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CDTC Raises the Bar With Our Upcoming Obedience/Rally Trials!

— by *Burton Goldstein, CDTC Trial Chair*

RECENTLY—If you have gone to recent dog performance sport competitions, you have probably noticed that entries are way down. Whether it is more and more shows to enter, entry fee prices, not many youth getting involved, or whatever the reason(s), like everything else, the cost of putting on a quality trial continues to increase, while entry income has dropped off substantially.

WHAT TO DO—The American Kennel Club not only is concerned about this decline in its shows, since it benefits financially per entry, this has become a huge problem. So they have changed some of their regulations, giving more latitude to clubs willing and able to “push the limits”.

HISTORICALLY—Capital Dog Training Club is assigned the fourteenth weekend of the year to host up to a weekend of local agility trials, and the fortieth weekend of the year to host up to a weekend of local obedience/rally trials. We have expanded, offered more, tried new things, and continue to offer some of the best attended trials in this area.

NEW FORMATS—A few years ago we stopped sharing our obedience/rally weekend with an-

other local club. We tried several different formats, especially for our Friday trials. We now offer two rally trials, staggered start times, and an “all-novice” obedience trial. Sound familiar? This format seems to be used frequently nowadays.

NEW THIS YEAR—But this year we needed a really big change! And we are doing that. Keeping the same format on Friday, starting this year, we will offer TWO complete obedience trials, on each of Saturday and Sunday. Saturday AM (starting at eight A.M.), Saturday PM (starting at noon), and the same on Sunday.

EXACT TIMES—While the A.K.C. has precise regulations as to most everything involved with putting on our/their trials, with this new configuration, there might be some latitude. But we have no idea how many entries we might get for any of these shows. While everything that has appeared in our Premium List is “cast in concrete”, we tried to allow ourselves the ability to make changes where we could. For example, we might not be able to start something “earlier”, but maybe “later”. More precise information can be further explained in the Judging Program, which

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When Things Go...BAD!



Wisdom often tells us not to dwell on our mistakes, to not feel bad. We are told, “Don’t wallow in disappointment. Move on. Tomorrow will be another—a *better*—day!”

When faced with a failure, it might be better to first focus on your emotions. When people concentrate on how bad they feel and how they don’t want to experience these feelings again, they are more likely to try harder the next time. When I focus on how bad I feel about failing, I prepare harder and try harder to avoid the bad feelings in the future.

Most people focus on protecting their ego. They think about how the failure wasn’t their fault, or how it wasn’t that big of a deal, anyway. If your thoughts are all about how to distance yourself from the failure, you are not going to learn from your mistakes and do the work to improve.

Feeling the pain of failure leads to *more effort* to correct a mistake than analytically thinking about what went wrong. Emotional responses to failure can hurt. They make you feel bad. That’s why people often choose to think self-protective thoughts after they make mistakes. The important thing to remember is *not* to avoid the emotional pain of failing, but to use that pain to fuel improvement.

Getting in touch with my disappointment, shame, pain and sadness works best for me. If I focus on how bad I feel, I will work harder to find solutions and make sure I don’t make the same mistake again. When I reflect on a failure, I examine the cause and then focus on ways to avoid a similar mistake. Getting in touch with my feelings leads to a systematic campaign to improve. I am determined not to repeat particular mistakes so that I won’t feel bad for the same reasons all over again. Thinking about how to improve from past mistakes makes a difference.

And if I am honestly convinced I did my best and prepared my dog adequately, I resort to my default: This too, shall pass!



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From the President—September-October, 2017



Hi all, as we move into the final quarter of 2017 we have lots of events and happenings at Capital to look forward to. One of our biggest events of the year, Capital's Annual Obedience Trial and Rally Trial will be held on Friday-Sunday, October 6-8, 2017 at the Catoctin Kennel Club. For those of you showing at our trial we wish you the very best of luck and hope you and your dog perform well! If you are not trialing, we need your help as a volunteer as it takes a village to run a successful trial. For the first time this year Capital will be running two back-to-back obedience trials on Saturday and Sunday. We need volunteers to act as ring stewards and ring captains. Many of you have already contacted me about volunteering and I thank you! For the rest of you, please contact me or sign-up on the volunteer sign-up sheets located in Ring 1 of our building if you are able to volunteer for a shift or two!

Our final Canine Good Citizen (CGC) test for 2017 will take place on Sunday, November 5, 2017 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. A four-week CGC prep class will be held the four Saturdays prior to the test. Watch our website for announcements about the test and class for those of you interested in testing.

Our final general membership meetings

of the year will take place on the following dates at the clubhouse:

- Tuesday, October 10, 2017
- Tuesday, November 14, 2017
- Tuesday, December 12, 2017 (Annual Howliday Party)

General membership meetings begin at 8:00 PM. Our next two meetings will be focused on discussing the membership benefits and revenue analysis conducted by the Board so that members can vote on it. Information on the Board's proposal is included in this issue of *Obichaff*. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for these important meetings.

I also want to personally thank the members of our Board for all their hard work on our business plan and recommendations. In particular, Lisa Barry, Wendy Wilkinson, Joan Adler and Marian Hardy put in many hours of work on this project and our club is grateful for their efforts.

As a reminder, we are an all-volunteer club that depends on our members to volunteer when the need arises and attend membership meetings that are important to the business of running our club. So please jump in and join us when we call for your help and participation!

Carrie Solomon
President, CDTC

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Delegates Corner

— by Joyce Dandridge, CDTC AKC Delegate



Group Stays

The recommendations below will be made to the AKC Board in October and if approved at the November 2017 meeting, they will become effective March 1, 2018.

