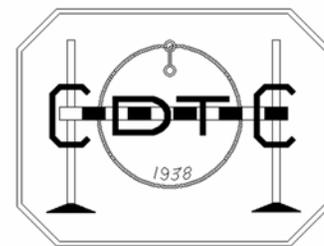


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TOP AKC Breeds 2009

1. Labrador Retriever
2. German Shepherd Dog
3. Yorkshire Terrier
4. Golden Retriever
5. Beagle
6. Boxer
7. Bulldog
8. Dachshund
9. Poodle
10. Shih Tzu

The Westminster Experience

Benita Bottom-Svitchan, my husband Jeff and I attended the second day of the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York on February 16. Jeff and I wanted to see the field spaniels and Benita was anxious to see the Portuguese water dogs.

Westminster is a unique experience, even for conformation show veterans. Only American Kennel Club conformation champions can be entered and all the AKC recognized breeds are shown. Westminster is one of the few

benched shows left in the country. This means that all dogs who are entered are required to be available for viewing by the public in the benching area. Exhibitors

must arrive before 11:30 a.m. and are not allowed to leave until 8 p.m. on the day of breed showing.

The benching area is located in the concourse around the arena and is arranged in rows by breed. There are vendors all around the benching area. As you can imagine, this section is crowded with dogs, owners, handlers, groomers, crates, and attendees. It is uncomfortably tight and warm. The dogs are exercised



Best-in-show judging at this year's Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show.

in a large x-pen spread with sawdust in the benching area. The grooming section is located next to the benching

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2010 Agility Trial Volunteers Still Needed

Capital Dog Training Club will host its annual agility trial on Friday, April 9, Saturday, April 10, and Sunday, April 11. The trial will be at the Carroll Indoor Sports Complex in Westminster, MD. For details, please see the premium list at www.cdctc.org.

There will be two rings running simultaneously: the standard agility ring and a second ring for the F.A.S.T. agility classes

and jumpers with weave poles. This will require two complete sets of workers and equipment and two judges.

There are lots of opportunities for volunteers at this three-day trial, including: gate stewards, leash runners, score runners, ring crew, course builders, timers, scribes, and assistant scribes. No experience nor knowledge

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

With the snow finally melted (almost), everyone is eager to get back to their routines and classes. Spring is just around the corner. The Spring class schedule is now posted on the web site and volunteers are being signed up for the CDTC Agility Trial in April. Spring cleaning is underway at the Clubhouse and on the grounds (see Donna's letter on page 8).

If you are ready to get out of the house, CDTC will be holding a CGC/TDI test on March 28 and a T-Touch Seminar on March 20.
 —Patti Miller

T-Touch Seminar with Pam Wanveer

March 20 1p.m.

CAPITAL DOG TRAINING CLUB
 2758 Garfield Avenue, Silver Spring, MD

This seminar will be given by highly respected local T-Touch practitioner Pam Wanveer (<http://www.woodsiddetouch.com/main.html>).

This seminar does not require previous familiarity with T-Touch.

Cost: Working slots are \$100; Auditors are \$50
 FMI or to register: shandavegh@gmail.com

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President's Letter

On February 7, 2010, Capital Dog Training Club celebrated its 63rd birthday, making Capital the oldest American Kennel Club-member dog club in the greater Washington area. The original purposes of Capital, as stated in 1947, were: “to promote interest in the training of the dog for general utility, and for show competition, by conducting classes, offering instructions in the work (*sic*); by holding a licensed Obedience Trial and by holding at least one intra-club match each year; and further, to disseminate information on training and training methods to the general public.”

A lot has changed in the sport of dogs in 63 years, and Capital has kept up with it. We now have an extensive agility program, tracking training and tests, rally classes and run-thrus, flyball, freestyle, and conformation handling. Our founders would be amazed at how the club has grown. Yet all the while, we have kept true to our original charter to offer training classes for the general public and for competition.

