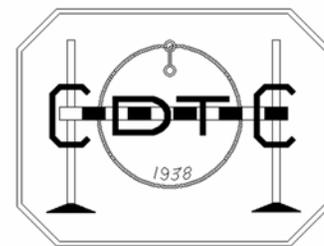


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## AKC Launches Mixed-Breed Program

Mixed-breed dogs are finally getting their day in the sun. The American Kennel Club (AKC) officially launched its Canine Partners mixed-breed program on April 1, 2010. Under the program, mixed breed dogs who are registered with the program will be able to compete in Obedience, Rally and Agility events side-by-side with purebred dogs.

A total of 29 AKC member clubs hosted 75 Obedience, Rally and Agility events open to mixed breeds on the inaugural weekend of the program April 3rd and 4th. Five mixed-breed dogs earned titles the first weekend of the program. "We are excited that our mixed-breed entries in AKC Rally, Obedience and Agility classes totaled more than 500 around the country during the weekend," said AKC spokesperson Gina DiNardo. "Purebred and mixed-breeds had the chance to show off their skills and highlight that it's the time you spend training and bonding with your dog that really matters the most."

Capital Dog Training Club held the first club trial in the area to include mixed breeds when our agility trial was held April 9-11. Nine mixed

breeds were entered in the event. Each entry received a commemorative bandana from the AKC and a ribbon that read: "April 2010, First Events. I Was There!"

More than 2,000 AKC clubs are planning Obedience, Rally and Agility events open to mixed-breeds this year. Mixed-breed dogs will earn the same titles as purebreds. Dogs must be registered with the AKC Canine Partners program to compete in events

(<https://www.akc.org/mixedbreeds/listing/index.cfm>). The AKC Canine Partners program is for mixed-breed dogs and dogs that are not eligible for AKC registration. Dogs registered with the Canine Partners program must be spayed or neutered.

AKC Canine Partners will not take the place of the AKC Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) program, previously known as ILP. The PAL program is for a dog believed to be a purebred from an AKC recognized breed that cannot be registered with the AKC. PAL dogs may participate in some breed-specific performance events in addition to AKC Obedience, Rally and Agility.



## 2010 Membership Renewals Due

2010 membership renewal forms are included in this issue of *Obichaff*. Membership renewals are due by July 1, 2010. If your dues are not received by July 31, 2010, *your membership will expire*. Renew now!

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## CAPITAL DOG TRAINING CLUB ANNUAL AWARDS AND INSTRUCTOR APPRECIATION DINNER

### TUESDAY, JULY 13

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



6:30 – 7:00 PM – Social gathering

7:00 PM – Dinner

8:00 PM – