

# Obichaff

## Fair Games

*By Anita Gaeta*

Ever wondered where you can go to practice obedience, agility and rally with your dog all in the same place and within just a few hours time span from start to finish? Sound like a great cross-training location? What if that place had unusual distractions (longhorn bulls, amusement rides, crowds of milling people laughing, talking, carrying balloons, eating hot dogs, pushing strollers and stopping at ringside to watch you work) for the dog and human to contend with, a large and appreciative audience that clapped and cheered you on, and an announcer over a loud speaker proclaiming and explaining your every move? And as a bonus, how about if the location also boasted great ice cream, fried foods, cotton candy, grilled cheese sandwiches, lemonade and many other food and drink indulgences for you to indulge in after your practice was over?

Could this be your worst nightmare, or an exciting adventure with your dog? For about 15 Capital Dog Training Club members and students and their canine partners, it was all in an exciting nights “work” as we gave obedience, rally and agility demonstrations at the Montgomery County Agriculture Fair on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. CDTC has been giving demos at the Montgomery County Fair for 19 years. It’s a tradition and an exciting and busy



undertaking for all the club volunteers who come to help with setup and teardown for each demo activity and/or run their dogs through the routines in some or all of the demonstrations. This year’s demonstration was an action packed and busy event for all of us volunteers.



*And yet, for all the success and activities that were packed in to this year’s demo event, CDTC almost didn’t have a demo at the 2011 Fair.*

As the date approached for the CDTC demo to be held, and not having heard anything about it yet, CDTC member Burton Goldstein began to ask what plans there were for the event, and what preparations still needed to be done for it. He soon found out that unfortunately, this year’s demo had fallen thru the cracks in the clubs planning and with just a little more than a week before the actual demo, it didn’t look likely to be held. That’s when Burton and his wife, Shellie stepped in and through a whirlwind of effort, they canvassed the club for participants, coordinated the logistical details with the Fair authorities and

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**From the editor.....**

Hello Folks!

Please don't forget **Capital's Annual Obedience and Rally Trials** at Catoc-tin Kennel Club on the 8th and 9th of October.

***If you are not showing, please show-up to help!***

Green Cards will be available for you to record your Capital Points hours. Come find me and I'll give you a card.

If you are going, can you donate to the luncheon? See Benita's article on p.7 for details.

Also, please fill in and return the survey enclosed (or find it online). The Board would like your input. Why not do it during your next coffee break, or before you put your October *Obichaff* in the recycle bin (or carefully stored for future reference).

Finally, please let me know if you have suggestions for *Obichaff's* content. Something you like/don't like? Let me know.

See you at the Trial,  
*Melitta Carter, Editor*

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## President's Letter

*Suzanne Miller*

Happy Autumn, everyone. Now is the time for our dogs (at least the full-coated ones) to come up from their dismal summer of hugging the cool floors and searching for shade and romp joyously through the leaves. And we hope to see all of you back at meetings and in classes, enjoying the revitalization of the Fall.

You'll notice that there is one addition to the Obichaff this month – a Survey. The Board – and many other members – have been having conversations about the new AKC classes, and about what we should offer and focus on as an organization. There are so many dog sports to get involved in, it's hard to tell what we as a club should offer.

Hence the survey. It seemed a smart first step to find out what all our members are involved in – what you all think is important, before we start setting priorities.

So we decided to ask you. The survey cannot be as extensive and detailed as we might like (you really didn't want us to ask you to fill out that many pages, did you?). But the answers to these questions will give us all a pretty good snapshot of Capital, and provide direction for more in-depth conversations.

So, please take the time to fill this out – we do know that surveys are notoriously under-representative, but if you all participate, it will enable us to all have an idea how to make the Club more responsive – to make the Club what you want and need.

Sorry for the luddite paper and pen technology, everyone, but we will have an electronic copy of the survey up on the website by the time you get this. And you are certainly welcome to fill this out and simply drop it off at the Clubhouse the next time you're there – you can put it in the "suggestion" box in the entry way, you or your instructor can also put it either in my Roster file in the training floor cabinet or in the President folder in the equipment room cabinet. Or, you can support the US Postal Service and mail it to the Clubhouse – up to you. Actually, you could probably even scan it and email it to me. Be creative, but please do fill it out and share your ideas with us. We'll publish the results in the Obichaff and we can all be a part of figuring out what can make Capital the best dog training club in the region.

Thank you in advance for your input. Now let's all get out there and enjoy this fabulous weather with our dogs.



### AKC Delegate's Corner: Joyce Dandridge

In the committee meeting, further discussion on the jump height was deferred until the Obedience Business Plan for the next five years is presented. The committee will review the Plan before it is submitted to the AKC Board.

Much discussion occurred among the delegates over the AKC Board's decision to no longer have staff (in our case Curt Curtis, VP of Companion Events and others) attend committee meetings. All of the members of all committees were opposed to this decision and felt that at least one person from each department should participate in delegate committee meetings. We feel these are the people who have the answer to our questions and we can get immediate response. With this new ruling, questions go through a Board Member that sits on the committee and they bring back to the committee the answers. Members of all committees felt so strongly about having staff sit on committees that committee members are willing to give \$50 each from their stipend to support the staff expense. This would amount to over \$15,000 from the ten committees. This proposal was presented to the AKC Board at the meeting and the response was they would get back to us.

In the general meeting, the Delegate body voted on the proposal to have a Reserve Best in Show. It was approved and will start at shows Jan.1. Also, the AKC Field Performance Program was presented. There was a discussion of field trials and hunt trials. Retriever events, Spaniel events and Hound events were presented in slides.

It was mentioned that breeders' registrations continue to decline and that a number of corporate sponsors have reduced or canceled their support with AKC due to the economy. It was mentioned that there is also a large decline in commercial breeders, licensed breeders and puppies at stores shown by AKC research.

## Notes from the Training Director: Lisa Daniel

### *Let's Talk About Electronic Collars*

Let me first note, in case you are unaware, that electronic collars (“e-collars”), sometimes called “shock collars,” are not allowed at Capital Dog Training Club. I confess I do not know the history of that decision, but I would be surprised if at least part of the reason is that this tool can do considerable harm (primarily emotional) to a dog when used by an untrained handler. I personally have seen this tool abused, and, for the record, it appalls me that they are freely available to people with no training.

On the other hand, I will submit that my experience, both from watching professional e-collar trainers work, and from using the e-collar myself (yes, I have had some training, but not as much as I would like), is that e-collars *properly used*, can be more humane than even a flat collar. And they can be the ideal solution for people who want to have their dogs off-leash out in the country but still have control. And yet, many people view “shock collars” as the epitome of an inhumane training tool, and in some countries they have even been banned. So this column is designed to impart some information and even to *delicately* raise the question of “should anyone ever be allowed to use an e-collar at Capital?”

First, some background information: electronic collars were primarily designed to give the handler the ability to communicate with a dog over distances that cannot be bridged with a leash. They were developed by hunters for use with hunting dogs and originally were rather crude devices with only one level of electrical stimulation (“stim”) – a fairly high level – possible.

Modern e-collars are much different devices, **but they still require training of both dog and handler to be used properly.** First, all of the e-collars on the market today have the capacity to vary the level of stimulation (similar to a static “shock”) from undetectable to unpleasant. This is critically important since dogs vary widely in their sensitivity to the stimulation. Many modern models also include a “paging” feature

that simply vibrates rather than applying electronic stimulation. For some soft dogs, the vibration is sufficient.

There are basically three broad types of electronic collars in use today: the type I was referring to above are “training” collars, which will be the focus of my discussion, but there are also electronic anti-bark collars, and invisible fence collars. I am not a fan of the anti-bark e-collars because, like the old training e-collars they usually have only one level of stimulation and not only that, it is difficult for the handler to assess what that level is, since it is stimulated by the dog’s barking. I have seen and heard of a number of dogs who were simply freaked by such collars. Citronella collars, which shoot (harmless) citronella spray at the dog’s nose if he barks are preferable, if one cannot achieve “quiet” by other means.

The e-collars used by Invisible Fence and similar companies DO have variable stim, and the techs who install and set up the invisible fence system should match the stim to the dog. The issue with these e-collars is not the technology, it is simply that the tech needs to train the dog and the owners properly so that the dog clearly understands how it can avoid the stim (by not crossing the line marked by the flags). I have seen the sad results of poor training of this: dogs who are simply afraid to go in the yard at all for fear of the stim, which to them feels unpredictable and hence unavoidable.

There are quite a few brands of *training* e-collars (the kind that are operated by the handler holding a remote that looks like a walkie-talkie) to choose from. As I’ve mentioned, it is really unfortunate that these collars can be purchased by people who have ZERO training in either how dogs learn generally or in the use of the e-collar specifically. Certainly harm can be done, and a traumatized dog can result. Note that the “harm” is mainly emotional, not physical (which is not to minimize it!). Although I have heard from non-users of e-collars and I have read internet chatter discuss “burns” and the like as a result of e-collar use, the

serious e-collar users I've spoken with say they've never seen such a thing – perhaps because they are not abusing the equipment. Needless-to-say, I have never seen it in my own, more limited use.

*The most critical thing in training a dog on an e-collar is that the dog be able to grasp immediately how to turn off or avoid the stimulation.* If you think about that sentence, you will realize that it is a virtual guarantee that an otherwise untrained dog will NOT be able to meet that criterion. In other words, to train the e-collar humanely, the dog must FIRST be trained enough to understand and reliably obey some command (preferably “come,”), otherwise there will be no way to explain to the dog what is required to either turn off or avoid the stim.

Many of you know my dog, Lucky, because he comes and serves as my “demo-dog” for most of the classes I teach. Lucky frequently wears an e-collar if I am out somewhere where I can let him be off-leash. Honestly, partly because of who he is, I rarely “stim” him – but it is occasionally important to remind him, for example, that he cannot go into a street without permission *even if* someone he knows and loves turns up on the other side. It was also extremely useful in training him originally to that command (don't go in the street). I would be surprised to learn of anyone who thinks Lucky appears to be traumatized. On the other hand, would I use an e-collar on Cody, who is afraid of life? I would not, because I don't feel I have enough training to safely use it on such a timid dog (even just with the vibration. But I can think of at least one trainer, Martin Deely, whom I would trust to use it on Cody, because his skill as an e-collar trainer is matched only by his kindness.

Let me also note that the skill (and empathy) of the trainer is important even for a confident dog like

Lucky. My first experience with an e-collar was before I was a “trainer” in any way shape or form. Long story short: Lucky was six months old and had bitten my cleaning lady after she scared him to death. I called a trainer who was recommended by a neighbor. The trainer, who shall go nameless, put an e-collar on Lucky and proceeded to “stim” him without giving him any direction. He told me Lucky had to “figure out” that if he came to the trainer the stim would stop. Imagine “shaping” with shock instead of a clicker and you have the (really horrible) idea! Well, even knowing nothing, I stopped it after a minute or so because my little dog was clearly freaking out – and I had a low opinion of e-collar trainers for some time after that. Many years later, my mentor, Jean Pierson, taught me how to introduce the e-collar in a way that the dog would understand. Lucky understood immediately and has never shown any sign of anxiety since.

From time to time I get questions about e-collar use. By and large I refer them to one of the trainers I know who uses them a lot and has a lot more experience than I. For the most part I agree with the club's policy. I certainly would NOT EVER want to see people coming into the lower level classes with e-collars. On the other hand, it can be a useful and humane training tool for any kind of off-leash work. It can also be a solution for a person who is physically unable to control their dog with a leash. Finally, I would like to think of Capital as being a good source of information about ALL things related to dog obedience and right now the use of e-collars is a subject that is pretty much avoided totally. I'm sure that this column will generate some controversy.

