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## Meet the Breed: French Bulldog



Recently, someone asked me if the proposed American Kennel Club group realignment would impact the French Bulldog's placement in the Non-Sporting Group. I had to laugh because if there was ever a dog that belongs in the Non-Sporting Group, it's the French bulldog—

or Frenchie as they are often called. This is a dog bred with one purpose in mind: companionship. Being a lapdog is something they truly excel at. With their flat, smiling face, bat-like ears and large eyes like chocolate truffles, Frenchies love to be the center of attention and have a clown-like personality. They want to be with their people and will not tolerate being ignored. Not generally aloof, they will enthusiastically greet everyone, certain in the knowledge that they will be adored by all.

The Frenchie has an interesting history. Three countries played important roles in breed development: England, France and the United States. In the late 1800s during the Industrial Revolution, lace-workers from the Nottingham, England, area migrated to France in search of work due to the mechanization of their industry. They brought their miniature English bulldogs with them. The theory is that these were probably culls from English bulldog breeders who were more than happy to see them go, particularly the bat ear and prick ear dogs that occa-

sionally showed up in these litters. In France, these dogs were mixed with local terriers, probably rat terriers, and were excellent ratters as well as lap warmers. They were eagerly embraced by the French, in particular, the belles de nuit, or ladies of the night. There are pictures from this time showing scantily clad women with their little "bouledogue Francais." The aura of notoriety that ownership of the little dogs conveyed made them a fashionable way for the well-to-do to show how daring they were and they soon became favorites of the "artistic" set across Europe and America. The three ear types: tulip (like English bulldogs), prick, and bat ear were all known to occur in subsequent breedings.

From the beginning, American breeders wanted to establish the bat ear as the only acceptable ear type. The goal was to make the new breed more distinctive and not just a miniature version of its English cousin. The first Frenchies were shown at the Westminster Kennel Club show in 1896. The catalog cover of the Westminster show in 1897 featured a picture of a French bulldog, although it was not yet an approved AKC breed.

Both tulip-eared and bat-eared Frenchies were shown at that show, but the British judge put up only tulip-eared dogs. This infu-



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

Thanks to Carrie Solomon for a fascinating article on French bulldogs (who knew they were so risqué) and to Jodie Jeweler for filling us in on the Rally exploits of the Wolfhounds. Breed profiles or performance reports are always welcome, as are your brags.

The CDTC Agility Trial will just be getting underway as this issue of *Obichaff* reaches your mailbox. Check back for a full report next month, including the inclusion of mixed breeds in the trial!

—Patti Miller

### Capital Celebrated its 63rd Birthday at the March Membership Meeting



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## President's Letter: Spring Cleaning

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For years, my car could barely fit into the garage. Gardening tools, dog gear, boat gear, gear for the dog on the boat, all vied for space with garbage cans and, last but not least, the car. Finally, as I climbed over three sails and two crates to get to the fuse box, I figured there was a better way. Two weekends and several trips to Home Depot later, there were shelves, tool hangers, and racks for gear. And the car fit.

By the time you read this, the Equinox will have passed and the club's spring cleaning will be in full gear. The bathroom will be painted and fixed up, the entryway cleaned and organized, photos of members and their dogs winning titles will be hung on our very own brag wall, the jumps will be cleaned and re-painted, and the crates will be in their own space.

Exhausted just listening to it? It's been awhile since we've really updated the clubhouse, so there was much to be done. Now it's up to us to maintain it once the cleaning frenzy dies down. So what can every member do? If you have an idea for organization or something that's been bothering you forever, just let the Beautification Committee know—it'll get on the list and you may be asked to help figure out a solution.

If you've left stuff at the clubhouse intending to get around to taking it home, please do. If you've donated something to the club, but don't see it being used, make sure everyone knows where and what it is (labeling is good—there's a lot that even consensus can't figure out).

Even the outside is being cleaned up (See Donna Cleverdon if you want to volunteer to help).

We've got a great club and a terrific space to practice in. So many people are pitching in for this effort, it's been a true example of the community spirit that makes Capital so important to many of us. So enjoy. Tidiness is a virtue.

—Suzanne Miller

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### From the Training Director: Training for and in the Real World

First, thank you for all the positive feedback on the prong collar article!

Second, let me state explicitly that it is my hope that these columns are illuminating and even useful to some, and at least interesting to many. We are fortunate to have many trainers in the club who are vastly more experienced than I in at least some, and in some cases, virtually all, dimensions. Therefore, to some of you, I will be saying nothing you don't already know, but my target audience is those who are less experienced. And, perhaps, if I'm lucky, I will occasionally remind those more experienced of things you had forgotten, or had meant to try but didn't get around to it, or cause you to think of something from an unexpected angle.

I entitled this piece "training for and in the real world" for two reasons. One, I want to talk about training for the sake of making life with dogs both easier and more fulfilling, as opposed to training specifically for the sake of competition. Two, I want to talk about how incorporating training in and for the real world can benefit you when it comes to competition.

How many of us "manage" our dogs in a variety of situations rather than train them to do what we need? I know I am guilty of this sometimes simply because of the time pressure of life. A perfect example is when I physically restrain (with leash and collar) my young corgi, Cody, when he wants to charge into (or sometimes out of!) the club, rather than taking the time to do the work necessary to insist that he do a nice heel in and out with no pulling. Lately I'm trying to budget more time to work on this, but, hey, we all make trade-offs.

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## AKC Delegate's Corner

Just a reminder that I am currently accepting names of nominees for the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award given by CDTC annually. Deadline for accepting nominees is the second Tuesday in April.

Also, the AKC Humane Fund is accepting nominations for its 2010 Awards for Canine Excellence (ACE). To qualify for this award, the purebred dog must be AKC registered or an AKC recognized breed and have performed some exemplary act, whether large or seemingly small that has significantly benefited a community or individual. One award will be given in each of the following five categories: Companion, Law Enforcement, Search and Rescue, Service, and Therapy. Deadline for applications is June 1, 2010.

In recognition of the efforts of New York Task Force One deployed to Haiti with four search and rescue K-9 teams, the AKC Companion Recovery Canine Support and Relief Fund and the American Kennel Club have donated \$25,000 to the United States Police Canine Association Region 7, which includes New York City.

At the March Delegates Meeting the following occurred in the Obedience Committee Meeting:

- Doug Ljunden, head of the Canine Partners Program (mixed breeds) made a presentation. He said there were 2,350 listings now in the program and 1,550 club events have applied to have the canine participants (917 agility events, 319 obedience trials and 316 rally events). Seven channels have been identified to market the program. Currently, they are reaching out to shelters, training clubs and 4H. He stated that 25% of the shelters do not want to meet with AKC so far and they may not get many listings from them. Many think purebred folks are part of their problem in the shelters. 4H leaders in all of the states have been contacted and a special fee for 4H of \$20 has been given for them to list their dogs. Training club participants will be given a special listing fee of \$25. He stated it would be a good idea for training clubs to give a discount to shelter dogs.
- A discussion occurred about the certified spayed/neuter vs. verified proof at registration. There are some who want verified proof; currently AKC is asking people who are listing to certify by signing.
- We were asked to check the Canine Partners website. It will explain the brand.
- It was mentioned that the updated entry form that accommodates mixed breeds should now be used.
- There was discussion on the committee about reconsidering judges maximum hours.
- Entries in rally have dropped. Obedience entries have increased. It is believed this is due to optional titling classes and agility
- A rally committee meets every four years to review and revise regulations.
- A discussion occurred because some delegates want to have 12 instead of the 8 agility trials a year. The recommended changes in agility will go to the AKC Board in April. It was stated that agility is bringing people into obedience.
- Telephone numbers for AKC reps in the area will be made available in case one is needed at an event.
- Information about optional titling classes will be included in the trial application packet.

.A discussion occurred about deaf dogs in competition. This is a very hot issue among delegates on the committee and from the clubs. There are 67 breeds that have a propensity for deafness. AKC staff does not want to see it happen because of parent club concerns. The obedience committee took a vote on sending it to the AKC Board. The vote was 6 in favor and 5 against.

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## Rally for Wolfhounds

On January 21<sup>st</sup>, 12 people, 7 Irish wolfhounds and a basset hound gathered at Capital Dog Training Club in Silver Spring for our first “Rally for Wolfhounds” training group. Thanks to help arranging a time from Jennie, Lisa, Shannon, Spencer and Shirley, the handlers of mostly young dogs ranging from 7 months to 2 years old learned the basic requirements for AKC Rally. CDTC members of three other local breed clubs (all “non-traditional” obedience breeds) were so inspired by our workshop, they plan to do the same for their own breed!

It could be argued that Rally was designed with wolfhounds in mind! It is never boring, because you never get the same course twice, and rarely get the same exercise in a course, other than turns. You can communicate with your sensitive or distracted hound along the way, so success is MUCH easier than in the traditional obedience ring.

Participants were first taught that there are only four basic moves in a rally course: moving forward, moving to the left and moving to the right, as well as stopping. It was really fun to see some of the dogs who had had minimal training master sit, down, and basic polite walking in such a short time! Two rescue dogs who haven’t been with their respective owners for even six months were shining examples of how easily Irish Wolfhounds learn in a positive and FUN environment. It was also lots of fun for the handlers to see what our dogs knew, how they learned and how fast they caught on.



Jodie and Kelly practice rally.

I think my breeder and I were both surprised at Kelly, who showed me just how much he really knew already. A friend showed off the precocious knowledge of one of Corky’s sisters, who has just turned 15 months, and already has one APDT (Association of Pet Dog Trainers) leg toward her level I Rally title. And as a result of the workshop, one participant is getting her rescued boy registered and hoping to compete at our show!

We had such a great time, we plan to make these events semi-regular. Hopefully we can utilize CDTC’s lovely facilities again. And hopefully others will have their own breed-specific workshops.

—Jodie Jeweler

## Capital Points

I have volunteered to keep track of volunteer hours, also known as “Capital points.” You can check the *Policies & Procedures Manual* for the Capital points policy. I plan to implement the policy as follows: In the top drawer file cabinet outside the equipment room in a folder marked “Volunteer”, you will find “green cards” and yellow sheets. Please fill them in as you earn hours. I will be also keeping track of the instructor/assistant hours and will gather this information from the sign-in sheets and training secretary.

E-mail me any time ([ddjildon@aol.com](mailto:ddjildon@aol.com)) to check on the number of hours you have earned. If you want to “spend” hours, please contact me and I will deduct your hours and send you an e-mail which you can use as a “voucher.” Please remember that the Training Director’s OK is needed if instructors or assistants want to “spend” hours for a seminars.

Remember that there will be a large demand for members to know the number of hours they have accrued before annual dues are due. Please make your request as early as possible so I can email you a voucher you can use when submitting dues.

If, once I have started working with this, I find that any changes need to be made to how I will implement “Capital points,” I will let you know.

—Dona Dwyer

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riated the Americans, who quickly organized the first French bulldog breed club in the world, the French Bulldog Club of America, and drew up a breed standard that allowed only the bat ear type. At the 1898 Westminster show, the catalog showed that both bat- and tulip-eared dogs would be shown, despite the new breed standard. The American breeders pulled their dogs from the show and organized the first French bulldog specialty at the famous Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City, where only bat-eared dogs could be shown. It was quite the media and high society event. The Americans deserve much credit for establishing the breed type, which has remained virtually unchanged since then and has been adopted worldwide.

Besides the distinctive bat ear, Frenchies are also smaller than their English bulldog cousins, with a less undershot jaw and a touch of terrier liveliness. The AKC standard states that their weight cannot exceed 28 pounds; most Frenchies average 20-28 pounds. They come in many colors: cream, fawn, brindle and pied (white with patches of brindle or fawn), with many shades and variations allowed. No cosmetic surgery is allowed other than the removal of dewclaws. The ears and tail are natural. Most modern Frenchies have a short, corkscrew-type tail or a short stub-like tail.