Other things have changed as well, most notably our means of communication. *Obichaff* has been our primary means of communication for 63 years—and copies are available from the earliest of days, if you want to catch up on a bit of dog world history.

Now we find ourselves in the Internet era, communicating with an ease that would have astounded our founders. In addition to our web site—cited as the most frequent source of contact for new students—Capital has an active listserv, a quick way of sharing club information, brags, and thoughts. For those of you who have not yet found your way there, go to Yahoo groups, search for Capital Dog Training Club, and sign up. It's pretty simple. If you have any questions, just email me and I'll be happy to help you sign up.

I found yet another web-based venue invaluable during the recent snowstorms. Capital has a lively presence on Facebook. Stuck inside as most of us were, we shared pictures of dogs in the snow, videos of dogs in the snow, commentary on dogs in the snow. We commiserated about the quest for the perfect, acceptable “spot” for dogs who were used to grass and trees. We shared anecdotes and advice about snowballs on dog coats, snowballs between dog toes, and the proper outdoor wear for various breeds. We were together and a community, while separated by many miles and tons of snow. If you are a member of this popular Internet social networking site, just search for our group and join.

So join us in communicating through the new means available. We are a community, as well as a club. And come to the next general meeting on March 9 with ideas for making these meetings valuable to you and chat in person during the social time. The “snowmageddon” kept us from a proper celebration of the club's birthday in February, so we'll have to hold that party at the end of our business meeting in March. Hope to see you all there.

—Suzanne Miller

Notes from the Training Director: Prong Collars

This month I would like to discuss Capital Dog Training Club's policy regarding prong collars. CDTC's Policies and Procedures Manual states: “Prong Collars can be used by training members in Basic and Sub-novice with approval of the Instructor and permission by the Training Director or Assistant Training Director. Active Members may use a Prong Collar in any class with permission of instructor.”

One of the things we instructors at Capital treasure is the freedom to teach the methods we are most comfortable with—there is no dogma to which we must adhere. Thus, we have instructors whose approaches range from purely positive to more traditional. For this reason, too, we have instructors who are more familiar or comfortable with some types of equipment than with others. The prong (or “pinch”) collar

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AKC Delegate's Corner

I am now accepting nominations for Capital's Outstanding Sportsmanship Award. The deadline for nominations is April 15. Any member may write a brief statement supporting a nomination, using the following criteria:

1. The recipient will have been an Active Member in good standing for at least five continuous years and will have contributed time and effort in support of club activities, for example classes, matches and trials. The member making the nomination must check with the nominee.
2. The recipient will have made a difference in the sport of performance dogs, for instance helping and encouraging newcomers, promoting participation in club activities among members and furthering the knowledge and practice of dog training.
3. The recipient will have been an example of good sportsmanship.

Voting on the submissions will take place at the General Membership meeting in June. The award will be made at the Awards Dinner at the July General Membership meeting. This is a chance for you to show your appreciation to someone who has made a difference for you and indeed for all of us in this club, in the endeavor of training dogs.

—Joyce Dandridge

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is necessary to volunteer. Volunteers will be shown everything that is needed just before they start working. We also need people at the trial site on Thursday evening to unload the agility equipment truck and after the trial on Sunday to help to load the equipment truck.

Workers will receive coupons good toward food at the snack bar or toward their entry fee for next year and a chance for a workers' raffle. We also need items for these raffle baskets, so please save items that you have and ask your friendly pet store for items that we can use.

Whether you are a seasoned veteran, wanting to enter the first trial of the spring, or just starting in agility, please register to compete and/or work our trial. We need all of our members, family members, friends—this is a huge undertaking and we need everyone's help. Please send your offer to work to Shellie Goldstein, at Shellie.A@verizon.net. Your club needs you and you will be right in the middle of the action and get to know more about agility than you could ever imagine!