The one “take-away” that I hope to leave you with is this: anyone seriously wanting to use an e-collar should enlist the help of a knowledgeable professional to get them and their dog started.



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came up with a schedule of events which all culminated in enough gate passes, volunteers and activities for the CDTC Fair demonstration tradition to carry on in 2011.

The night of the demo started off early when most of us met at 4:30 at the club house to load the necessary obedience, rally and agility equipment into the truck that was volunteered to haul the equipment (a friend of Lisa Lee, one of the agility participants, volunteered his pick-up truck so that we could have a large enough vehicle to carry most of the equipment; it should be noted that Lisa's friend is not a Capital DTC member, nor does he train and compete with a dog in any of the events- he simply did the club a very huge favor by volunteering his time, energy and truck to the cause). Once the equipment was loaded into the truck and several other vehicles we caravanned as best we could from the clubhouse to the fairgrounds; encountering a huge traffic back-up near the fairgrounds. Once there we unloaded and began setting up for the first activity, a rally demonstration. A full rally course was set up and several of us had fun working our dogs through the course as the audience watched and our announcer, Sandi Atkinson, explained what we were doing and what rally was all about. A really fun part of this rally course was that children were invited out of the audience to stand in place on the course holding some of the rally signs. It was fun for the kids to participate and a great training opportunity for the handlers to keep their dogs focused and motivated while heeling and performing past living sign holders!

We next demonstrated Open retrieve on flat and retrieve over high jump exercises. The audience was enthusiastic and appreciatively clapped when our dogs succeeded, but also cheered and clapped even harder when we had a blooper in our performance that we were able to recover from. They really appreciated seeing the dogs succeed whether the success came

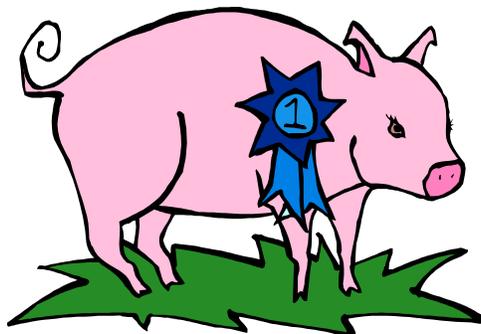
about as a result of a perfect first attempt or trial and error. Their encouragement was very motivating and a good reminder that sometimes perfection doesn't have to be the primary goal, rather, trying again and getting better each time is also something to be celebrated and encouraged.



More child volunteers were called up from the audience to participate in full-ring recall races with many of the obedience dogs. The dogs and kids loved it and each time the race was run, the dogs and kids got faster as they got into the spirit racing each other to the other end of the ring; the dogs to get to their handlers for a reward and the kids to see if they could outrace the

dogs! Next utility demonstrations were given showing the audience several of these more difficult, upper level exercises. I am sure it was hard for the audience to appreciate the years of training that goes into the making of a utility dog because our demo dogs and their handlers made it look relatively easy with their enthusiasm and/or experience.

As we tore down the obedience set-up and hustled out the agility equipment for the last demonstration of the evening, some of the club members took to the edges of the ring and gave the audience a "half time" show by showing off tricks and other talents their dogs had. Once the full agility course was set up the handlers did



a walkthrough and then it was time for dog and handler teams to take individual runs on the course. The agility runs were fast-paced, colorful and exciting for the audience to watch; sometimes the teams were flawless, and sometimes some stumbles came up along the way, but again the audience was enthusiastic about our efforts. It was also

great exposure for many of the dogs to run a course at a new location and gave all of us handlers an opportunity to see what areas we need to strengthen with our dogs.

At the end of the evening, with all the equipment dismantled and waiting to be loaded back in the trucks, vans and cars for transport back to the clubhouse, many audience members, adults and children alike, came out to meet and greet the dogs and handlers. It was fun to answer questions on how we train different exercises, and was especially fun to watch the little children get excited to pet the dogs. The meet and greet was a nice end to a long, event-filled couple hours.