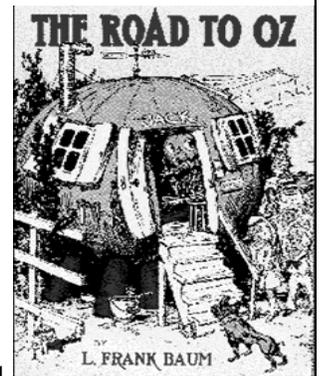
The Frenchie is a fair weather pup, as they do not tolerate extremes of temperature very well. Due to their brachycephalic anatomy, they are not efficient panters and overheat very quickly in warm temperatures. Heat stroke can happen rapidly and is a medical emergency. For this reason, Frenchies should never be left outside or in a car during warm weather. Also, they have a short, single coat with no undercoat, so they do not tolerate cold temperatures. In other words, this is not a dog that can live outdoors. The good news is they do not require a lot of exercise, so they are ideal for people with small yards or apartment dwellers. A short, daily walk will



keep them happy and in good condition.

There have been some famous Frenchies over the years. The daughter of the last Russian czar, Tatiana, owned one named Ortino who was her constant companion. His remains were found buried along with Tatiana and other members of the royal family after they were murdered during the Bolshevik revolution. There was a French bulldog on the ill-fated Titanic that was insured for \$750, at that time a very high sum.

We are all familiar with Toto, the Cairn terrier from the Wizard of Oz. However, the first dog chosen to play Toto was a French bulldog named Captain. The artist that illustrated some of the books written by Frank Baum for the Oz series depicted Toto as a French bulldog. These books were written during the first part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, when the Frenchie was one of the five most popular dog breeds in the United States. Unfortunately, Captain refused to learn some of the tricks required for the film and was replaced by the terrier. A signed photo of Judy Garland with Captain was sold at an Oz memorabilia auction for an astounding sum several years ago. Current famous owners of Frenchies include Martha Stewart and Patricia Hearst Shaw.



Being a “bully” breed, Frenchies are not the easiest breed to train. But they can be very willing as long as training is kept fun and positive. We are starting to see more Frenchies in the obedience ring as well as agility and other performance-related events and this is all to the good as they can do it. They tend to be real crowd pleasers and it’s hard to watch a Frenchie without smiling. Whenever I see someone break into a smile when looking at my Frenchies, I know they have done their job well, as that does seem to be their main purpose in life—to bring joy and happiness to all. —Carrie Solomon

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## The Right Touch

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, Capital hosted a T-Touch seminar with our local expert T-Touch practitioner, Pam Wanveer ([www.woodsiddetouch.com](http://www.woodsiddetouch.com)). I never organized a seminar before, but I suggested and coordinated it solely to ensure that I could get a working spot with my neurotic Labrador, Susie, also known as “the Freakador.” Joan Adler had told me how much T-Touch had helped her dog, Leon, and I’d heard really good things about it from other sources as well.

From the Tellington Touch web site: “Using a combination of specific touches, lifts, and movement exercises, T-Touch helps to release tension and increase body awareness. This allows the animal to be handled without provoking typical fear responses. The animal can then more easily learn new and more appropriate behaviors.”

My goal was to learn more about T-Touch and provide the opportunity to others in the club to do the same. I opened the seminar to all comers as I was worried about getting enough entries to cover costs, but as it turned out, we made a nice little profit for the club as well (\$795).

We had 13 working teams and two auditors. I asked a few of the members who attended if they’d care to share a few words on their experiences. I enjoyed their responses so much I decided to put them in as direct quotes, although I did sneak in a little editorializing.

Joan Adler: Pam is such a calm person to be around—and knowledgeable. I enjoyed the dogs’ reactions to Pam’s “dog.” What a great idea to get dogs used to a “strange” dog! [Shannon: The “dog” Joan refers to was a life-size toy Bearded. Several of the dogs did react interestingly when the “dog” was facing them.]

Josie McAuliffe: Too bad we did not bring a camera to photograph the relaxed dogs! I must say that Rocket thoroughly enjoyed all the T-Touching: the ears, the face, the jowls, the gums, the back the legs the feet, and even the tail!

Shirley Blakely: I thought it was quite useful for both myself and my dog. The results were immedi-

ately noticeable. First Pam had us stroke the dog from head to tail tip and observe any warm spots on the dog. I immediately observed the back of her neck to be warmer than the rest of the body. As I stated to apply T-Touch and she began to relax in a noticeable way, I noticed that the heat differential I observed earlier had disappeared. This tells me that the technique is doing something.