Purpose:

Modify the existing group exercises to eliminate the concern that a dog will leave its position during the exercise and harass another dog; 2) Replace group exercises with new exercises that will demonstrate a dog's ability to stay; and 3) Increase the number of times a dog must perform a controlled stay exercise showing that it is under the handler's control.

Recommendations:

- One of the two Novice class group exercises will be eliminated and replaced with a new individual exercise that demonstrates the dog's ability to stay.
- The **"Sit Stay–Get Your Leash"** is an individual exercise that will demonstrate how steady a dog is in a stay position, with the handler at a distance. This exercise should further show the judge that the dog is under the handler's control prior to the team returning to the ring for a group exercise with other dogs in the ring.
- The **"Group Exercise—Sit & Down Stay"** will be a two-part stay exercise performed on-leash, with the handler holding the leash for safety. Handlers will stand six feet away from the dog and the dog will perform a sit and a down stay. The spacing between dogs has also been increased to six feet for safety. If a dog fails the first part of the exercise, they will be released from the second part of the exercise.
- Both Open class out-of-sight group exercises will be eliminated and be replaced with individual exercises that test a dog's ability to stay while the handler is at a distance from the dog.
- The **"Command Discrimination"** exercise is a three-part stay exercise that will demonstrate the handler's control of the dog from varying distances, as they command the dog to change positions three times (Stand, Down, Sit). The dog must remain in the place that it was left for all three changes of position.
- The **"Stay–Get Your Leash"** exercise is a two-part sit and down stay exercise that will demonstrate the handler's control of the dog as they leave the dog in a stay and go a minimum of 30 feet away from the dog, before the judge orders them to return to the dog after one

minute. For the second half of the exercise, the judge will order the handler to command the dog to change position, then leave the dog to go get the leash; walking at least 30 feet to a place designated by the judge outside of the ring gate entrance. Once the handler reaches the location and picks up their leash, they must wait at the ring entrance for the judge's order for them to return to the dog. The dog must not move from the position or the place where it was left.

Stays are in integral part of obedience. Referencing only the current regular classes of Novice and Open, dogs are required to stay in a certain position until commanded otherwise as follows:

Current Regulations:

Class

Novice

Required to Stay in Individual Exercises: 2 times

Required to Stay Including the Group Exercise: 4 times

Open

Required to Stay in Individual Exercises: 4 times

Required to Stay Including the Group Exercise: 6 times

The 2017 Group Task Force recommendations will require a dog to stay in a certain position until commanded otherwise an increased number of times; further establishing that a dog is under the control of its handler. (See table below.)

Proposed Change to Regulations:

Class

Novice

Required to Stay in Individual Exercises: 5* times

The stay behavior will increase.

* Includes one Group Exercise, performed on-leash.

Open

Required to Stay in Individual Exercises: 9 times

The stay exercises will also be equally amended in the Preferred Novice, Preferred Open, Graduate Novice, and Team classes.

The proposed recommendations for the above classes are:

- Preferred Novice: Add **"Sit Stay-Get Your Leash"** exercise.
- Preferred Open: Add the **"Command Discrimination"** and the **"Stay-Get Your Leash"** exercise.
- Graduate Novice: Add the "Sit Stay-Get Your Leash" exercise.
- Team Class: Will add the changes to Novice Obedience.

Companion Events Committee Meeting:

■ The following information was presented in reference to event cancellations due to the Canine Influenza Virus: 13 obedience trials were cancelled during June-August; 17 Rally trials and 6 Agility trials.

■ **AKC/USA World Agility Team** will attend the FCI Agility World Championships held on Oct. 4-8 in Liberec, Czech Republic. The National Agility Championship will be held at the Reno-Spark Livestock Events Center in Reno, NV on March 23-25, 2018. At the close of entries, they will decide if Thursday the 22nd needs to be added. The Rally National Championship and National Obedience Championship will be held at Purina Farms in Gray Summit, MO on March 23-25, 2018.

■ **AKC Scent Work** will launch on October 1. The regulations are available on the AKC Scent Work website. Hard copies may be obtained by calling the AKC Order Desk. I also ordered 10 copies for members interested. Any AKC club can be licensed to hold Scent Work. 134 clubs are currently licensed. A judge's education class has been developed and is available for all through the Canine College. 229 judges are licensed. All judges have experience in Nose Work with other organizations or have had professional experience training detection dogs and have passed a test to assure familiarity with the AKC Regulations. 106 events have been approved for 2017. Events may be held after October 1. The first AKC Scent Work event will be held in conjunction with the Eukanuba Performance Games on September 14-17 in Wilmington, OH.

■ **The AKC Trick Dog** program was launched on May 1. The program is being administered by Mary Burch, Director of the CGC program. There are four levels of titles. Many clubs have added trick dog training classes and the classes are popular.

■ **The Achiever Dog** pilot program will launch on December 1. A dog that earns a ribbon in three different sports will receive an Achiever Dog Certificate. It is not a titling program. The purpose of the program is to encourage owners to try several different sports in the hope that they will find the one that works for them. At the end of a year, all owners who received a certificate will be surveyed to determine the programs impact on their behavior. The future of the program will depend on the results and insight gained from the survey.

■ **Rally Sign Videos:** Two new classes, the Rally Intermediate Class and a Rally Master Class were approved, effective November 1, 2017. The staff has made videos available for all AKC Rally Signs on an AKC Obedience

& Rally YouTube channel. These videos demonstrate correctly performed rally signs as November 1, 2017. Although the principal parts of the rally signs are properly demonstrated, note that these videos are for the purpose of illustration only and should not be considered the only correct way to execute the signs. All videos are copyrighted by AKC. Rally sign descriptions can be found at www.akc.org/events/rally/news-updates.