As the equipment was brought back to the clubhouse and unloaded and stored, you could finally see the fatigue starting to hit all of us. It had been a long and busy evening of events, and it wasn't over until the last jump stanchion and rally cone was delivered safely back to the clubhouse.

While this was my first time volunteering for CDTC's Montgomery County Fair demonstration, I know it won't be my last! After all, where else can you go to

train your dog in obedience, rally and agility, all in the same location, where you get in for free, have fun with your dog, get to know some fellow exhibitors, and have the applause and cheers of an appreciative and forgiving crowd?



*[At the risk of leaving someone out of the large crowd of volunteers and working teams that participated in this year's CDTC Fair demo, participants included Sandi Atkinson as announcer, Ken Briefel with Maya, Bill Carlson with Lucy, Melitta Carter with Ella and Cino, April de Bremond with Colby, Carie de Bremond with Nitro, Shirley Ferguson with Lucy, Anita Gaeta with Kip, Burton Goldstein with MG, Shellie*

*Goldstein with Goldie, Lisa Lee with Mac, Denise Parsons with Cody and Anna, Mary Rice with Einstein, and Eileen Freedman and Valerie Gordon, pit crew extraordinaire.]*

### **Members Please Make a Donation for our October 9th Obedience Trial Judges luncheon!**

CDTC will be hosting our Judges luncheon that is free to the Judges and is also open to all exhibitors and attendees for a \$5 donation on Sunday October 9th.

Our menu will be homemade tomato bisque and assorted cold-cuts, cheeses, condiments and cake; as well as drinks. Your donation of a dessert, salad or money to offset costs is welcome. If you plan to donate food bring it to the trial in the am of October 9th and email Benita to tell her what you are bringing.

Please call or send information to Benita regarding your donation of food or money. All checks should be written to CDTC and may be sent to the Treasurer designating that they are for the luncheon. Please email Benita or call regarding your ability to support the luncheon. Thanks in advance for making our Judges Luncheon a success!

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## Who Does What at CDTC?

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The Dog Grooming Seminar, organized by Joyce Dandridge and hosted by Donna Cleverdon was successfully



completed on the 18th September. Participants included an Irish Water Spaniel, a Border Terrier, a Dachshund, a Pekinese, a Briard, a Poodle, and a Pomapoo. What a lot of different types of coats and cuts!



Donna was wonderfully informative and we all left with a greater appreciation for our hard-working groomers and with various hints (and door prizes) to help us show our dogs at their very best. Thank you very much, Donna and Joyce!

*Melitta Carter and Cino*

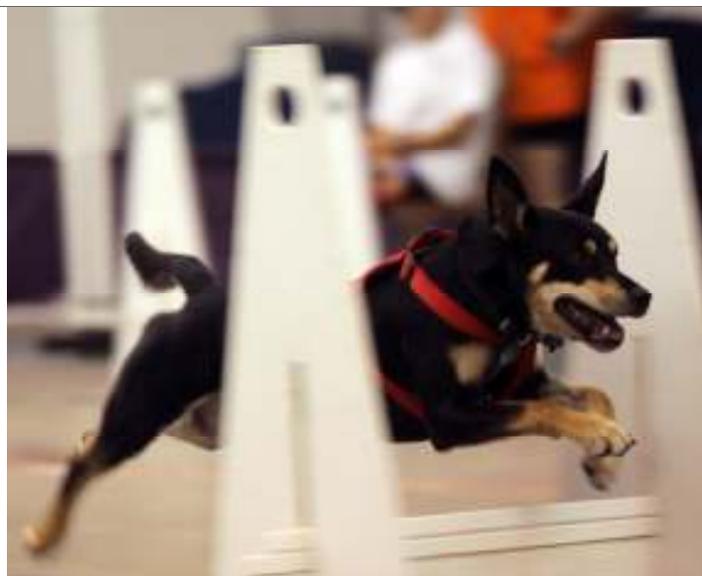
## Braggs!