Maja Maric (mother of junior handler Iris): Our toy poodle is not a nervous or barking kind of dog. The reason we came to seminar was because we thought it would help with his leg that was broken when he was a puppy and nowadays he occasionally avoids using that leg. He also has a habit of licking almost everything and everybody. In this short time I cannot comment whether T-Touch will help with that, but, he really dislikes being touched on the paws and muzzle, and after we did just a couple of “treatments” on him and we were surprised when he calmly allowed us to touch his paws and muzzle without avoidance.

Melissa Muniz: You can touch on the areas that are most sensitive for T-Touch, the ears, the point where the ear attaches to the head, the area of the muzzle below the eyes (possibly why the head collar is also effective). The mouth holds tension—important to work up to this area, the dog's chest is another area which releases endorphins when worked with T-Touch.

And finally, an update from Josie: I just wanted to add that Rocket seems to love for me to T-Touch him. When I begin, he just flops his head down and relaxes...Strangely, Missy finds the T-Touching a bit weird. Maybe retrievers are immune to T-Touch? [Shannon: oh no, I hope not! Susie needs the help!]

My own update is that I decided I need more help and am going to visit Pam for a private session for Susie. I was struck by the relaxed demeanor of all the calm dogs at the seminar and want some hands-on help with the Freakador. Wish me luck!

—Shannon Hall

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On the other hand, at home I am normally walking three dogs at once and I am certainly not going to physically manage them while I pick up poop. Any dog that comes into my household learns quickly (well, okay, the foster beagle-dachshund mix learned slowly) that sit-stays while mom is picking up poop are mandatory. Do I keep my foot on the leashes if I don't trust them? You bet! But it gives us multiple stay practices (under distraction) every single day without even having to plan for it.

Think about the times that you physically manage your dog: restraining him with the leash being the most common, but also situations like wiping his feet, bathing him, dealing with a poopy bottom (those who, like me, have long-haired breeds, know what I'm talking about), removing something from his mouth, etc. Then think how much easier life would be if instead of the physical control, you could get your dog to cooperate with a simple command.

An example of how much easier life is with this approach is my loading and unloading of the corgis from my car. Let's take unloading: I stop the car, both dogs are buckled with harnesses to grommets in the "way back." I undo their buckles, but give them the "stay in" command while I open the hatchback. Then I get out the ramp and put it in place. I'll attach their leashes and then reiterate "stay in" to one dog while telling the other dog "okay." The released dog trots down the ramp and then is told (depending on the condition of the parking lot ;-)) either to sit and stay or to stand and stay. Once the dog is in position, I will normally drop the leash to deal with the other dog. If I'm worried about other dogs/whatever in the parking lot, I'll stand on the leash as a precaution. The second dog comes out on an "okay" and gets put in a stay as well so I can put the ramp back. They typically remain in the stay until I gather my bag and lock the car.

How much nicer is that scenario than struggling to physically control two eager dogs who want to charge out of the car – while trying to juggle a heavy ramp in to the bargain? And here's the side benefit: we are practicing behaviors that I want them to have



in the ring (stand- and sit-stays) but even more important, we are practicing **obedience**. By that I mean, the dogs are accustomed to a regime that requires them to pay attention to me and to take my direction. It's a seamless part of our everyday life. Nor, should I add, do they act oppressed. They ALWAYS get praise for their cooperation and occasionally they get a treat. It's just how things are done – we're working together.

Some other examples include:

- having my little fluffbutt hold a stand-stay while I trim his bottom;
- having all three dogs hold sit stays outside the front door after a muddy walk and then calling them one at a time to come and do stands so I can wipe off their feet, after which they get sent inside;
- having them "down" in the bathtub so I can wash off their muddy

tummies without having to fill the bathtub really high;

- having them jump up and put their forepaws ("patas" is the command I use) on the bathtub ledge so it's easier for me to lift them out;
- using "stay in" for the crate, so that when I open the crate door I don't have a dog charging out of it while I try to put the leash on or give them water;
- using a command ("head down") to keep the dog in a side-prone position when doing physical therapy on the dog – or more recently when I wanted to blow dry Cody's chest;

So let me encourage you to train, rather than manage, whenever possible. Why? First, because (although it does take some time and effort) it will ultimately make your life easier, enrich your connection with your dog and enhance your ability to really communicate with him. Second, because training rather than managing builds the habit of obedience, which WILL carry over into the ring; and third, because it provides opportunities to build practice for basic competition skills into your everyday life so you don't have to "make time" to practice them.