■ **Agility** recommendations regarding judge's limits will be made at the next Board meeting by staff. The request will be to increase judging limits to 350 per day from 330 per day.

General Meeting:

■ In the Focus Meeting a wonderful presentation was made on the Scent Work Program. The video was very descriptive of the different levels and performances indoors and outdoors. The Delegates requested these videos be put on the AKC website. I ordered ten regulations books on this new program. The classes offered in this sport depend on the space available. Clubs can offer a few classes or all in a trial. They can offer any combination of classes for a trial. Clubs can just do the Novice level.

■ **How is AKC Scent Work different from other organizations?** They use buried scent objects; they use unique distractions for example, light for visual, continuous and intermittent sound for auditory, statue or stuff animal for mimic; and human. The search environment after Novice is out of boxes and into exterior elements. There is no pre-test required like the other organizations require and finally AKC encourages spectators.

■ Alan Kalter reported on the **Hurricane and Wildfire Disasters**. 128 clubs have donated over \$250,000 to date. 63 Trailers have been built with 6 more in the works. Several trailers from other states have been sent to Texas. Florida just passed a 30 day waiting period before a shelter can take next steps to adopting out an animal.

■ In the **Financial Report**, it was mentioned registrations were up +6% and AKC interest and dividends were up +20%.

■ The Delegates passed the revision on Championships, Ch. 16 Sec. 6 and the Field Trial amendment revision for the Pointing Breeds in Field Trials. Ch. 14 Sec. 22A. The Dog Show Rules Committee withdrew their amendment on DQ reinstatement to revise and resubmit at a later date.

Braggs—CDTC Members & Dogs Take To the Ring!



Antonio wins Best of Breed and a Major under Dr. Joyce Dandridge!

Big Wins in the Conformation Ring and BBE Class!

Benita Bottom's Antonio (Tagalong's Super Midas Touch) CGCAWD) earned 8 points including two Majors—winning over three days during the Independence Cluster out of the Bred By Exhibitor (BBE) class. It was very special to earn one of our Majors and BOB under Dr. Joyce Dandridge. Thanks so much to our conformation training group and instructors Jeff Harab and Janice Kopp who Antonio and I have trained with since Antonio was a puppy. With limited showing this year, Antonio is a few points away from his Championship (CH) title. He is bred, owned, trained and loved by Benita Bottom-Svitchan.

This is a huge accomplishment and we are all so proud of you and Antonio—high fives!



Antonio wins Best of Opposite Sex and another Major!

New Trick Dog Title!

Sue Faber's Stryder Stryder earned his Novice, Intermediate and Advanced tricks titles!

Well done, Stryder—you are a very tricky dog!

New Rally Advanced Excellent Title!

Sandi Atkinson reports, "**Danny** (Dandini) finished his RAE on August 26, 2017 at Oriole DTC's AKC Rally trial with 98 pts. in Exc. B, 2nd Place and 99 pts. in Adv. B, 4th place. *AND* Danny also earned the High Combined—a surprise since he didn't get 1st Place! What a good way to finish! The judge was Karen Wrey, who was coincidentally the judge when Danny started his career last September in Rally Novice B at just 6 months old. Danny will be retired from AKC Rally for now to spend more time on Obedience."

Congratulations Sandi and Danny!

AKC Rally Success!

Sandi Atkinson has more news: "**Dandini** was a good boy at the York County Dog Training Club's AKC Rally trials under Judge Linda Krasley. In Trial 1: Exc. B, 96 pts.; Adv. B, 100 pts., 3rd Place (7 scores of 100 in that class!) In Trial 2: Exc. B, 100 pts., 3rd place; Adv. B, 100 pts. (8 scores of 100 in that class!)

Congratulations, Dandini for a GREAT day!



New Trick Dog Title!

Sandi Atkinson has an announcement: "**Figaro** is delighted to announce that he managed to earn the AKC Trick Dog Intermediate title this evening at Breakaway Action Dogs!

Fig performed 10 trick behaviors—some of which he knew from obedience training. He says he doesn't know whether he will try for the Advanced title but he is willing to work as long as his human doesn't run out of Pupperoni and gizzards."

Congratulations, Figaro—we suggest you go for the Advanced title because we predict more chicken gizzards in your future!

New Rally Puppy Title—and More!

Megan Hemmer Stryder has exciting news! "On July 30 in Manchester NH, we showed in Cynosport rally...And I have the best 2 puppies!!! **Winni** earned her 2nd and 3rd legs towards her Puppy Rally Championship title!!!! And puppy **Kai** made his debut with two legs towards his Rally Puppy title! In the second trial he even beat Winni by one point!!!"

Well done, Hemmer Crew—you are on top of the Rally puppy world!



New Rally Novice Title!

April de Bremond says, "Yah!!!"

Her schip **Echo** Midwatch Enchanted Echo (Midwatch Enchanted Echo NAP CGCA) earned her Rally Novice Title on Sun, Aug 2017 at the German Sheppard Club of Washington, DC Obedience and Rally Trail in Beltsville, MD

Echo is 11 1/2 yrs old and she Loves to work.

Way to go, you grand lady!!

Utility Legs Earned with 1st Placements!

Brad Smith's says, "I extremely happy to report that **Tula** (Windsong Autumn Whisper, CDX, RAE3) has earned two of the three legs necessary to earn her Utility Dog title. Her first leg and 1st Place award was earned under Judge Cheryl Pratt at the Salisbury Maryland Kennel Club's show on August 22 with a score of 186.5 points. The second leg and 1st Place award was earned under Judge Larry Wilson at the



German Shepherd Dog Club of Greater Washington Rally and Obedience trials held at the Canine Training Association on August 6 with a score of 178.

Tula is on top of EVERYTHING she does—what a teammate!



Another New Rally Puppy Title!

Megan Hemmer says, "Wait—there's more news! I have three really cool kids! And I am glad both puppies are doing well—proof 2 puppies at once doesnt always end in disaster! And the two Wild'n'Crazies did it again August 11 in Saddle Brook, NJ.

Kai finished his RLP (Rally Level Puppy) (borrowed a new title ribbon) with a 1st Place and he earned two leg towards his puppy rally championship, also with 1st Place!

Winni finished her RLPX (Puppy Rally Champion) title with a 1st Place. Then, she earned two extra legs, with 2nd Places—because Kai took 1st!

Your pups are taking Rally by storm—huge congratulations!





First Rally Excellent Leg in the Books!

Ted de Bremond says, "Way to go!" His schip **Ryder** (Enchanted Knight Ryder CD, BN, RA, NA, CGCA) earned his 1st Leg in Rally Excellent on Sunday, August 2017 at the German Sheppard Club of Washington, DC Obedience and Rally Trial in Beltsville, MD with his buddy and handler, Ted.

Best buddies can accomplish what they want and go to the top!



New Breeder-Owner-Handler Show Champion!

Benita Bottom's Antonio (CH Tagalong's Super Midas Touch CGC AWD) finished his Championship on Friday, Sept 1 with his 3rd Major. Benita says, "I am happy to report all points from the Bred By class. On Friday we got an Owner Handler Group 4 and an Owner Handler Group 2 on Saturday. I thank our CDTC Handling classes and friends for their support. Now we are working on our GCH!"

Hearty congratulations for such an outstanding accomplishment—you breed beautiful dogs!

Labs Rule!

Milly Welsh has big brags from her Labrador Retriever trials on September 8, 2017.

Jodi: MH, CDX, RE—3rd in the Open at South Jersey Retriever Club

Holly: MH, CD, RA—1st in the Amateur at South Jersey

Polly: MH, QA2—Master qualification at Labrador Ret. Club of the Potomac

Dotty: Master qualification at LRCP
Congratulations four times over—we'll do, labs!

Danny Stars in Obedience!

Sandi Atkinson reports, "I am thrilled to announce that **Dandini** earned 2 first legs in his obedience classes today at ODTc's obedience trial! Danny did well: Open A and Preferred Open—both 185 pts. and 2nd Place in each class!"

Congratulations, Sandi and Danny!

Important Announcement

Do you feel that you are missing club news?

Not joining the CDTC Yahoo Group may mean you will miss breaking news, announcements and reminders!

Contact Shannon (shandavegh@gmail.com) with your current email address to be added to the list!

CDTC's Member Dianne Harab Judges 4-H Rally at the Montgomery County Fair!



On August 16, 2017, Dianne Harab judged the 4-H Dog Show in Rally. Competition was held in the Novice, Advanced and Excellent levels. Each level had participants in Junior (ages 8-10), Intermediate (ages 11-13), and Senior (ages 14-18). There were a total of 14 participants. Dianne reports, "It was great to see the kids perform so well. They will go on to become great rally handlers in the future."



Watery Dog Adventures!

Suzanne Miller's Tioga Went Kayaking!



Suzanne Miller spends her summers with Tioga on the water. “We were at the Tides and he had been watching the kayaks go out with rapt attention. Finally, I decided to let him try it. Tioga jumped right in, sat still while they launched the kayak, and had this grin on his face the entire time. He was deliriously happy! I took him out two more times, and each time he jumped right back in the kayak, very happy to get going again!”

Pam Coblyn's Fenway Did a Photo Shoot for A Sea Dogs Calendar!



Fenway went on vacation and took a break from agility and obedience training. But as anyone knows, a border collie needs a job! Fenway went to work and did one of his dock dives for the *Sea Dogs of Martha's Vineyard 2018 Calendar*. “Mr. June” dove off the Lobsterville dock in Aquinnah with perfect form!

New AKC Titling Venue— Tricks Testing At CDTC!

— by Dianne Harab, CDTC Member, Tricks Test Evaluator and Rally Instructor

On Sunday, September 10, 2017, Capital Dog Training Club held its first Tricks Test. The Evaluators were Dianne Harab, Carrie Solomon, and Lisa Daniel.



Tricks Test Evaluators Lisa Daniel, Dianne Harab, Carrie Solomon created a fun atmosphere for the first CDTC tricks test!

Three levels of testing took place: Novice, Intermediate and Advanced. In Novice, participants had to perform 10 tricks unless they had earned their Canine Good Citizen Title in which case they had to perform 5 tricks. **Twelve Novice dogs were tested and they all passed!**

Novice Tricks included:

- Balance beam (walk on low board a few inches off floor)
- Bark on cue (“Speak”)
- Crawl (dog on belly, crawls at least 5 feet)
- Fetch it and give (ball, toy, etc- bring to handler, release)
- Find it (find treat hidden under cup)
- Get your _____. (Leash, brush, name of toy)
- Get in (gets in box)
- Get on (gets on low platform or step - 4 paws)
- Hand signals (down, sit, or come)
- High five
- Hold (3 seconds)
- Jump (thru a low hoop or over a low bar)
- Kennel up (go in crate, stay in until released)

- Kiss (point to cheek)
- Paws up (2 front paws on low stool or step)
- Push-ups (sit, down, sit, down, sit, down)
- Shake hands
- Spin in circle
- Touch it (hand or target stick)
- Tunnel (agility tunnel or child’s tunnel)
- Other: Handler’s choice:

In Intermediate, participants had to perform 10 tricks. Five dogs were tested and they all passed!

