-466-7493 by October 14. I need to know how many people will be attending so I can order enough food!

Gate Update

Submitted by: Shannon Hall

We love our club members who step up when needed.

I am happy to report that Nancy Balph and Marnie McCown responded to my plea for someone to install hooks on the new gating and they have done so.

Thank you ladies!

Braggs

Sandi Atkinson writes:

I received a new title certificate from the independent (not affiliated with AKC) Cavalier KCS club. Danny has previously earned several CKCSC-USA titles in obedience, rally, and tricks so has been awarded a "Versatility Achiever Excellent" title.

And on July 30, Danny qualified for the 10th time in an AKC Scent Work trial in the Container Excellent class, earning his Scent Work Container Excellent Elite title and 106th overall lifetime title from all dog sports. There were 2 trials on 7/30. He NQed in the first, being too quick to alert on a container (the correct one was NEXT to the one he selected). Fortunately, he saved the day by qualifying in Trial 2.

This is the Trial 1 Container Excellent search area. Trial 2 was similar - 20 containers, 3 hides, 2 distractors.





Kate Mazza writes:

Teddy earned his Rally Novice title on August 6 at the GSD Club All Breed Trial.



Dianne Harab shares:

Rocky's first swim.



Tish King writes:

A nice turnout from the club for the dog trial this weekend.

Ceci(far left), a Junior handler, felt very supported by the veteran handlers. This is just her second trial and she's learned a lot and had fun with Declan her Irish Water Spaniel.





Submit yours to CDTCObichaff@gmail.com

Delegate's Corner

By: Joyce Dandridge

What is a Junior Coordinator?

One the suggestion of several Board members and Delegates was adding the role of Junior Coordinator to clubs. This person will be an advocate for Juniors in sport and provide opportunities, acknowledgment, and encouragement to young people. The person may wish to form a committee to assist in handling the development of opportunities for Juniors in the club or the sport.

Some suggestions for Junior Coordinators are:

- Maintain a list of Juniors in the club and keep tract if they are

competing.

- Coordinate activities for Juniors which might include clinics, introduction to other events, grooming clinics and seminars inviting judges. They may be invited to judges' education seminars and breeders' education seminars. Activities could also include social gatherings and outings.
- Coordinate the highlighting of Juniors in club publications.
- Be a contact for those that may offer a dog to a Junior.
- Coordinate recognition and awards for Juniors.
- Include Juniors in opportunities to assist club for example stewarding and other voluntary opportunities.
- Establish mentorship with officers of the club for Juniors to learn the roles of positions.

Available Classes

[Class List and Registration](#)

Upcoming Classes/Tests/Trials

CGC Testing

CGC testing is scheduled for Nov. 4

Link to register: [Nov](#)

Classes

Register for all classes [here](#).

Puppy Kindergarten classes begin October 22 and November 16

Family Dog Classes - We have a Family Dog 1 class beginning November 8 and Family Dog 2 class beginning November 8

Heeling, Fronts, and Finishes starts October 3 at 6pm.

Continuing Scent Work

Contact [Training Secretary](#)

Rally Competition Class has space available.

Contact [Training Secretary](#)

Beginning and Intermediate Flyball classes meet
Saturday evenings
contact **Dona Dwyer**

Permission is required to register for Beginner Novice, Novice,
Open, and Utility Obedience classes
Contact **Training Secretary**

Fill out the **Agility Waitlist Questionnaire** to get on the wait
list for the next available class.

Email **Training Secretary** with questions.

Training Groups

Rally Training Group meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays each
month 1 - 2:30 pm.

Conformation Group meets Saturdays. contact **Janice** with
questions. Non-members pre-register and pay for dates you plan to
attend **here**.

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

Friday Utility Training Group (Cleverdon @ 1:00pm). Contact
Donna.

For information about **Freestyle Training Group**
Contact **Training Secretary**

Thinking of joining CDTC as a Member?

Active membership in the Capital Dog Training Club (CDTC) is
available to an individual who:

- has completed no less than three (3) months as a training member paying the prescribed fees/dues, and
- whose dog has passed a Proficiency Test as prescribed by the Club with a dog that she or he has trained **or** has obtained a qualifying score toward an AKC title in any “dog companion sport” trial.

Active membership includes the right to attend meetings, vote, access to the Members Only section of CDTC’s website, access to seminars, events, announcements of the Club, the right to hold an elective office in the Club, and all other privileges and benefits of the Club (including 2 free classes per quarter). Visit **cdtc.org/membership**.

Email [Training Secretary](#) with questions.

Next Membership Meeting September 12th, at 8:00pm



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