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## A New Dog Swim in Town!

by Dianne Harab, CDTC Member

There is a new dog swim in town located 10 minutes from my house in Bethesda! K9 Aquatic and Wellness Center for Dogs is located at 12948 Travilah Road, Potomac, MD 20854. It boasts 5 pools, but in my opinion it is one large pool with 5 divisions: 4 pools are 4 ½ ft. x 28 ft., 1 pool is 9 ½ ft. x 28 ft. and they are separated by 2.5 ft. boardwalk areas. All pools are 4 ft. deep. No chemicals are used—no chlorine or bromine that can harm our dogs and ruin their coats. The pools are cleaned through a state of the art UV system and filters are changed every week. The water is a constant 80 degrees but the rehabilitation pools can be heated at up to 90 degrees.



Bosco used the larger pool and did a free swim, retrieving a ball, dumbbell and dummy while Scooter used one of the 4 lap pools while wearing a life vest to help

boost his hind quarters—he need some rehabilitation therapy. They have life vests to fit every size dog.

Hours are by appointment only: Tuesday through Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday: 11:00 am to

5:00 pm. They are closed on Monday.

Prices are as follows:

- \$44.00 for a half hour swim session for fun (swim coach included in every session!) 5% off for second dog from same owner.
- \$390 For A 10 Swim Session For Fun Passes (10% Off)
- Not transferable and non-refundable. Second dog from same owner will get an additional 5 % off for a second package.
- \$125.00 for Rehab Initial visit: (evaluation + rehab session runs around an hour)



Bosco and his buddy Scooter, a Boykin Spaniel, went swimming.



Dominique Darcis, owner of the new K-9 Aquatic Center says “For working dogs, swimming is one of the best ways to relax. Swimming is really good for every part of a dog!”

Bosco loves to swim and being a spaniel, it’s no surprise that it is his favorite activity. This new center is so convenient and no traffic to fight. I highly recommend trying it out. Check it out at: [www.k9aquaticcenter.com](http://www.k9aquaticcenter.com).

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## From the Editor

— by Pam Coblyn, Editor, Obichaff

# PRACTICE Like You've Never Won. PERFORM Like You've Never Lost.



As the saying goes, “It’s the little things that matter.” It’s about taking time. Taking care. Being thorough. It’s about being sure—as certain as you can be about the future.

If you’re like I was eight years ago, this might sound boring. I had a young, high-drive border collie and was convinced we could zoom and soar our way through classes and titles because he was “a natural”. We did reasonably well over the years—sometimes better than expected—but I never shook off the feeling that it was sheer Beginner’s Luck. In my heart of hearts, I knew I hadn’t put the time, effort and thought into training.

Thing’s became harder. Accomplishments were meager and our Q (qualifying) Rate was spotty.

After a soul searching assessment, failures and misses always balanced on something *very* basic that I did not thoroughly address. Problems ran the gamut: reliable sit-stays, start lines and contacts. Throw in entering a ring like a deer caught in the headlights with an amped up dog and you pretty much have the picture: a team ill-prepared to perform at their best.

It’s only since I began training for Utility and competing in the Masters level that I began to appreciate the lessons I skipped over in basic classes—even Puppy K! Fenway and I have gone back to the “first chapter” and are now working on perfect sits and fronts, entering a ring and greeting a “judge”, turns and contacts. Thanks to backchaining and criteria, we are making progress. And, truth be told, it’s fun!

Go practice one behavior for a few minutes. Break it down into small parts, striving for perfection at each stage. Reward, praise....and watch your dog how your dog basks in your happiness. You will be ready for the ring armed with confidence and ready to perform at your best!



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## From the President—June 2016

**A**s I write this, I am sitting out on my back patio enjoying a beautiful (and rare!) sunny day here near the end of May. The dogs are all outside sunning themselves, too. It's not raining and life is good! And Capital is gearing up for our normal summer time activities. We have obedience run thrus scheduled for the first Sunday of June and July, specifically, June 5th and July 3rd. For those of you preparing your dog for obedience trialing, these are excellent opportunities to get some practice in trial-like conditions. For the rest of you, you can learn so much from watching other handlers work their dogs through the exercises by volunteering to help out. An additional benefit: a free run for you and your dog! A sign-up poster is up at the clubhouse so please help us have successful run thrus by signing up. Even if you have never done this before, just sign up, no prior experience is needed!

We also have our Annual Awards Night and Instructor Appreciation coming up Tuesday, July 12th at the clubhouse. This is the night when we celebrate our successes, show appreciation for our all-volunteer instructors and present special awards. It is a human-only event. More details are in this issue of *Obichaff*. Please mark your calendars now and join us for this special night at the clubhouse.

Also, another reminder: we are co-hosting with the German Shepherd Club of Greater Washington a Bridget Carlsen seminar at Capital on October 29-30, 2016. There are only 20 working spots and members of both clubs get first priority between now and July 1 when we open

it up to nonmembers. This is a great opportunity to learn some of the training secrets by one of the top obedience competitors. The flyer and pertinent information can be found on the main page of our website.



Finally, it is time to renew your membership at Capital. As many of you know, our club has been discussing our business model and possible changes to our class and membership fees and structure. However, we are not ready to implement any changes for the new renewal period. We want to give ourselves the time necessary to analyze, discuss and then implement and there simply isn't time to do this before the new membership year begins on July 1, 2016.