This month's challenge: think of a situation in which you physically "manage" your dog and think of a behavior you can train such that you no longer need to manage it.

—Lisa Daniel

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- A delegate wanted to know how the judges were selected for the Invitational. Curt Curtis said he would ask the Field Representatives.
- Curt Curtis mentioned that they are considering changing the format for the Obedience Invitational. Now obedience is stuck upstairs in the venue at Long Beach and people are seeing the same dogs often each year. Currently it is competing with breed, which occurs at the same time, and is getting little coverage. They are thinking of possibly just having the top dogs in the country not the group and including foreign competition. The thought is to have an obedience national combined with the agility national at another time of the year over a period of two weekends. They want to expand the obedience national to juniors and novice, etc.

I have some interesting stats on the growth and decline of the companion events that I will report on in the next issue. The following actions were taken at the General Delegates Meeting:

- Dr. William Newman, Patricia Scully and Dr. J. Charles Garvin were reelected to the AKC Board.
- The delegates voted to return the realignment issue to the Board for further work.

—Joyce Dandridge

## Canine Legislation Notes

As Capital's Legislative Liaison, I will endeavor to keep you informed of items important to dog owners.

On February 23, 2010, the United States Senate joined the United States House of Representatives in unanimously commemorating the American Kennel Club's 125th anniversary and honoring the AKC's continued dedication to the promotion and protection of responsible dog ownership throughout the United States. You can view the resolution at: [http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article\\_id=4060..](http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=4060..)

The AKC realizes that much of this success in the legislative ring is due to dog breeders, clubs, and lawmakers who have worked tirelessly to promote and support legislation that champions reasonable canine legislation and opposes legislation that illogically and pointlessly restricts responsible dog owners and breeders.

To celebrate these people, the AKC has established Community Achievement Awards. These awards are bestowed four times a year. You can nominate your AKC-affiliated club, recognized federation, or fellow club member. For more information and the nomination forms, visit: [http://www.akc.org/public\\_education/community\\_achievement.cfm](http://www.akc.org/public_education/community_achievement.cfm).

Available in the AKC's online government relations toolbox is a one-page color handout that lists the 12-steps dog owners can follow to help their dogs become happy and valued members of their neighborhood. It's a great handout for breeders to give to clients purchasing puppies or to distribute at dog events, shelters, libraries, etc.

The toolbox is at [http://www.akc.org/canine\\_legislation/toolbox.cfm](http://www.akc.org/canine_legislation/toolbox.cfm). While you're there you might want to check out the other tools the AKC has to help address canine legislation.

—Maurine Atkinson

## Class Schedules

<u>Time</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Ring</u>
<b>MONDAY</b>			
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
<b>TUESDAY</b>			
6-6:50	Basic, 4/13-6/1	Crawford	2-3
6-6:50	AB, 3/16-5/4	Daniel	1-2
7-7:50	PK, 6/1-7/20	Hathaway	3
7-7:50	PK, 4/6 - 5/25	Freedman	3
7-8	Novice	Merchant	1
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues.	8-10 Club Meeting	entire bldg	
4 <sup>th</sup> Tues.	Board Meeting		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			
10-11a.m.	Nov/Open	Riley	1-2
12-2:30	Ob. Skills TG	Spodak	1-2
5:00-6:00pm	OB Runthru (exc 5/5)	Larkin	2-3
6-7:30	Agility (Hndl. B)	Harrill	1-2-3
7:30-9	Agility (Intro)	Briefel	1-2-3
<b>THURSDAY</b>			
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 ( <i>no UD dogs</i> )	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
<b>FRIDAY</b>			
10:15-12:30	Freestyle	Ely/ Kirschenman	1-2-3
1-4 (approx.)	Bldg. Cleaning	S. Harrill	entire bldg
7:00-8:0	Novice	Cleverdon	1
7-8:30	CCI*	Hathaway	3

\*Canine Companions for Independence

### CDTC Obedience Run Thru Report

Sunday, January 3, we held our first obedience run thru of 2010. Entries were as follows: Utility: 25; Open: 20; Novice: 13; total: 58.