Intermediate Tricks included:

- Balance treat on nose or head (e.g., dog biscuit)
- Carry (a basket)
- Catch (soft toy, soft ball)
- Crawl (dog on belly, crawls at least 5 feet-may use food or toy lure)
- Fetch it (20 ft.)
- Game (dog manipulates interactive canine game to get treat)
- Go find (handler hides, dog goes and finds)
- Go to your place (to bed/mat, crate from 10 ft.)
- Hand signals (sit, down, come, stand, etc. 3 in a row)
- Jump through handler’s circle arms
- Leg weave (weave around handler’s legs)
- Paws up (on handler’s arm)
- Pull a toy on a string or rope
- Push button on sound toy, toy piano, to turn on audio-tape, etc
- Roll over
- Shell game (find treat under 1 of 3 cups)



Ted de Bremond and his schipperke Ryder chose the Crawl for one of their tests.



Judy taught Paws Up!

- Sit pretty (sit up or sit w/ head tilted)
- Wave good-bye
- Weave poles (6 weave poles) (may use food or toy lure for this trick)
- Wobble board
- Other: Handler's choice #1
- Other: Handler's choice #2

In Advanced, participants had to perform 5 tricks.

Advanced Tricks included:

- Back up (walk backwards)
- Balance treat on nose, flip to eat when told "OK"
- Barrel (roll with 2 paws, or stand on with 4)
- Bow (as in "Take a bow")
- Circle right, circle left
- Cover your eyes
- Cover-up with blanket
- Go hide (get under table)



Lois Kietur's Teddy demonstrated a perfect crawl and earned his Novice and Intermediate titles!

- Head down
- Hide your head (under blanket, front arm over head)
- Jump into handler's arms
- Jump over handler's back
- Light (turn on pressure sensitive battery operated light)
- Open door of mailbox, toy refrigerator, get object
- Play dead
- Scent articles (choose from 5 - dog can 'read')
- Sit or down at distance (15 ft.)
- Tissue out of box (and bring to handler)
- Toys (take to and drop in box)
- Weave poles (6 weave poles) (no food or toy lures)
- Other: Handler's choice #1:



Eileen and Joan's dogs earned their AKC Advanced Trick Dog titles!

- Other: Handler's choice #2

Eileen Freedman and Joan Danzansky earned their Advanced Titles. These participants took all three tests on Sunday.

A great time was had by all. The American Kennel Club is a great resource for more information on the Tricks Testing.



Judge Carrie gave a thumb's up to Selena's training of the Get In the Basket trick!

Where in the World is Megan?

Goal: New Hampshire!

*By Megan Hemmer,
Member CDTC*

Climbing Them All!

On August 8, I parked at East Osceola parking lot near Lincoln, NH. I noticed a little kitten in the parking lot, and quickly sensed being followed. My dogs and I crossed a stream and I heard yowling. When I turned around, I saw a kitten rock hopping across the water! He continued to follow us—even up an old rock slide—and all the way to the summit. He stayed right off the trail in the woods, ignoring other people who passed.



We headed down and after eight miles, we made it back to the car. When I opened the door for Nani, the kitten jumped in, too. He came home and was named Azeban, after an Abenaki mythical trickster spirit racoon from New England!



On August 14-15, my three pups and I continued our quest to work on the New Hampshire 48—that's the 48 mountains in NH that are over 4,000 feet.

So, we climbed Mt Waumbek and Mt Cabot. Both trails were nice, uncrowded and easy as far as the White Mountains go.

Mt. Cabot had a view on the way up but neither mountain had a view at the summit.



CDTC Membership Benefits Review and Board Recommendation



In September 2016, the CDTC Board of Directors undertook a review of the state of operations at CDTC and developed a strategic business plan with an agreed-upon goal: *To develop and execute a membership, training, and competition program that allows the Club to sustain its existing physical plant program in the near-term and over time generate enough revenue and membership commitment to examine larger space options.*

One of the issues that we have been reviewing, with input from our membership, is Membership dues and benefits, which have historically represented approximately 15 percent of Club revenue. This review has been driven by the desire to keep the club on a sound financial footing given rising expenses and stable/declining revenue streams.

The decision was made to not increase our Membership fees for 2017/2018, but we have been examining the value of our current membership benefits, the different cost structure for various training classes/training groups, how our Club stacks up to other clubs in the area, and how changes to the Membership fees could affect Club revenues going forward.

Proposal for Membership Consideration

The Board believes that any changes in membership benefits should: (1) help increase or maintain revenues at existing levels of 15 percent of Club revenues; (2) equalize treatment of the various types of training classes at the Club; (3) encourage existing members to remain in the Club because of the value it provides; and (4) incentivize new members to join CDTC. Against these guidelines, we are proposing the following:

1. Maintain existing membership benefits for Active Members of two classes (any venue) per quarter (Jan-Mar, April-June, July-Sept and Oct-Dec). (\$1200 benefit.)
2. Equalize membership benefits and costs for all training classes - obedience, agility, rally, freestyle, conformation, flyball, tricks, etc. - as of January 1, 2018. There will be no separate fee structures for different classes and all classes count against membership benefits.
3. When an Active member registers for more than two classes a semester, the fee will be 50 percent of the published cost. The costs for all training classes will be comparable (an hourly rate of \$XX.00 across the board).
4. Training Groups will continue to be free to Active members. However, the Board is actively reviewing attaching a fee to the use of rings for Training Groups. We have continued to move Training Groups to a dormant status if/when we need the ring space for classes that generate an enrollment and income during peak periods (weekends/evenings).
5. Members are required to ensure they are in compliance with these membership guidelines. The Club is exploring additional compliance mechanisms.
6. The Club will review the impact of these changes on both Training and Membership revenues and additional changes in membership benefits may be considered if the Club determines that revenues are declining or additional revenues are required for major initiative such as moving the Club location.

be proposed change in Membership benefits was shared with all members in a note from CDTC President Carrie Solomon on September 11th, was discussed at the September 12, 2017 CDTC Members Meeting and will be posted at the Clubhouse. The Board has recommended a formal vote on the proposal at the October or November CDTC Member meetings. Please stay tuned for additional details on the date of the vote. You are welcome to share your comments in advance with Carrie Solomon, Wendy Wilkinson, Joan Adler and Lisa Barry.

New AKC Rally Rules Explained!

From CDTC Member and AKC Rally Judge, Sandi Atkinson:

In the performance of AKC Rally sign #35 (Call front, return to heel), the handler pauses after returning to the heel position. In the current Regulations book (red cover), pausing is NOT bold & underlined. (***Bolding & underlining together designate parts of the exercise which MUST be performed in order to avoid a mandatory 10-point deduction for an incorrectly performed exercise, or IP.***) The lack of bold & underlined on sign 35 was apparently an error because pausing is b & u on other exercises after the handler walks around the dog.

In the next edition of the Regulations (yellow cover, effective 11/1/17), the error is rectified. ***Not pausing*** will be scored as IP. The exercise does not change on 11/1/17, but if you compare the current and future descriptions word for word, you will notice several changes. You can watch a YouTube demonstration of the exercise: www.youtube.com/watch?v=ezzH8Neviic.

From AKC Rally Headquarters:

The descriptions for signs 211, 315, and 316 have been edited.

211. Double Left About Turn— While heeling, the handler will make an about turn to the left, while at the same time the dog must move around the handler to the right and into heel position. The handler will take two or three steps before the dog and handler complete the left about turn a second time.

315. Double Left About Turn-Right Turn— While heeling, the handler will make an about turn to the left, while at the same time the dog must move around the handler to the right and into heel position. The handler will take two or three steps before the dog and handler complete the left about turn a second time. The dog and handler then turn right and heel forward.

316. Double Left About Turn-Left Turn— While heeling, the handler will make an about turn to the left, while at the same time the dog must move around the handler to the right and into heel position. The handler will take two or three steps before the dog and handler complete the left about turn a second time. The dog and handler then turn left and heel forward.

GENERAL OBEDIENCE REGULATIONS:

The following are changes to the Obedience and Rally Regulations that became effective September 1, 2017:

Section 10. Identification. **Club clothing, AKC event clothing, or breed clothing may be worn by anyone exhibiting a dog or by ring stewards.** Clothing may display the person's name, the dog's call name and/or the dog's picture. **Titles may not be displayed.** Writing or graphics on the clothing must not be in poor taste or contain profanity. Clothing must not display any information that would be in conflict with a sponsor of the trial.

CDTC Rally Training Group News

Happy Fall!

We are making some changes to the Rally Training Group to bring it more in line with a “training group” (instead of “run-thrus” with a judge). This has always been the intent of this group, but it has drifted somewhat.

Also, I (Josie) will be taking a temporary “leave” to give attention to some family and other matters. Don’t worry, I still LOVE you all and love rally, and I will be back! In the meantime, Sue will manage the email list. I am confident you all will help Sue and Dianne with the training group, in the spirit of camaraderie and good sportsmanship!

Here are the changes:

1. Each attendee will serve as judge for another team. Please review your AKC Rules and Regulation book—this is how we all learned! If you don’t have one, you can download a PDF of the rulebook from the akc.org website. Go to: www.akc.org/rules/. You can download and print the new Rally regulations and sign descriptions.
2. Each attendee will serve as steward for another team (adjusting jumps, etc)
3. We will rotate thru teams by PERSON (not DOG or RING), giving each person equal number of turns
4. If time is short, priority for second (or third runs) go to those competing in the next 7 days
5. Everyone helps set up and clean up. Please do not leave until your ring is put away!
6. Sue Faber will manage the email list. We will send another email out to remind you to send Sue your information.

Please help us in continuing this awesome group in the tradition it was first established!

Thanks,
Josie McAuliffe



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. Please come early to help set up the course or stay late to help take it down (it’s easy!). 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!

CDTC Member Mariah Stover Proudly Introduces Puppy Tenley!



CDTC Member Bob Rogers Gives A Newfoundland Water Trial Presentation

At the CDTC August General Bob Rogers gave an excellent presentation of AKC Water Trials. Bob is a water trial judge and explained the different levels along with titles. He also played a video of the different levels and showed the special equipment. *(Photos by Joyce Dandridge)*





Team Shih Tzu Helps FEMA With Disaster Relief

with Burton & Shellie Goldstein



CDTC Obedience/Rally Trials! *(continued from page 1)*

is compiled after entries close, and we know much many and in which classes. Just know that where possible, we will try to allow more time to sleep, since I don't do early well!

AS ALWAYS—We book our judges years and years in advance. Hopefully you will have a great experience with whichever judge you show under. While there are no perfect facilities, Catoctin Kennel Club meets our needs. (Bear in mind, there is no air conditioning. While it can be hot, typically, it is mild.)

PLEASE ENTER—We are hoping that you take advantage of this annual opportunity to come out and test what you have been learning, amongst friends. Entry forms are in the Premium List which can be found on our website, the website of our show secretary, Clantyre, the A.K.C., and even mounted on the wall in the foyer of our clubhouse. (Okay, maybe you can't use THAT one, but all of the information is there.)

THE "VILLAGE THAT RAISES THE CHILD"—We have an incredible core group of club members that step up each year to help to put on this enormous weekend of events. Josie will oversee a rally "C" match on Thursday, starting at seven o'clock (evening). Ken will be overseeing an obedience "C" match on Friday, right after judging is finished (and we are allowed to start). Our great "ladies" of hospitality continue their traditions. Benita, Charma, Eileen, and Mary Helen will have treats each morning, and lunches for our judges, our volunteers, and for sale to exhibitors. You DON'T want to miss Benita's tomato bisque! If you want to contribute to the hospitality, please contact any of these great ladies. Bake, make, and/or even make a financial contribution.