The membership renewal forms are included in this issue of *Obichaff* and can also be found on our website. You can pay via PayPal or by mailing a check along with the completed forms. If you pay via PayPal, you still need to submit your completed forms to Marian Hardy, our membership renewal chair. For instructors and assistant instructors that want to use their earned points towards their membership renewal, you will also need to include a spreadsheet or some type of accounting that lists the classes you taught and/or assisted along with your membership renewal for accounting purposes plus a copy to our Training Director, Wendy Wilkinson.

Happy Summer to you and your dogs. I hope to see you at the clubhouse soon!

**Carrie Solomon**  
President, CDTC



## The Rally Training Group

### *Train, polish, learn and have fun with your dog!*



Set up for Rally Training Group is 1:00-1:25pm. Walk-thrus 1:25-1:40, run-thrus 1:40-2:45.

IF you need walk-thru—which is highly recommended—please come early enough to do so.

IF you come late and miss the opportunity to do a walk-thru, you can look at the posted map and watch others. There are always people around to offer help with the course and training ideas.

It can get quite BUSY this time of year with lots of pending trials, so please come early to help set up the course or stay late to help take it down (it's easy!). We want everyone to get a chance to participate!

Also, if you have adequate knowledge of all rally signs, please offer to assist in judging.

***Come by on Saturday afternoons—check the back page for dates!***

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## Delegates Corner

— by Joyce Dandridge, CDTC AKC Delegate

The next Delegates Meeting is in June; however, the information below has been brought to my attention.

- The new AKC Agility Course Test (ACT) program is ready for a full roll-out (see page 7). This program encourages potential new exhibitors to register dogs with the AKC and enter their first trial in a comfortable environment. This program will help them learn the ins-and-outs of entering and showing at AKC Agility Trials and ultimately any AKC event. ACT events may be judged by current agility judges, AKC agility field reps and AKC evaluators. If anyone in your club would like to become an evaluator the person must be 18 years old, have completed an AKCAX or AXP title on a dog, submit an application and complete the ACT Evaluator Quiz. Check AKC website on the ACT Page for all information on becoming an evaluator.
- Please note the new trial entry form and where it asks for the exhibitor's signature. Some entries are being returned by the trial superintendents because they lacked a signature in the correct place.
- AKC announces recipients of the AKC PAW OF COURAGE AWARD. The new award is an effort to show appreciation for the many sacrifices that working dogs

make while serving and protecting our country. Specifically, this award recognizes the extraordinary sacrifices of dogs that have been severely injured or killed in the line of duty. Any working dog is eligible to receive the award and it is not specific to purebred dogs. Recipients or their former human partner will

receive a medal along with a certificate. In addition, the recipients will receive a photo and profile on akc.org. Check it out for the first recipients of this award.

- Do you know a canine hero? Nominate a dog for this year's AKC Humane Fund Award for canine excellence. This award is given to celebrate dogs that do extraordinary things in the service of humankind in the following areas: Uniformed Service K-9, Exemplary Companion, Search and Rescue, Therapy and Service. For a detailed description of qualifications, check the AKC website. Honorees will receive an engraved sterling silver medalion and an all-expenses paid trip for dog and owner to Orlando in December to be honored. A donation of \$1000 will also be made in each recipient's name to a pet related charity of their choice. The names will be added to a permanent plaque in AKC's headquarters in New York City. Anyone may submit a nomination form. Nominations will be accepted through July 31, 2016.



## Meet The Great Dandini!



Sandi Atkinson is proud to announce that Carlen Dandini has joined her family. Dandini is a ruby Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, and will be 3 months old on June 3. The (future) Great Dandini will be answering to Danny for short.

Sandi chose the name Dandini from a character in "La Cenerentola" (pronounced CHE-ne-'ren-to-la), the Cinderella opera by Rossini (the guy who wrote "The Barber of Seville," among many other famous works). Dandini is the valet to the Prince.

You can see how much bigger Figaro and even Bazl are than Danny!



# When It Rains, It Pours— Weather and Ring Conflicts at the Dog Show!



**A**fter hours of grooming and keeping his paws clean, **Antonio** missed his show ring. **Benita Bottom** told him that Rally was the same time as conformation and it took priority.

Mom **Savoy** made the choice worthwhile because she earned her Rally Excellent and first RAE leg on Sunday, May 22 at Mattaponi *in the rain*.

Her son Antonio he looked so handsome and clean before he walked in the muddy mess!

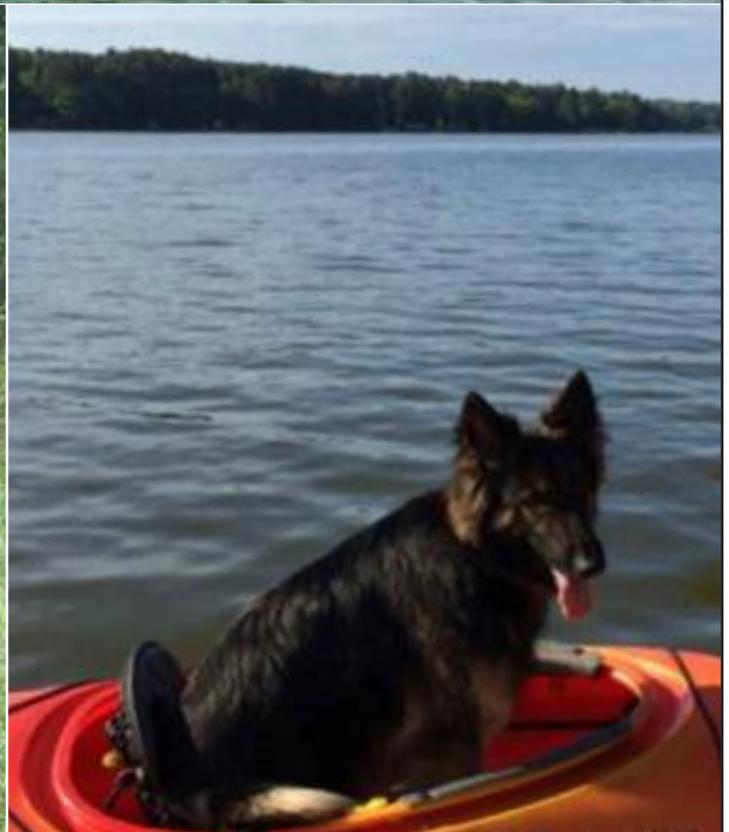
“Yes being a multi dog multi venue owner handler does not always work out since you can not be in two places at one time. Most often it does...you just have to go with the flow!”



## **Beware of Ticks!**

Tick bites are common from February through September, **but be especially careful from mid-May to mid-July when maturing ticks need to feed on a blood meal.** Do daily tick checks after being in grassy areas with forest edge. Removing a tick within two days of getting bitten reduces your chance of contracting disease. Using a pair of fine tipped tweezers, grasp the head of the tick as close to your skin as possible, and pull the tick straight out with slow steady pressure. If you or your dog are bitten by a tick and experience flu-like symptoms 3-30 days later, see a doctor/vet as soon as possible.

# Outdoor Fun with the McAuliffe Clan!





# Therapy Dogs International (TDI) Test Results

—by Susan Hertz

Seven dog teams were tested on May 1 by Carrie Solomon with a 100% pass rate! Selene Robinson and Shannon Hall assisted, along with Sandi Atkinson's sister Carolyn and her husband Robert Jackson, who graciously helped out. Bernice Rose and her Lab Cheyenne provided an impromptu and very calm neutral dog team. Some of the TDI volunteers also stayed to help.

It was a varied group that included a Newfoundland, Pit/Lab mix, Jack Russell, Golden Retriever, and Labrador Retriever.

Thanks to Shannon Hall, Luann Korona and Gail Gee, Sue Faber, Jodie and Kelly Jeweler, the incomparable Robin Siegel in the wheelchair, and Naomi (in perhaps her final performance as The Child).

Congratulations to everyone!



## New ACT\* Program for Beginners! (\*Agility Course Test)

Have you been taking agility classes but felt uneasy about entering a trial? Just filling out the entry form can be daunting! Which class, height or type of run should I check off? What is checking in all about? How do I get my dog safely in the ring with the least amount of anxiety?

The AKC has designed a new program called the Agility Course Test (ACT). It is an entry level agility event designed to **introduce** and **welcome** beginning dogs and their handlers to the sport of agility and prepare them for a trial. The program encourages mentorship by experienced competitors so that new teams can get basic preparation to join in the fun of agility—the fastest growing venue in AKC.

There are two levels of ACT events: ACT1 and ACT2. **ACT1** is designed for the beginning level dog to show what beginning sequencing and performance skills are like. **ACT2** requires an increased skill level shown by the additional agility obstacles to be performed. Only two qualifying legs are needed for ACT1 and ACT2 titles.

In addition to showing their dog's entry level skills, exhibitors will learn to fill out an AKC entry form, check-in at the ring, taking their dog in and out of ring, handling their dog while being judged and other information that will help them when they move on to AKC agility trials with their dog. ACT competitors can even learn what it's like to help volunteer at an agility trial: how to time, scribe, ring crew, etc.

Dogs must be 15 months old to enter these events. They do not need to be AKC registered at the time of entry. For more information and to review example course maps, go to [www.akc.org/events/agility/act-program/](http://www.akc.org/events/agility/act-program/).

# I N M E M O R I A M

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## CORKY

Corcaigh O'Laoghaire O'Ros)

Owned, adored and trained by Jodie Jeweller



*I just received word from Jodie that her Wolfhound, Corky died of a heart attack. I don't know how old he was, but a good age for a wolfhound—a bit older than most at demise. This is so sad. As you may know, Jodie and Corky were part of my Open class for quite a while, and although Corky did not earn a CDX, he made progress, and I loved having Jodie in my class. They will be missed.*

*—Donna Cleverdon*

*I am so sorry and deeply saddened to learn of Corky's death. Yes, he was a REAL GOOD GUY and I enjoyed his tremendous affability in our classes. He was certainly a presence at CDTC and not just because he was a gentle giant—he was as honest and content as a dog could be.*

*—Pam Coblyn*

*This is such a loss to the whole club. Corky and his "brothers" have been such a strong presence for so long. My Goldens looked "up" to them in awe and Corky was so gentle and patient with all the other dogs.*

*—Suzanne Miller*

*Oh, how terribly sad—Corky was such a Good Guy and we all know how much Jodie loved him. He and Biscuit were pals since they were in puppy class together. He will be missed.*

—Joan Danzansky

*I'm so sorry for your loss, Jodie. As you know, I lost Seymour a few weeks ago. Our darling boys (short and tall) have met again at the rainbow bridge.*

—Robin Siegel

*Jodi I am so sorry. Corky was so steady, patient, and tolerant of Bailey's silliness.*

—Nancy Glassman

**CDTC's beloved Corky was featured in the July 2013 issue of Obichaff. It seems fitting to run this column again and remember Corky as a wonderful, fun, gentle, goofy and lovely dog.**

## Up Close & Personal — Meet Corky!

### At a Glance:

- Male Irish Wolfhound
- 5 years old this month!
- Owned by Jodie Jeweler
- Capital Member Since Around 2002