### *Capital's Flyball Team Wins Second Place at Gettysburg Tournament*

The Capital Flyers Coach Class team won second place in their division at the SuperFly tourney in Gettysburg August 27 and 28, the weekend hurricane Irene swept through the area. The team also took home the Turtle Award, a distinction given to the team taking the longest time to win a race. Coach Class beat their opponent in 82 seconds, which was the longest race of the tournament where all dogs successfully completed the course. (Most races end in less than 30 seconds.)

The winning team consisted of Kerry D'Ascoli's Australian Shepherd Phoenix, Hazel Troendle's Border Terrier Breaker, Audrey Metro's Border Terrier Rowdy, and Kristin Weichman's Kelpies Mojo and Boss.

*Capital Flyers*



Boss jumps a flyball hurdle in the SuperFly tournament

Photo by Jim Hamann



I have yet another brag for the indefatigable Fenway....

On July 23, 2011, Fenway (Ch. Tartan Bay Green Monster) got his last leg for his AKC Novice FAST title at the Weimarner Club of Washington DC Area. Fenway completed his title with all placements in 3 straight tries. On the same day, he had his first foray into the Open classes and took home blue ribbons in both Jumpers and Standard. He is now officially "too cool".

*Pam Coblyn*

### Class Schedules

Time	Class	Instructor	Ring
<b>MONDAY</b>			
10-12	Freestyle TG	Ely	1-2-3
13-13:50	Basic 10/24-12/12	Christenson	1-2
18-19:15	Open	LaDieu	2-3
19:15-20:05	SN	Adler/Dwyer	1
19:30-20:30	Novice	Daniel	2-3
20:15-21:15	Utility	Adler	1-2
20:30-21:20	Basic 9/26-11/14	Hall	3
<b>TUESDAY</b>			
Prior to 8	Building Cleaning		
10 - 11	Clicker TG		1-2
13-16	Building Cleaning		
18-18:50	AB 8/30-10/18	Reinhardt	1-2
18-18:50	PK 10/25-12/20	Hathaway	3
19-20	Novice	Merchant	1
19-19:50	PK 8/30-10/18	Freedman	3
19-19:50	Basic 9/20-11/08	Miller	2
20-21 1st/3rd	TG	Jackson	2-3
20-22 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tue	Club Meeting		Bldg
4 <sup>th</sup> Tues.	Board Meeting		Bldg
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			
11-12	Clicker 2	Riley	2-3
12-14:30	Ob. Skills TG	Spodak	1-2
18-19	Beg. Rally 9/7-11/2	Harab	2-3
19-21:30	Agility		1-2-3
<b>THURSDAY</b>			
9:30-10:30	SN	Adler	3
9:30-10:30	Novice	Holt	1-2
10:30-11:30	Open	Holt	1-2
11:30-12:20	Comp.Rally	Daniel	3
12:30-14:30	Open/Utility TG	Goldstein	1-2-3
17-17:50	PK 9/8-10/13	Gurvin	1-2
18-19	Novice	Gurvin	1-2
18-19	Utility Prep	Harry	3

Time	Class	Instructor	Ring
<p>24-hour time</p> <p>0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23</p> <p>a.m. p.m.</p> <p>12 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11</p> <p>12-hour time</p>			
<b>THURSDAY</b>			
19-20	SN start Oct.20	Harringer	1
19-20	Utility	Harry	2-3
20-21	SN	Dornak	3
20-21:15	Open	Harry	1-2
<b>FRIDAY</b>			
10:15-12:30	Freestyle	Ely/ Kirschenman	1-2-3
19-20	SN	Cleverdon	1
19-20:30	CCI***	Hathaway	3
<b>SATURDAY</b>			
7:30-8:20	Good Manners 9/10-11/5	Melchior	2-3
9-9:50	AB 9/10-11/5	Young	1-2
9-9:50	AB 10/22-12/10	Solomon	3
10-10:50	Basic 9/10-11/5	Young	1-2
10-10:50	PK 10/15-12/3	Zarnowski	3
11-12:30	Freestyle	Guzman	1-2-3
13:30-14:45	Comp. Rally TG	McAuliffe	2-3
15-15:50	Beg. Rally 10/15-12/10	McAuliffe	2-3
16-16:50	Basic 8/27-10/29	Daniel	1-2
18:30-19:30	Beg.Flyball	Lindberg	1-2-3
19:30-20:30	Flyball practice	Dwyer	1-2-3
20:30-21:30	Flyball Comp.	Dwyer	1-2-3
<b>SUNDAY</b>			
16-21:30	Agility		1-2-3