HOW CAN YOU HELP???—We will be holding TWO complete rally trials, FOUR complete obedience trials, and ONE all-novice obedience trial. That's SEVEN trials! That's a LOT of volunteers! We like to have at least one experienced person at each of the three rings. Each judge determines who does what in their ring. They explain that to all of the ring workers. But it really helps to have that one person in each ring, designated as our "ring captain". That's three rings, early and late trial each day Saturday and Sunday, and three

more on Friday, so FIFTEEN ring captains. And a boatload of volunteers to help them. (At least three additional people per ring per trial.)

MORE OF THOSE "VILLAGE" FOLKS THAT WILL HELP TO "RAISE THIS 'CHILD'"—To coordinate all of the volunteers that will be needed to hold such as incredible undertaking, Carrie has offered to help with the staffing. As always, Shellie will be there to further coordinate things the day of, help explain, arrange for relief, and work the crowd for last minute volunteers. Please, please, please contact Carrie with when you can work, and even any preference, if we can accommodate. Sandy has a huge job of getting, arranging, and distributing ribbons and awards. Please offer to help her.

GETTING EVERYTHING OUT THERE AND BACK—In between trials we store ribbons, awards, no parking cones, ring equipment, on and on, all at our clubhouse, out of the way. That all has to be collected, dusted off, taken down, organized, hauled out to the trial site, before, and all of that reversed after the trials. If you see lots of stuff being moved around the clubhouse, please be patient with us. In fact, if you can drive stuff out to Catoctin in advance, and especially bring stuff back after the trials are finished that Sunday, please do. (Typically that's Bob that you see doing a majority of that work for us.)

WANT SOMETHING REALLY DIFFERENT? – If you have ever shown out at Catoctin, you have probably already taken my recommendation and visited the creamery just down the road. But if you want to really "experience" the weekend, come join us as we take the judges to dinner any night. (You'll have to pay your own way.) Our "host" hotel is in Frederick, Maryland, the Country Inn and Suites. Friday night we go to an upscale "diner". Run by the same folks that run "Volt", Bryan Voltaggio, this is not your everyday diner food. Saturday we go to a local landmark, Monocacy Crossing. Just let Shellie or me know that you want to join us.

AND EVERYTHING ELSE – And for everything that I didn't mention above, come see me.

**Thank you.
Burton, Show Chair**

CLASS SCHEDULES

Day	Date	Time	Instructor	Time	Class	Instructor
PUPPY KINDERGARTEN				AGILITY		
Sun	9-9:50 am	10/29-12/17	Freedman	Wed	8:00-9:15 pm	8/16-10/4 Hall
BASIC, ADVANCED BASIC & SUB-NOVICE				Sun	10:15-11:45 am	Starts 8/20 deBremond
Sun	Basic	9-9:50 am	Freedman	Sun	11:45-1:00 pm	Starts 8/20 Heyes
Mon	Sub-Novice	7:15-8:05 pm	Adler/Dwyer	Sun	4:45-6:15 pm	Starts 8/13 deBremond
Mon	Basic	8:30-9:20 pm	Hall	Sun	6:15-7:30 pm	Starts 8/13 Carter & Wohl
Wed	Adv. Basic	10:00-10:50 am	Solomon	Sun	7:30-8:45 pm	6/4-6/25 Carter
Wed	Basic	7:00-7:50 pm	Reinhardt	FREESTYLE		
Thur	Sub-Novice	9:30-10:20 am	Adler/Dwyer	Mon	C	10:00-12:00 pm Ely
Sat	Basic	9-9:50 am	Solomon	FLYBALL		
Sat	Adv. Basic	10:00-10:50 am	P. Miller	Sat	Beginning	6:30-7:30 pm Dwyer
NOVICE				Sat	Intermediate	7:30-8:30 pm Dwyer
Mon	C	7:15-8:05 pm	Glass	Sat	Competition	8:30-9:30 pm Dwyer
Thurs	C	9:30-10:20 am	Holt	CGC		
Thurs	C	6:00-6:50 pm	Dwyer	Sun	Prep 8/26, 9/9-23	Jeweler 3:00 pm All Rings
OPEN				Sun	Prep 10/14-28, 11/5	Jeweler 3:00 pm All Rings
Mon	C	6:00-7:15 pm	LaDieu	Sun	Test 9/24, 11/5	Solomon 2:00-5:00 pm All Rings
Tue	C (Beg.)	7:00-7:50 pm	Cleverdon	TDI TEST		
Thurs	C (Intermed.)	8:00-9:00 pm	Harry	Sun	Test 10/24	Hertz 3:00-5:00 pm All Rings
UTILITY				TRAINING GROUPS		
Mon	C	8:15-9:05 pm	Adler	Mon	C	10:00-12:00 pm Ely (Freestyle)
Thurs	C	6:00-7:00 pm	Harry/Prep	Tue	C	6:00-6:30 Cleverdon (Open & Util)
Thurs	C	7:00-8:00 pm	Harry	On Hold		
RALLY				Tue	C	8:00 Conformation
Thurs	Rally Class Set Up	11-11:30 am		Wed	C	9:30-10:20 am McCown
ThursC	11:30-12:15 pm	Daniel/Comp.		Wed	C	11:30-12:00 pm Spodak (Obedience TG)
Thurs	Rally Take Down	12:15 to 12:30		Wed	C	12:00-1:00 pm Spodak (Open Discussion)
Sat	TG: Rally	1:00-3:00	McAuliffe, Faber	Wed	C	1:00 pm Spodak (Freestyle TG)
TRICKS				Wed	C	4:30-5:30 pm Cleverdon
Tue	Adv. Tricks	11:30-12:50 pm	Rosen	Thurs	C	10:30-11:30 am Holt
Wed	Tricks	6:00-6:50 pm	Rosen	Thurs	C	12:30-2:20 pm Goldstein
				Fri	C	12:3-2:00 pm Faber
				Sat	C	10:00-11:00 pm Harab
				Sat	C	1:00-3:00 pm McAuliffe/Harab/Smith
				Sun	C	9:00-10:15 am Bob Reinhardt
CONFORMATION				BUILDING CLEANING		
Tue	Training Group	8pm	1-2	Tues	C	1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Fri	Group, April 20	7-9 pm	Bldg.	TG = Training Group		
				C = Continuing Class		