Thank you to all the volunteers!

Registration – Pam Marshall, Benita Bottom

Judges – Mary Rice

Stewards – Carrie Solomon, Betsy Harringer, Ken

Harringer, Jennie Larkin, Pepper Guzman, Nan

Marks, Jeff Harab

Thanks again to Marcia Bresson for doing the pre-entries.

—Jane Weisemann

<u>Time</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Ring</u>
<b>SATURDAY*</b>			
9-10:00	Conform <sup>^</sup> , 4/17-5/22	Bottom	2-3
10-10:50	PK, 3/20-5/8	Zarnowski	2-3
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
^Drop-in			
<b>SUNDAY*</b>			
4-5:15	Agility (Hndl. 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

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
<b>PUPPY KINDERGARTEN</b>		
Sat	3/20-5/8, 10:00-10:50 am	Zarnowski
Tues	2/16-4/6, 6:00-6:50 pm	Hathaway
Tues	4/6-5/25, 7:00-7:50 pm	Freedman
Tues	6/1 -7/20, 7:00-7:50pm	Hathaway
<b>BASIC</b>		
Mon	4/19 - 6/7, 6:00-6:50 pm	Harringers
Mon	3/22-5/10, 8:30-9:20 pm	Hall
Tues	4/13-6/1, 6:00-6:50 pm	Crawford
Thurs	3/18-5/6, 11:30am-12:20pm	Christensen
Thurs	3/11-4/29, 7:00 7:50 pm	Miller
<b>AB</b>		
Tues	3/16-5/4, 6:00-6:50 pm	Daniel
Sat	4/10-6/12, 2:00-2:50 pm	Daniel
<b>SUB-NOVICE</b>		
Mon	C 7:15-8:15	Adler/Dwyer
Thurs	C 9:30-10:30 a.m.	Adler
Thurs	C 8-9	Dornak
Fri	C 7-8	Cleverdon
<b>NOVICE</b>		
Mon	C 7:30-8:30	Golec
Tues	C 7-8	Merchant
Thurs	C 9:30-10:30a.m.	Holt
Thurs	C 6-7	Gurvin
<b>OPEN</b>		
Mon	C 6-7:15	LaDieu
Thurs	C 8-9	Harry
Thurs	C 9-10	Nappier
<b>UTILITY</b>		
Mon	C 8:15-9:15	Adler
Thurs	C 6:30-8	Harry
<b>NOVICE/OPEN/CLICKER</b>		
Wed	10-11	Riley

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
<b>RETRIEVE</b>		
Thurs	C 7-8:00	Dornak
<b>RALLY</b>		
Thurs	3/18-5/13 11-12:00	Daniel
<b>CONFORMATION - DROP-IN</b>		
Sat	4/17-5/22 9-10:00	Bottom
<b>AGILITY</b>		
Wed	C 6:00-7:30(Handl. B)	Harrill
Wed	C 7:30 - 9:00 (Intro.)	Briefel
Sun	C 4:00 -5:15(Handl. 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
<b>FREESTYLE</b>		
Fri	C 10:15-12:30	Ely/Kirschenman
Sat	C 11-12:30	Guzman
<b>TRAINING GROUPS</b>		
Mon	C 10-11:30	Ely
Wed	C 12-2:30 (Ob. Skills)	Spodak
<b>FLYBALL</b>		
Sat	C 6:30-8:30	Lindberg/Dwyer
<b>OUTSIDE GROUPS</b>		
Fri	C 7-8:30	CCI, Hathaway
<b>BUILDING CLEANING</b>		
Fri	C 1-4 approx.	S. Harrill

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CDTC offers a variety of other activities for dogs and people, including matches, trials and seminars on dog-related topics.

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**Important Dates at Capital**

April 9, 10, 11, 2010:  
Agility Trial

April 13: Membership Meeting



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