**Nickname(s):** Corky, Corktop, Porkchop, Butthead

**Currently enrolled in:** Donna Cleverdon's Wednesday Open class. Maybe we'll be ready for the ring this summer!

**Other canine activities:** Breed & Rally. Might try lure coursing soon.

**Adjectives that best describe:** High strung. Silly. Smart. Friendly. Butthead.

**Favorite food:** APPLES. Cheese. But APPLES! He has to have an apple every evening, or no one gets any peace!

**Favorite toy:** He doesn't really play with toys anymore. When he was a puppy, he liked anything that grunted.

**Favorite place to walk:** Parades! Or along our street.

**Favorite activities:** Festivals, parades, meeting people. Training.

**Tricks my dog can do:** Gimme 5, pick it up, find Daddy. Con people out of their food.

**Is afraid of... :** things falling, the boxes at the clubhouse being moved, the vacuum cord.

**My dog amuses me when... :** he asks to go out then jumps in my chair the second I've stood up. When he sleeps with his tongue out.

**It would take a better trainer than me to...:** teach him to behave around female dogs or French bulldogs.

**What I love:** How happy he is to see me first thing in the morning. His tail wags while he's still half asleep. And how much fun he is to train! And that he's HEALTHY!

**What I could do without:** His hormones/love of girl dogs of any breed or size. Horse/saddle comments!

**If my dog planned the day, we would...:** Drive to an apple orchard, pick apples, jump broad & high jumps, and have lots of French bulldogs & any girl dogs to play with.

**Wisdom this dog has given me:** Keep a sense of humor; nothing is all that bad. Life is joyous!

## ***Braggs—CDTC Members & Dogs Take To the Ring!***



### **New RAE Rally Title!**

**Julie Rovner** and **Gromit** completed their RAE in fine style at the Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of the Potomac in April, with a 98 in excellent and a 99 in advanced (and 2 third places in highly competitive classes). Gromit has qualified for next year's Rally Nationals, but mom has promised she will never have to set foot in a rally ring ever again. Next goal: UD!

*What a wonderful "gift" to Gromit!  
Congratulations on a job well done.*

### **New RAE Rally Title!**

**Sandi Atkinson** reports that **Figaro** qualified in 11 of the 12 World Cynosport Rally classes he competed in over Mother's Day weekend. He finished his Rally Level 3 title and earned legs and points toward other advanced WCR titles.

There were 2 trials each day and 3 levels of difficulty. We will continue to work on our skills so we can do better next time!

*Well done—under pressure in a short amount of time!*

### **New RAE Rally Title!**

**Benita Bottom** reports that **Savoy** earned her Rally Excellent title on May 22 along with her first RAE leg at Mattaponi. She got a 3rd Place in RE B and 4th in RA B. Benita is rightfully proud: "She did well considering it was a tight course in the rain and wet grass at 8:30 am. At one point, she was sitting close to me on my shoe. I'm not sure if she was anxious or trying to sit on my shoe instead of the soggy grass! Thanks to the Rally training group for all your help!"

*Well done—under pressure and less than desirable circumstances!*



### **Tali Is A Titled Lady!**

**Jennie Larkin** and her **Tali** have proof that Tali is a titled lady—she is posing with the CPE agility title certificates that just arrived in the mail. "She is making progress on weaves, so we hope to be able to start moving into other venues in the fall!"

*You are on your way to stardom in multiple venues, girlie. And you are also beautiful!*

## New RAE Rally Title and New Judge Title!



**Josie McAuliffe** has some wonderful news: "I have to share with you my best Mothers Day presents ever! **Atlas** earned his obedience CDX (Companion Dog Excellent) and RAE (Rally Advanced Excellent) titles today! This weekend he competed *six* times! He earned two CDX legs (3 consecutive Qs in one month) with a 2nd Place and 1st Place. He also earned two RAE legs with all 93% (except one 83% when his fluffy butt knocked off the bar jump), with one 2nd Place and one 4th Place. Yes, Atlas did make a few mistakes, like visiting the nice judge lady instead of directly retrieving his dumbbell, but what fun is life, if you cant make some new friends along the way????!! Fortunately, visiting the judge it was just points off. . .

In between his competitions, Atlas got to play with his tiny friend Stryder, ride in a hotel elevator and on a luggage cart and play ball in the big field. He also got to watch his buddy Stryder earn his first rally leg, and Stevie win three first place ribbons!

So now, just three weeks shy of his third birthday, Atlas will continue his tracking studies and start training for Utility!

P.S. In more good news, I am now an AKC Rally Judge, non-regular!

*We are beyond proud of you, Josie!*

## Obedience Q's With Placements!

**Sue Faber** and her dogs **Stevie Ray** and **Stryder** had a great weekend at the Bouvier trial. Stevie earned two 1st Placements in Preferred Open and 1st Place in Graduate Open. Todfield-Faber's High Steppin **Stryder** received 4th Place in Rally Novice B—and it was Stryder's first time competing in the ring!!!

*Well done, boys! Congratulations two times over and many more to come!*



## New Rally Title!

**Lois Kietur** and her rat terrier **Teddy** earned his Rally Novice B title at Oriole Dog Training Club's trial on May 27 with a score of 96.

*Congratulations, Teddy! What a big accomplishment for a wonderful young dog.*

# Perseverance & Progress— Figaro's Qs Going In the Right Direction!

—by Sandi Atkinson, CDTC Member and AKC Judge

I am pleased to report that this month Figaro has qualified 7 times in CDSP (Companion Dog Sports Program) obedience to finish his SN-C (Starter Novice) and ASN-C (Advanced Starter Novice) titles. That is the “easy” class—nearly everything is done on leash. He also has one leg toward his CD-C (the CDSP CD) (a little on leash, mostly off). We traveled to Lewisberry (three trials in one day) and Allentown, PA, and Saco, Maine (2 trials in each location in one day), in order to finish the ASN-C before this week when we competed in AKC Preferred Novice. CDSP rules state that the dog cannot earn the ASN-C if it has qualified in Novice in any other registry.

Next, we competed in AKC obedience and rally in Morgantown, WV. The last time Figaro was in AKC rally (or obedience) was over two years ago. I hadn't wanted to enter him until I was reasonably sure that he would not run around like a nut when off leash. Figaro rose to the occasion and qualified in both Preferred Novice and Rally Advanced and today in Rally Advanced—that's a 75% Q rate over two days. Preferred Novice is like regular Novice except that there are no group stays. The dog either does a sit or down stay (judge picks which one) without a leash in the center of the ring while the handler walks around the edge of the ring. The reason Fig didn't qualify in PN was that the stay was a down and the down is harder for him—he was only able to stay down completely about half as long as he needed to.

On the Stand For Exam in Preferred Novice Figaro walked forward to sniff the judge on both days, which cost us 3 points each time. This has been a problem area and we will continue to work on it.

The community building where the show and trial were held was very noisy. There was the grooming area

nearby; group judging in the next ring (cloth curtain partitions on metal frames between the ring gates) with lots of overloud applause; and in another area not too far away from the obedience ring the photographer was set up. I was not the only one who found the frequent bright flashes annoying. Adding to the general noise level, the photographer would yell to get the dogs' attention for photos.

On the Recall yesterday, I couldn't hear the judge tell me to call Figaro and I couldn't see her mouth move, either because she was so far away. Fortunately, she picked up on the fact that I had not heard her and repeated her order before he broke. I could see he was ready to go at any time! Today, the same judge gave a signal to call, so that was OK.

The off-leash heeling in Preferred Novice was interesting. No leash, no food, no talking. I just did my thing—didn't look at Fig, and trusted that he would be there. Surprise! He kept up with me although I am sure he swung wide on some turns. Recalls were pretty good—probably his best exercise.

Fig is doing much better at staying with me even though he still wants to take everything in. And before he went in the ring in the afternoon for rally, he had been scared by the lowering of a large automated door in one end of the building. It made a loud, nasty grating noise. Even though it was a long way off on the other side of the building, Fig saw it because a large chunk of daylight was cut off when the door came down. Fig notices things like that! I had to work at calming him down.

Finally, at all these trials, Figaro is also representing his breed. He was the only Basenji entered in anything yesterday or today.

*Well done Fig and Sandi!—the Editor*





## July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 CDTC Membership Renewal Form

### THE AGREEMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

I hereby apply for membership renewal for 2016-17 in the Capital Dog Training Club of Washington, D.C., Inc., (hereinafter referred to as “the Club”) and in consideration of the acceptance of this membership renewal in the Club, and in further consideration for the services rendered by and through the Club, I (we) agree to hold the Club, its members, directors, officers, volunteers and agents harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of any dog while in or upon the training site or grounds or the surrounding area thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of any dog by disappearance, theft, death, or otherwise, and from any claim for damage or injury to any dog, whether such loss, disappearance, theft, damage or injury be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the Club or any other person, or any other cause or causes. I (we) further agree that the Club may publish my name(s), address, telephone number(s), and email address in print or on the Club’s Members’ Only Section of its website. I (we) waive any claim related to the information dissemination by the Club related to my name(s). I (we) further agree to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, Policies and Procedures and to be bound by all the rules and regulations of the Club if accepted for membership renewal.

**Member’s Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# **Please Help Out— We Need Obedience Run Thru Volunteers!!!**

Volunteers are needed for the run thru's on

## **Sunday, June 5.**

A sign up poster is at the club—volunteer and receive a

### **FREE run-thru!**

Doors open 7:45.

Utility/Open registration: 8-9—  
runs begin at 8:30 am.

Novice/Beginners Novice registration: 9:30-10:30,  
runs no earlier than 10:30 am.



## **Can We Tempt You?**

At the last run-thru we  
had a delicious  
breakfast buffet!

Come have coffee,  
donuts and a maybe a  
home-made surprise!

*Where in the world is Megan?*

# An Adventure to North Carolina!

*By Megan Hemmer, Member CDTC*

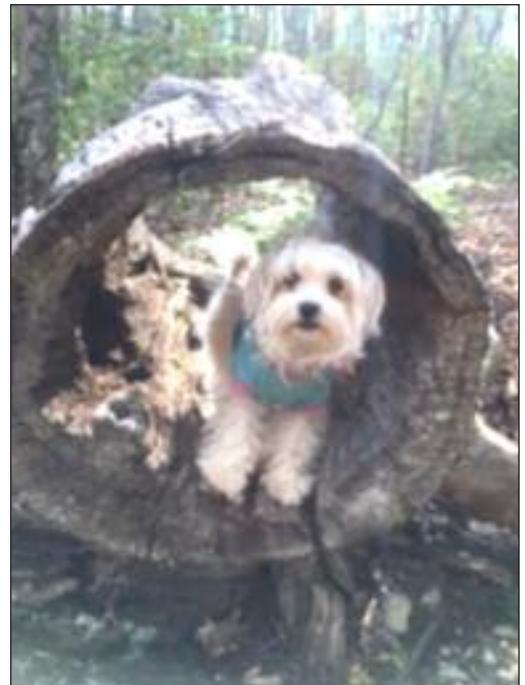
## Introducing Nanuq!