CLASS SCHEDULES

Time	Class	Instructor	Ring	Time	Class	Instructor	Ring
MONDAY				FRIDAY			
10-12 noon	Freestyle TG	Ely	Bldg	10:00-12:00	Freestyle	Ely	1-2-3
6:00-7:15	Open	LaDieu	2-3	12:30-2:00 pm	TG: UDX	Faber	2-3
7:15-8:05	Sub-Novice	Adler/Dwyer	3	SATURDAY			
7:15-8:05	Novice	Glass	1-2	9-9:50 am	Puppy K, 9/9-10/28	Solomon	2-3
8:15-9:05	Utility	Adler	2-3	10-10:50	Adv. Loose Leash Walking 9/16-9/30, 10/14	P. Miller	1-2
8:30-9:20	Basic, 9/11-10/17	Hall	1	11-11:50 am	Conformation TG	J. Harab	Bldg
TUESDAY				3-3:50	CGC Prep 9/9-9/23, 10/14-28, 11/4	Jeweler	Bldg
11:30-12:30	Advanced Tricks	Rosen	1-2	1:00-3:00	Rally Training Group McAuliffe/Harab/Faber/Smith		Bldg
1-3:30 pm	Building Cleaning			6:30-7:30	Beg. Flyball	Dwyer	Bldg
6:00 pm	Novice	Cleverdon	2-3	7:30-8:30	Intermediate Flyball	Dwyer	Bldg
6:00-6:50	Basic 8/1-9/5	Reinhardt	1	8:30-9:30	Competition Flyball	Dwyer	Bldg
7:00-7:50	Beg. Open	Cleverdon	2-3	SUNDAY			
8:00	Conformation Training Group		1-2	9-9:50 am	Puppy K 10/29-12/17	Freedman	2-3
8:00	Instructors Briefing	Daniel	1-2	9-9:50 am	Basic 9/17-10/22	Freedman	2-3
(Alternate dates with TG and Member & Board meetings)				10:15-11:45	Agility-Beginner Starts 8/20-10/8	deBremond	Bldg.
8:00-10:00	CDTC Meeting, 10/10		Bldg.	11:45-1:00 pm	Agility-Handling A Starts 8/20-10/8	Heyes	Bldg.
WEDNESDAY				3:00-3:50	CGC Prep, 9/9-23 10/14-28, 11/4	Jeweler	Bldg
9:30-10:20 am	TG: Novice	McCown	1-2	2:00-5:00	CGC Test, 9/24	Solomon	Bldg
11:30-noon	TG: Obed. Handling	Spodak	1-2	3:00-5:00	TDI Test, 9/24	Hertz	Bldg
12:00-1:00 pm	Discussion	Spodak		2:00-5:00	CGC Test, 11/5	Solomon	Bldg
1:00	Freestyle Training	Spodak	Bldg.	4:45-6:15	Agility-Intro 8/13-10/1	deBremond	Bldg.
5:00	Advanced Basic 9/13-10/18	Solomon	2-3	6:15-7:30	Handling B Starts 8/13	Carter & Wohl	Bldg.
6:00	Tricks 8/30-9/6	Rosen	Bldg.	More Doings At the Club!			
7:00	Basic 9/27-11/1	Reinhardt	1-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CDTC General Meeting: October 10, at 8 pm ■ CDTC Board Meeting: September 26 and October 24 at 8 pm 			
8:00-9:15	Competition Agility 8/16-10/4	Hall	Bldg.				
THURSDAY							
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	TG: Open/Utility	Goldstein	Bldg.				
6:00-6:50	Novice Obed.	Dwyer	1-2				
6:00-7:00	Utility Prep	Harry	3				
7:00-8:00 pm	Utility	Harry	2-3				
8:00-9:00	Open Intermediate	Harry	2-3				

September-October Rally Training Group Schedule

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

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

The Rally training group 2 will begin to slowly integrate some of the *NEW* rally signs.

Beginning in September, we will have one ring with nested courses—all utilizing the new signs, and keep one ring with only “old” (2012) signs.

Rally Training Group Dates:

September 30, October 14, 21 and 28

Please check our club’s listserv for any cancellations.

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 8:00 pm

CDTC Obedience & Rally Trials October 6, 7 & 8, 2017

Thursday: Rally “C” Match, Starts 7:00 pm

Friday:

- Rally Trial 1: Start time 10:00 am
- Rally Trial 2: Start time 12:00 pm
- Obedience (Novice classes ONLY): Start time 12:00 pm
- Obedience “C” Match: Start time 1/2 hour after conclusion of Obedience judging

Saturday:

- Obedience Trial 1: 8:00 am—12:00 pm
- Obedience Trial 2: 12:00 pm—4:00 pm*

Sunday

- Obedience Trial 1: 8:00 am—12:00 pm
- Obedience Trial 2: 12:00 am—4:00 pm

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