—Burton Goldstein

Rally Run-Thrus

CDTC will be holding AKC rally run-throughs Tuesday evening, 8–9 p.m., on 3/16 and 3/30. The run-thrus are free for CDTC members and \$10 run/dog for nonmembers (paid for by **check** only, made out to CDTC). If you will be coming, please email Sandi Atkinson (idnasa@aol.com) a couple of days ahead or call her at 301-977-2867 and give your name, email/telephone no., dog breed(s), names, rally level (Nov., Adv., Exc.), and date of attendance. You will be expected to help set up the courses and may be asked to provide feedback for others. If you have a course that you would like to try out (either from a previous trial or one you have designed), please let Sandi know. We expect to have 2 courses: Novice every week and alternate between Advanced and Excellent, depending on what attendees want. These run-throughs are training opportunities for those who are showing or plan to show in rally.

Join the Club...

I did that fast mental calculus. You know like what you do before a right turn on red or when you are contemplating a cookie in light of the holiday waistline. “Sit!” intoned the owner for what had to be the 10th time. The pup looked around and sniffed the curb. “Aw come on” reasoned the owner, “Be a good dog.” “SIT!”

And then it bubbled over, “I-can’t-get-anywhere-with-this-dog” muttered the owner. That’s where the calculus came in. Should I just stand and wait for the “Walk” light or share with a fellow pilgrim?

Not just waiting for the “Walk” light is a time honored tradition at this club. The club exists because members don’t hesitate to help when there’s a training problem or event. People come here for countless reasons. Agility, obedience, flyball, tracking, freestyle—you name it. They come here confident they’ll find someone here who isn’t going to just stand around waiting for the “Walk” sign.

So tap the talent and join the club. Here’s what you need to do:

1. Become a training member. Hit our web site (www.CDTC.org) and sign up for a course. You’ll find that if nothing else the \$100 spent for a Puppy or Basic class will keep strangers from offering advice while waiting for the “Walk” sign.
2. Go to class and enjoy your dog. 12 weeks is all it takes. OK, it took me 24 weeks and two classes to get the hang of it. But in the end you can become eligible to join the club either by taking a proficiency test (free and repeatable, ask your instructor) or wow us by qualifying at an AKC trial.
3. Contact me for a membership application or get it from the file cabinet in the clubhouse. I can be reached at CDTCmember@gmail.com, although I vastly prefer phone calls at (202) 262-5734.

Once you have applied for membership and coughed up the accompanying dues (\$100), your job’s done and from then on training courses are free. Since membership renews on July 1, if you apply between January 1 and June 30 you only have to pay half a year’s dues.

When I get your application it’s my job to squire it through the membership process as quickly as possible. First, your application is read at the next general meeting—and you’re welcome to come and make sure we don’t butcher your name! I try to be at the monthly meetings (second Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. in the clubhouse) and welcome a chance to get to know you, answer questions, and introduce you to the general mayhem that passes for a meeting. Next, your application goes to the club’s Board of Directors. When it’s your turn to be on the board you’ll realize that this step is generally quick. Finally, your application gets voted on by the general membership at the next meeting.

Now, the “real world” tends to muck up the process. If a general meeting doesn’t have a quorum (25 members), votes on new members can’t be taken. Vacations and holidays play havoc with people’s schedules and make it hard to raise a quorum in the summer and winter. So expect a delay—and resolve to get rid of the delay by attending more than the required four general meetings a year once you’re a member.

Speaking of delays, I struck up a conversation at that “Don’t Walk” sign. A most delightful PhD candidate (mathematics) tethered to a German shepherd dog. We missed the next “walk” cycle for a short curb-side course in delivering a correction. I watched the pair go down the block together. To my delight the dog promptly sat at the next intersection.

—Win Wiencke

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Don’t want to receive a copy of Obichaff in the mail? No problem. Just email Marian Hardy at mhzoo@aol.com and ask to have your name removed from the Obichaff mailing list. All club members subscribed to the CDTC listserv will receive notification when the PDF of Obichaff is posted to the web site.