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### Class Schedules

Day	Date	Time	Instructor
<b>PUPPY</b>			
	<b>KINDER</b>	<b>GARTEN</b>	
Tues	8/30-10/18	19-19:50	Freedman
Thurs	9/8-10/13	17-17:50	Gurvin
Tues	10/25-12/20	18-18:50	Hathaway
Sat	10/15-12/3	10-10:50	Zarnowski
<b>BASIC</b>			
Mon	9/26-11/14	20:30-21:20	Hall
Mon	10/24-12/12	13-13:50	Christenson
Tues	9/20-	19-19:50	Miller
Sat	9/10-11/5	10-10:50	Young
Sat	8/27-10/29	16-16:50	Daniel
<b>AB</b>			
Tues	8/30-10/18	18-18:50	Reinhardt
Sat	9/10-11/5	9-9:50	Young
Sat	10/22-12/10	9-9:50	Solomon
<b>GOOD MANNERS</b>			
Sat	9/10-11/5	7:30-8:20	Melchior
<b>SUB-NOVICE</b>			
Mon	C	19:15-20:05	Adler/Dwyer
Thurs	C	9:30-10:30	Adler
Thurs	C	19-20	Harringer
Thurs	C	20-21	Dornak
Fri	C	19-20	Cleverdon
<b>NOVICE</b>			
Mon	C	19:30-20:30	Daniel
Tues	C	19-20	Merchant
Thurs	C	9:30-10:30	Holt
Thurs	C	18-19	Gurvin
<b>OPEN</b>			
Mon	C	18-19:15	LaDieu
Thurs	C	10:30-11:30	Holt
Thurs	C	20-21:15	Harry

Day	Date	Time	Instructor
<b>UTILITY</b>			
Mon	C	20:15-21:15	Adler
Thurs	C	18-19 (prep)	Harry
Thurs	C	19-20	Harry
<b>FREESTYLE</b>			
Mon	C	10-12	Ely
Fri	C	10:15-12:30	Ely/ Kirschenman
Sat	C	11-12:30	Guzman
<b>BEGINNING RALLY</b>			
Sat	10/15-12/10	15-15:50	McAuliffe
Wed	09/07 start	18-19	Harab
<b>COMPETITION RALLY</b>			
Thurs	C	11:30-12:20	Daniel
<b>TRAINING GROUPS</b>			
Mon	C	10-12	Ely
Tues	C	10-11	
Tues (alt.)	C	20-21	Jackson
Wed	C	12-14:30 ob.Skills	Spodak
Thurs	C	12:30-14:40	Goldstein
Sat	C	13:30-14:45	McAuliffe
<b>FLYBALL</b>			
Sat	C	18:30-21:30	Lindberg/Dwyer
<b>AGILITY</b>			
Wed	8 weeks	19-21:30	
Sun	8 weeks	16-21:30	
<b>OUTSIDE GROUPS</b>			
Fri	C	19-20:30 CCI	Hathaway
<b>BUILDING CLEANING</b>			

<p><b>Special Events</b>  <b>October 2, Tracy Sklenar Agility Workshop</b>  <b>October 23, T-Touch Seminar</b></p>
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CDTC offers a variety of other activities for dogs and people, including matches, trials and seminars on dog-related topics.

Capital has a fully matted indoor, air-conditioned facility in Silver Spring, Md.

**Important Dates at Capital**

**8 and 9 October: CDTC Annual Rally and Obedience Trial**

**Tuesday, October 11: Members' Meeting**



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