*At Cooper's Rock, NC, the day after Megan picked Nanuq up.*

Megan reports that on a drive to North Carolina in mid-April, she had an unthinking moment, and brought home a 4.5 month old maltese puppy. She named her new family member Nanuq, which means Polar Bear in Native American!

*Nanuq at an overlook on Skyline Drive.*



*Nanuq poses inside a log on the White Oak Canyon Trail.*





# CDTC Annual Awards 2016 Application Form

This form is for titles earned in 2016. Awards will be presented at the CDTC Annual Awards Dinner. Scores and titles will be verified with the AKC. The Annual Awards Dinner will be held at the CDTC Clubhouse on July 12, 2016. Every member is invited to attend—you do not need to have completed a title.

Complete the form and return it by mail to Patti Miller, Trophy Chair, 313B N. Alfred Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 or email to [patti@patti-miller.com](mailto:patti@patti-miller.com). **This form *must be* returned by June 1, 2016 to allow time to purchase plaques and engrave plates in time for the dinner.**

Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's AKC Registered Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Do not include titles):

Dog's Call Name \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_

### Obedience Titles:

_____	Date _____

### Highest Average Score *(First three qualifying scores only)*

CD/CDX/UD	Name of Show	Date	Class (A or B)	Score

Average Score \_\_\_\_\_

*\*UDX and OTCH: Provide a copy of the AKC certificate awarding the title.*

### High Combined

Name of Show	Date	Class	Score
		OB/UB	
		OB/UB	
		OB/UB	

Average Score \_\_\_\_\_

### Tracking Titles

TD                  TDX                  VST                  CT (Champion Tracker)

### Rally Titles

RN                  RA                  RE                  RAE

### Agility Titles

_____	Date _____

### Other Titles

*Please list any other conformation or performance titles earned in 2014 here.*

Title Earned	Date
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Have you received a plaque from CDTC for this dog?     Yes     No

Is this the first time you earned this title with any dog?     Yes     No

Have you earned a CGC with THIS DOG?     Yes     No    Year \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Note: Plaques cannot be mailed.  
Unclaimed plaques will be forfeited.**

# Save the Date to Celebrate!

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PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND OUR

## *Annual Awards Dinner*

on Tuesday, July 12, 2016  
starting at 6:30 pm!

Capital Dog Training Club invites all members, family and friends to attend the Annual Awards and Instructor Appreciation Dinner.

Every member is invited to attend—

*you do not need to have completed a title.*

This annual event is to celebrate the many successes our members and our instructors achieved in 2015.

Club members will be recognized for new titles earned.

CDTC Class instructors will be acknowledged for the significant time, effort and knowledge that they have shared in support of club training and classes.

All members are welcome and invited to attend.

The social gathering is from 6:30-7 pm, and dinner starts at 7 pm.

The presentation of awards and instructor gifts will begin at 8 pm.

The event is free to CDTC members and a guest.

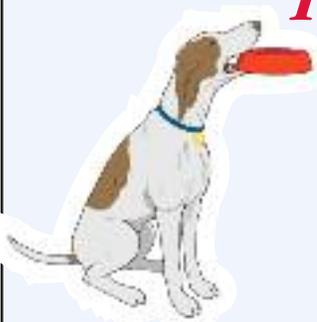
So please mark your calendar for this special event!

*This is a “humans only” event.*

The Annual Awards Dinner will be held at the CDTC Clubhouse on July 12, 2016.

Please RSVP **Patti Miller** by July 1!!!

([patti@patti-miller.com](mailto:patti@patti-miller.com)) for the form.



# 2016 AKC Sportsmanship Award Nomination—Alice Hathaway

— Submitted by Lois Kietur

Over the past 27 years, Alice Hathaway taught almost 1,000 puppies and their families in her Puppy Kindergarten class at Capital Dog Training Club. This year, Alice had to finally retire from teaching Puppy Kindergarten. A long-time student of Ian Dunbar, Alice early on adopted positive reinforcement training methods and taught the puppies' owners the importance of early socialization and proper management of the puppies' environment.

To expose the puppies to a wide variety of sensory experiences, Alice hauled a van load of equipment to class every week. Some of the items she brought EVERY WEEK are:

- a variety of surfaces for the puppies to step on, including rubber mats, bubble wrap, smooth plastic runners, rugs, bamboo mats, and a metal table.
- a variety of things for the puppies to climb on and through including stools, beds and boxes
- things that make a variety of noises including noise makers, squeaky toys, and CDs containing a variety of sounds including music, children screaming, guns shooting and loud vacuum cleaners
- a variety of visual surprises, including soap bubbles, umbrellas and moving toys
- obstacles to build confidence, including tunnels, stairs and ramps.

Loading, unloading and then reloading all this equipment every week for 27 years is an amazing feat in and of itself! Anyone who has ever assisted

Alice's class knows how much work was involved in unloading and reloading all this equipment.

Ensuring that the puppies had a chance to play with each other was an important part of Alice' Puppy Kindergarten class. Puppies were grouped by size and closely supervised during play time.

In addition to teaching puppy kindergarten, Alice also taught a class for nine years for those raising puppies to become service dogs. Alice was also the club's Grounds Chair for obedience trials when the trials were held outdoors at Montgomery College. She has also volunteered as a steward, prepared food for club functions, and donated money for the trophy fund and club fundraisers.

Alice is a charter member of the Association of Professional Dog Trainers. With her Golden Retrievers, she has competed in conformation, obedience and rally. Her current Golden, Jaunty, is working on her CDX.