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is a piece of equipment that can generate strong reactions and is not always well understood. My original training mentor, who was in fact a traditional leash and (choke) collar trainer, had a gut reaction against prong collars, which she bequeathed to me. After all, they certainly look nasty! For those whose reaction is similar, or who are just uncertain about their use, how to fit them properly, or when one might be appropriate, I would like to share the evolution of my thinking about them.

The first “chipping away” at my negative feelings about prong collars came from my vet, Dr. Diane Ferris. Not only does she recommend them in many cases, but she uses them herself on her Dobermans. Dr. Ferris cannot be easily pigeonholed in terms of the “politics” of her dog views: her doxies have natural ears and undocked tails, for example. She was the one who first pointed out to me that, fitted correctly (and I will return to this very important point), prong collars, unlike ANY other neck collar (buckle, choke, martingale) are tracheal-protective. That is, because of their even pinching action, they put no pressure on the trachea. If you doubt that a flat buckle collar puts pressure on the trachea, try putting one on yourself and pull back on it.

Subsequent discussions with a wide variety of pet dog and competitive obedience trainers led me to give prong collars a try on my own dogs and to see for myself what their costs and benefits were. I also have used the “Triple Crown” collar, which is essentially a plastic prong. I also have tried putting the prong collar on both my arm and my neck. If you have never done so, I encourage you to try it, with the caveat that it needs to be put on properly to begin with.

Fitting a Prong Collar

I encourage ALL the instructors at Capital, if they don’t know already, to learn how to properly fit a prong collar, even if you loathe the very idea. Here’s why: our students can and do buy them at PetSmart with no instruction on how to fit them correctly and then they (thank goodness!) wander in to one of our classes. While it is perfectly in accordance with our policy for the instructor to disallow the wearing of the collar in class, how do you know the owner is not going to continue to use it outside of class? Many, many dogs can be found wearing prong collars that are much too loose and therefore dangerous to the dog. Why does this happen? Because it’s a pain in the butt to undo the prongs in order to get the collar on properly, so they put it over the dog’s head. That guarantees the collar will be too loose, and when the collar is loose, if the dog bolts after a squirrel, he can yank one of those prongs into his neck (try this on your arm). The most important aspect of fitting a prong collar is that it must be *lightly engaged* even when there is no leash pressure. If you play with it on your arm, you will see that if you start off with it lightly engaged (i.e., standing up, not slack), then when it tightens, it simply pinches evenly. If it is loose, it does not tighten properly—it can tighten unevenly or even (with enough force) drive a prong into the skin. Again, this does NOT happen if the collar is correctly engaged to begin with.

My (hopefully gentle) suggestion is: even if you are going to disallow prong collars in your class, know how one should be fitted so that you can educate your student who may very well go ahead and use it otherwise. You may save a dog from serious injury. If nothing else, you can refer them to the best description I know of (complete with pictures) for fitting a prong collar, which can be found at <http://leerburg.com/fit-prong.htm>.

Please be aware of two facts regarding prong collars. 1) It is possible to purchase prong collars with “quick releases” in all but the micro size. These quick releases make it much easier to fit the collar properly and get it on and off a squirming, excited dog. The major pet chain stores do not sell these but they can be found at J & J Dog Supplies and other Internet retailers. 2) Even without the quick release (and especially with one), prong collars can sometimes pop open under duress. For this reason, I always back up a prong collar with a slightly oversized nylon slip collar—clipping the leash to both. The slip collar should be

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just loose enough that it never engages as long as the prong is intact, but it serves as an all-important backup if that prong collar comes apart. We had a dog in a Basic class last year pop his prong collar and we had some tense moments before the dog was back under control. For your own safety and your students' safety, if you do allow prong collars in class, please insist that the dog wear a backup slip collar as well.

Dog Overpowering Owner: prong collar, head halter, no-jump harness?

I think it is natural that we instructors all tend to stick within our comfort zones, but it is good to think about why we make the decisions we do. In the case of a large dog overpowering a small or weak owner, the right “tool” often can make a difference. I think there is a perception that head halters and no-jump harnesses are kinder tools than prong collars. I'm not sure that perception is justified by the facts, but all three tools potentially have their uses, although I believe that the type of no-jump harness that clips in front does not pass a cost–benefit test. This is because the mode of action necessarily puts unnatural forward pressure on the dog's left shoulder and elbow (assuming the dog is walking on the left). There is also a significant risk of the dog somersaulting if it bolts. On the other hand, the Sporn “no jump” halter (with a back clip) does not suffer from this defect.

I generally view head halters and no-jump harnesses as useful *management* tools, especially for a handler that is, for whatever reason, not going to be able to train the dog to walk nicely otherwise, such as an elderly person who can't risk being pulled over. However, I haven't found them to be such useful *training* tools. By this I mean that while, like a prong collar, they provide negative reinforcement (the dog learns it is more pleasant not to pull), one cannot really communicate a correction to the dog. As a result, the dog tends to revert to form (pulling) as soon as it is wearing some other kind of collar. On the other hand, I have found the prong collar to be useful for communicating a correction with the dog and I find that I get “carry over” from the prong to other collars once the dog has learned what a leash “pop” means. (Naturally the “pop” with a prong needs to be less than the “pop” with a flat or a choke collar). So when confronted with a dog owner that needs more “power,” I usually ask myself: do they need a training tool or a management tool?

Introducing a Prong Collar

Just as I would never slap a head halter on a dog and start working him, neither would I slap a prong collar on a dog and start working him. I have trained many dogs—especially labs, who, after all, were bred to break through ice in rivers—who've shown little or no reaction to them other than to respond to leash pressure or corrections where they didn't before. On the other hand, I have occasionally trained dogs who were, at least initially, made anxious by the unfamiliar feel of the light pressure of the correctly engaged collar at first.

I always recommend that the collar (just as with a head halter) be introduced initially with treats and left on for brief periods (10 to 15 minutes) in the house, under supervision, with no leash pressure for a couple of days. Then I would put a leash on in the house and get the dog used to normal walking where there are no distractions, before taking the dog into a distracting environment where the dog may very well give himself a sharp correction when he first charges after a squirrel.

It may be worth noting that my slightly anxious corgi, Cody, sometimes wears a prong collar and not uncommonly wears a Triple Crown. In both cases he was acclimated as above, and his only reaction to the sight of either collar now is sheer excitement because he knows it means we're going on a “fun” walk.

Mini-Prongs: Am I serious?

Okay, when I learned about the existence of “mini-prongs” (for dogs between 5 and 15 pounds), my first

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CDTC Welcomes New Members

Laura Yee

About five years ago, I adopted a pit bull mix, Mrs. Brisby, from one of my students. We began training at Star City Training Club in Roanoke, VA, and both of us fell in love with it. When we moved to the DC area, Star City recommended CDTC to continue our training. My goal is to continue working with Mrs. Brisby to maintain a positive, trusting relationship, and have a little fun, too! I have a passion for pit bulls (we own two) and would like to help change their reputation by owning two magnificently obedient ones.

Matthew Buck

I came to CDTC to train my pit bull, Judo, after a member of my household, Laura Yee, joined to train our pit bull mix, Mrs. Brisby. My goal is to create an environment of trust and respect with my dog. I also want to provide an outlet for my dog's energy through obedience and agility. e started taking classes in the spring and have enjoyed the outcome.

New member profiles compiled by Lois Kietur.

Dear Friends,

As you know, we are required by Club rules to allow our dogs to eliminate only in the designated area along the fence on the side of the parking lot opposite the building. During a recent event at our clubhouse, I could not help but notice that this area had become thickly littered with trash from fast-food and with many beer cans and bottles. It really looked bad, not to mention the obvious hazard to our dogs should any of the beer bottles break. I was deeply embarrassed that we had neglected to keep this area tidy, especially so since we had many visitors that weekend. Remember, we have lots of visitors nearly every weekend, with run-thrus and all the other events that are regularly scheduled.

I did make a quick clean-up effort soon after that unsavory discovery and the “exercise area” looks improved at the moment. However, it is unlikely to remain relatively clean unless all of us take notice and help. You may remember some time ago in New York City, Mayor Bloomberg took a very tough stance against litterers—fined them heavily and cracked down hard on this type of pollution. The result was a remarkable turn-around in the cleanliness quotient of the city.

I am not contemplating a stake-out to watch for the culprits: I am just remarking that it is a known fact that litter attracts more litter. I have found this very true in my own efforts to clean up the eastern end of Garfield Ave. When I first opened Cleverdog on Garfield Ave. over 10 years ago, the street was heavily littered. It was a lot of work to keep the trash picked up. Now it is rare that I have to go out with a bag and collect garbage.

I am hoping that if we can form a core group of six or eight members to make a regular habit of collecting trash in our parking lot, that we can make the same kind of impact on the trash-throwers. Let's take ownership of the Tidiness Factor! Anyone who is interested in signing on with me for this little task, email me at clvrddog@verizon.net, or call, and I'll be in touch to coordinate. Thanks in advance for your help and concern.

—Donna Cleverdon

Brag

Kiley a rescued border collie, who was two in December, owned by Gabi Golec, earned his third Open leg and his CDX title at the Sheltie trial held at CTA. We are now training for Utility, this will probably take awhile.

—Gabi Golec

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thought was: “who on earth would put a prong collar on such a little dog and WHY?”

Interestingly, this was the subject line of a query on one of the trainer listserves that I frequent. I found the answers fascinating and since have had some experiences that bear them out. Think for a minute about a young toy dog that is doing what I like to call the “Mexican jumping bean” routine at the end of a leash in Basic class. If it’s on a conventional buckle collar, every time it runs to the end of its leash it whams its trachea, and the impact may even cause it to lose its footing. We’re not even talking about corrections here, just self-inflicted “wounds.” Then consider that quite a few toy breeds, and especially poodles and poodle mixes, are prone to a condition called “tracheal collapse,” the first symptom of which is a dry “smokers” cough when it spends any time on a leash and collar.

Now consider that the prong collar is tracheal protective and that you can get the dog’s attention with a tiny movement of your finger that does not yank the dog’s neck at all or cause it to come anywhere close to losing its balance. I submit to you that it is a delicate tool for a delicate dog. Again, the collar needs to be properly fitted and introduced, but for tiny dogs I have come to the conclusion that it may in fact be the optimal training tool. I have seen some bewildered and frustrated little dogs suddenly “get it” when their handlers switched to this tool and were enabled to communicate with the dog in a subtle way instead of dragging them around at the end of the leash.

When NOT to use a prong collar

First, please be aware that a prong collar can heighten aggression in an already aggressive dog and can cause the dog to come back up the leash to attack the handler. Although it may seem like “heavy artillery,” a prong collar is not the tool of choice with a genuinely aggressive dog both for the reason just stated and because you cannot protect yourself as you can with a training (“choke”) collar by depriving the dog of air. If this sounds harsh, keep in mind that I am talking about a situation in which a dog is attacking you.

Second, I would hesitate to use a prong collar with an already anxious, fearful, or shy dog. If, for whatever reason, I felt it could be a useful tool for such a dog, I would take a good long time acclimating the dog to it and assessing whether it was going to be useful or counterproductive.

In conclusion, I am not about to second-guess your decision about whether and when to allow prong collars in your classes, but I hope I have given some of you some food for thought. I’m happy to discuss prong collars and I would be even happier to show anyone who wants how to fit one.

—Lisa Daniel

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area. It is very confining, with many groomers vying to achieve the perfect effect.

The exhibition area includes five rings on the arena floor. People are seated in the arena itself, as well as around all five rings. Depending upon the popularity of the breed being show, there can be a dense crowd around the rings during the breed showing, with everyone rooting for their favorite.

The various breeds are show during the morning and early afternoon, with the event moving at a quick pace. The evening session, which features the various groups, is more formal and begins at 8 p.m. On Tuesday there was a junior handler competition and three groups shown: Sporting, Working, and Terrier. Tuesday evening was topped off by the Best in Show competition—the ultimate showplace for dog and handler, with its much-coveted silver trophy.

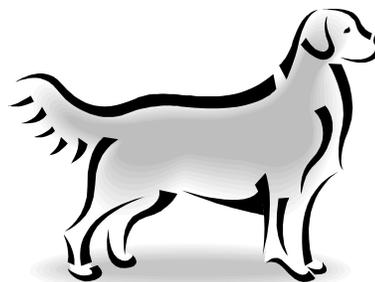
The Westminster Dog Show is an exceptional experience—fun and unusual in that it is a benched show and you are able to see all of the dogs competing together for the entire day. Of course, my favorite part was seeing the field spaniels and our friend winning the breed, but this first-class exhibition gives dog lovers of all kinds the opportunity to see the finest example of the breeds.

—Dianne Harab

Class Schedules

Time	Class	Instructor	Ring
MONDAY			
10-11:30.	Freestyle TG	Ely	2-3
6-7:15	Open	LaDieu	2-3
7:15-8:05	SN	Adler/Dwyer	1
7:30-8:30	Novice	Golec	3
8:15-9:15	Utility	Adler	1-2
8:30-9:20	Basic, 3/22-5/10	Hall	3
6:00 - 6:50	Basic, 4/19-6/7	Harringers	1
TUESDAY			
6-6:50	Puppy K, 2/16-4/6	Hathaway	3
7-7:50	Puppy K, 4/6-5/25	Freedman	3
6-6:50	Basic, 4/13- /1	Crawford	2-3
6-6:50	AB, 3/16-5/4	Daniel	1-2
7-7:50	CGC Class, 3/2-3/23	Gordon	2-3
7-8	Novice	Merchant	1
2 nd Tues. 8-10	Club Meeting		Bldg.
4 th Tues.	Board Meeting		Bldg.
WEDNESDAY			
10-11a.m.	Nov/Open	Riley	1-2
12-2:30	Ob. Skills TG	Spodak	1-2
6-7:30	Agility (Hndl. B)	Harrill	1-2-3
7:30-9	Agility (Intro)	Briefel	1-2-3
THURSDAY			
9:30-10:30a.m.	SN	Adler	1-2
9:30-10:30a.m.	Novice	Holt	3
11-12	Rally, 3/18-5/13	Daniel	2-3
11:30-12:20	Basic, 3/18-5/6	Christensen	1-2
6-7	Novice	Gurvin	1-2
6:30-8	Utility	Harry	1-2
7-8	Retrieve	Dornak	3
7-8	Basic, 3/11-4/29	Miller	1
8-9	SN	Dornak	3
8-9	Open	Harry	1-2
9-10	Open	Nappier	2
FRIDAY			
10:15-12:30	Freestyle	Ely/ Kirschenman	1-2-3
1-4	Building Cleaning		Bldg.
7:00-8:0	Novice	Cleverdon	1
7-8:30	CCI*	Hathaway	3

*Canine Companions for Independence

**SATURDAY**

7:30-8:30	Manners, 1/16-3/20	Melchior	2-3
9-10:00	Conform, 1/16-3/20	Bottom	2-3
10-10:50	PK, 1/16-3/13	Solomon	2-3
10-10:50	PK, 3/20-5/8	Zarnowski	2-3
10-10:50	Basic, 1/16-3/20	Christensen	
		1	
1-1:50	Basic	Sutton	1-2
11-12:30	Freestyle	Guzman	1-2-3
2-2:50	AB, 4/10-6/12	Daniel	1-2
6:30-7:30	Beg. Flyball	Lindberg	1-2-3
7:30-8:30	Flyball team practice	Dwyer	1-2-3