Alice Hathaway set the standard for Puppy Kindergarten at CDTC. I was fortunate to be among the hundreds of puppy owners who got to participate in her Puppy Kindergarten class. Having once volunteered to assist Alice, I know how much work was involved in bringing all the equipment every week to ensure that the puppies had a chance to be exposed to a variety of sensory experiences.

It is time for CDTC to recognize Alice Hathaway's long service to the club and her devotion to the hundreds of puppies and families in our community.



# 2016 AKC Sportsmanship Award Nomination—Josie McAuliffe

— Submitted by Pam Coblyn

“But there are so many others who help!”

This was Josie McAuliffe’s reaction when I asked her permission to nominate her for the AKC Sportsmanship Award—and it sums up why I think Josie embodies the spirit of sportsmanship. Three words readily come to mind when I think of Josie’s service to CDTC: “inspire”, “help” and “humility”.

Josie was, and continues to be, the guiding force behind the Rally Training Group—the “God-mother” of our nationally successful CDTC Rally program. This training group is a wildly popular venue started in 2010 that provides members with additional ring time and critiques of their Rally skills. The group was an instant success in large part because of Josie’s time, effort and patience and—most importantly—people skills. She welcomed everyone and her enthusiasm for the sport inspired a core group of Rally devotees to volunteer and help others in the training group. Friendships were spawned, trials were entered with confidence, titles were won and Josie’s initial idea of a training group devoted to her beloved rally made it all happen. I watched as anxious handlers adopted Josie’s sunny outlook and began to be delighted and amused with their dog’s antics. I also noted that her consistent and determined belief that excellence is attainable inspired teams to work hard while having fun.

A member since 2009, Josie made a big impact on our club. She taught Intro to Rally, Advanced Basic and assisted Lisa Daniel in Basic for many years. She started our Rally Training Group, which has helped make CDTC have one of the best rally programs in the nation—we now have THREE teams who made the AKC Rally Nationals Top Ten!

Josie frequently travels to trials to cheer on “her” teams, lend support, give last minute advice and even take photos and videos.

Josie’s dogs Xena, Rocket and Atlas each earned multiple performance titles. Additionally, she re-

cently began the arduous process of becoming a Rally Obedience judge. When asked about her motivation, Josie’s response was altruistic. She relayed that she enjoyed helping people train their dogs and becoming a judge would give her an opportunity to assist more people with their training.

Josie’s desire to help and her enthusiasm for our club inspires so many others to both train and volunteer—and that is why I think she embodies the essence of sportsmanship. Her example leads others to step up, help and

serve our club. Her encouragement and belief that training problems could be solved makes handlers believe in their dogs and that success is possible. Josie is always delighted to see others excel and become fulfilled.

Josie says it best: “I love teaching Rally and other classes at CDTC—mostly because I love being around dogs and their people who love them. I strongly believe that training dogs helps build a strong bond between you and your dog and it makes me so happy to be a part of that process. Of course, there is the added bonus of making great human friends as well! I love spending time with people who love their dogs as much as I love mine. Saturdays are my favorite day of the week because it is when I teach at CDTC! It always puts me in a very pleasant mood for the rest of the weekend. I really think of it as a privilege and honor to volunteer at CDTC.”



# CLASS SCHEDULES

Day	Date	Time	Instructor	Time	Class	Instructor				
<b>PUPPY KINDERGARTEN</b>				<b>AGILITY</b>						
Tues	5/3-6/21	6:00-6:50	Cleverdon	Wed	7:00-8:30 pm	Hall				
<b>BEGINNER, ADVANCED BASIC &amp; SUB-NOVICE</b>				Sun	10:15-11:30 pm	deBremond				
				Mon	Sub-Novice	7:15-8:05 pm	Adler/Dwyer	Sun	11:30-12:45 pm	Heyes
				Mon	Basic	8:30-9:25	Hall	Sun	5:15-6:30 pm	deBremond
				Tue	Basic/AB	6:00-7:50 pm	Reinhardt	Sun	6:30-7:45 pm	Carter
				Thur	Sub-Novice	9:30-10:20 am	Adler/Dwyer	<b>CONFORMATION</b>		
				Sat	Basic	9:00-9:50 am	Solomon	Sat	Beginner	10:00-10:50 pm Harab
				Sat	Basic	12:00-12:50 pm	Freedman	<b>FREESTYLE</b>		
				Sat	Basic	4:00-4:50 am	Daniel	Mon	C	10:00-12:00 pm Ely
Sun	Adv. Basic	1:00-2:15	Crawford	Sat		11:00-12:30 pm Guzman				
<b>NOVICE</b>				<b>FLYBALL</b>						
Mon	C	7:15-8:05 pm	Glass	Sat	Beginning	6:30-7:30 pm Dwyer				
Thurs	C	9:30-10:20 am	Holt	Sat	Intermediate	7:30-8:30 pm Dwyer				
Thurs	C	6:00-6:50 pm	Dwyer	Sat	Competition	8:30-9:30 pm Dwyer				
<b>OPEN</b>				<b>TRAINING GROUPS</b>						
Mon	C	6:00-7:15 pm	LaDieu	Mon	C	10:00-12:00 pm Ely (Freestyle)				
Tue	C (Beg.)	7:00-7:50 pm	McMunn/Cleverdon	Tue	C	6:00-6:30 Cleverdon (Open & Util)				
Thurs	C (Intermed.)	8:00-9:00 pm	Harry	Wed	C	9:30-10:20 am McCown				
<b>UTILITY</b>				Wed	C	11:30-12:00 pm Spodak (Obedience TG)				
Mon	C	8:15-9:05 pm	Adler	Wed	C	12:00-1:00 pm Spodak (Open Discussion)				
Thurs	C	6:00-7:00 pm	Harry/Prep	Wed	C	1:00 pm Spodak (Freestyle TG)				
Thurs	C	7:00-8:00 pm	Harry	Wed	C	4:30-5:30 pm Cleverdon				
<b>HEELING</b>				Thurs	C	10:30-11:30 am Holt				
Sat	C	12:00-1:00 pm	Larkin	Thurs	C	12:30-2:20 pm Goldstein				
<b>RALLY</b>				Fri	C	12:3-2:00 pm Faber				
Thurs		Rally Class Set Up	11-11:30 am	Sat	C	12:00-1:00 pm Larkin				
Thurs	C		11:30-12:15 pm	Sat	C	1:00-3:00 pm McAuliffe/Harab/Smith				
Thurs		Rally Take Down	12:15 to 12:30	Sun	C	9:00-10:15 am Bob Reinhardt				
Thurs		Rally Take Down	12:15 to 12:30	<b>BUILDING CLEANING</b>						
Sat		Beg. Rally	1:30-3:00				Tues	C	Before 8 am and 1-4 pm Montgomery Cleaning Company	
<b>TRICKS</b>				 <p><b>TG = Training Group</b> <b>C = Continuing Class</b></p>						
Tues		11:30-12:20 pm	Rosen							

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Time	Class	Instructor	Ring	Time	Class	Instructor	Ring
<b>MONDAY</b>				<b>FRIDAY</b>			
10-12 noon	Freestyle TG	Ely	1-2-3	10:00-12:00	Freestyle	Ely	1-2-3
6:00-7:15	Open	LaDieu	2-3	12:30-2:00 pm	UDX TG	Faber	2-3
7:15-8:05	Sub-Novice	Adler/Dwyer	3	<b>SATURDAY</b>			
7:15-8:05	Novice	Glass	1-2	9:00-9:50 am	Basic 5/14-7/2	Solomon	2-3
8:15-9:05	Utility	Adler	2-3	10:00-10:50	Conformation TG 5/14-6/30	Harab	3
8:30-9:25	Basic, 5/2-6/20		Hall 1	10:00-10:50	Basic 6/4-7/16	P. Miller	1-2
<b>TUESDAY</b>				11:00-12:00pm	Fun With Freestyle	Guzman	Bldg.
11:30-12:20	Tricks	Rosen	1-2	12:00-1:00	Basic, 5/14-6/25	Freedman	2-3
1-3:30 pm	Building Cleaning			12:00-1:00	Heeling 7/9-8/13	Larkin/Cook	1-2
6-6:30	Open/Utility TG (on hold 4/12-6/21)	Cleverdon	3	1:00-3:00	Rally Training Group McAuliffe/Harab/Faber/Smith		1-2-3
6:00-6:50	Puppy K, 5/10-6/21	Cleverdon	2-3	6:30-7:30	Beg. Flyball	Dwyer	1-2-3
6:00-6:50	Basic/AB, 5/17-6/7	Reinhardt	1	7:30-8:30	Intermediate Flyball	Dwyer	1-2-3
6:00-6:50	Basic, 6/28-8/9	Reinhardt	1	8:30-9:30	Competition Flyball	Dwyer	1-2-3
7-7:50	Beg. Open	Cleverdon/McMunn	2-3	<b>SUNDAY</b>			
8-10:00	CDTC Meetings		Bldg.	8-10:15 am	Open TG	Reinhardt	1-2
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>				10:15-11:30	Agility-Beginner 5/15-7/17	deBremond	Bldg.
9:30-10:20 am	Novice TG	McCown	1-2	11:30-12:45	Agility-Adv. Basic 5/15-7/17	Heyes	Bldg.
11:30-noon	TG: Obed. Handling	Spodak	1-2	5:15-6:30	Agility-Intro 5/15-7/17	deBremond	Bldg.
12:00-1:00	Discussion			6:30-7:45	Handling 5/15-7/17	Carter	Bldg.
1:00	Freestyle Training	Spodak	Bldg.	<b>More Doings At the Club!</b>			
7:00-8:30	Agility: Competition 5/11-7/13	Hall	Bldg.	■ General Meeting: June 14 at 8 pm			
<b>THURSDAY</b>				■ Board Meeting: June 28 at 8 pm			
9:30-10:20 am	Sub-Novice	Adler/Dwyer	3	 			
9:30-10:20	Novice	Holt	1-2				
11:00-11:30	Rally Set-up		2-3				
11:30-12:15pm	Competition Rally	Daniel	2-3				
12:15-12:30	Rally Take Down		2-3				
12:30-2:30	Open/Utility TG	Goldstein	Bldg.				
6:00-6:50	Novice	Dwyer	1-2				
6:00-7:00	Utility Prep	Harry	3				
7:00-8:00 pm	Utility	Harry	2-3				
7:00-8:00 pm	Puppy K 6/9-7/28	Smith	1				
8:00-9:00	Open Intermediate	Harry	2-3				



## **June Rally Training Group Schedule**

Set up at 1pm. Walk-thrus at 1:25.

Runs start at 1:35, end by 2:45 pm.

The next training dates will be:

**Saturday, June 14 and 21**

Please check our club's listserv for any cancellations.

## **General Membership Meeting**

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 8 pm*

**Clubhouse/Information Phone:** 301-587-5959 (K9K9)

**Yahoo! Group:** [groups.yahoo.com/group/cdtc](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cdtc)

**Website:** [www.cdtc.org](http://www.cdtc.org)

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