SUNDAY*

12-4	CGC Testing, 3/28		1-2-3
1-4	TTouch Seminar, 4/6		1-2-3
2-4	Building rented; no members may enter		
4-5:15	Agility (Handling A)	Maloney	1-2-3
5:15-6:30	Agility (Beginner)	Carter	1-2-3
6:30-7:45	Agility (Intro 2)	Carter	1-2-3
7:45-9:00	Agility (Beginner)	Hall	1-2-3

***See Building/Event calendar for other scheduled events!**

Class Schedules

PUPPY KINDERGARTEN

Sat	1/16-3/13, 10:00-10:50 am	Solomon
Sat	3/20-5/8, 10:00-10:50am	Zarnowski
Tues	2/16-4/6, 6:00-6:50pm	Hathaway
Tues	4/6-5/25, 7:00-7:50pm	Freedman

MANNERS

Sat	1/16-3/20, 7:30-8:30am	Melchior
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BASIC

Mon	4/19-6/7, 6:00-6:50pm	Harringers
Mon	3/22-5/10, 8:30-9:20pm	Hall
Tues	4/13-6/1, 6:00-6:50pm	Crawford
Thurs	3/18-5/6, 11:30am-12:20pm	Christensen
Thurs	3/11-4/29, 7:00-:50pm	Miller
Sat	1/16-3/20, 10:00-10:50am	Christensen
Sat	1/16-3/27, 1:00-1:50pm	Sutton

AB

Tues	3/16-5/4, 6:00-6:50pm	Daniel
Sat	4/10-6/12, 2:00-2:50pm	Daniel

CGC

Tues	3/2-3/23, 7:00-7:50pm	Gordon
Sun	3/28, 12:00-4:00pm	Testing

SUB-NOVICE

Mon	C	7:15-8:15	Adler/Dwyer
Thurs	C	9:30-10:30a.m.	Adler
Thurs	C	8-9:00	Dornak
Fri	C	7-8:00	Cleverdon

NOVICE

Mon	C	7:30-8:30	Golec
Tues	C	7-8:00	Merchant
Thurs	C	9:30-10:30a.m.	Holt
Thurs	C	6-7:00	Gurvin

OPEN

Mon	C	6-7:15	LaDieu
Thurs	C	8-9:00	Harry
Thurs	C	9-10:00	Nappier

UTILITY

Mon	C	8:15-9:15	Adler
Thurs	C	6:30-8:00	Harry

NOVICE/OPEN/CLICKER

Wed		10-11:00	Riley
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RETRIEVE

Thurs	C	7-8:00	Dornak
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RALLY

Thurs	3/18 – 5/13	11-12:00	Daniel
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CONFORMATION

Sat	1/16-3/20	9-10:00	Bottom
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AGILITY

Wed	C	6:00 - 7:30(Hndl. B)	Harrill
Wed	C	7:30 - 9:00 (Intro.)	Briefel
Sun	C	4:00 -5:15(Hndl. A)	Maloney
Sun	C	5:15- 6:30 (Beg.)	Carter
Sun	C	6:30-7:45 (Intro. 2)	Carter
Sun	C	7:45-9:00pm (Beg.)	Hall

FREESTYLE

Fri	C	10:15-12:30	Ely/Kirschenman
Sat	C	11-12:30	Guzman

Seminar – TTouch with Pam Wanveer

Sun	4/6	1:00-4:00pm	Wanveer
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TRAINING GROUPS

Mon	C	10-11:30	Ely
Wed	C	12-2:30 (Ob. Skills)	Spodak

FLYBALL

Sat	C	6:30-8:30	Lindberg/Dwyer
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OUTSIDE GROUPS

Fri	C	7-8:30	CCI, Hathaway
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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

Tuesday, March 9, 2010:
8:00 General Meeting

March 28: CGC/TDI Test (12 p.m.)

April 9, 10, 11, 2010:
Agility Trial



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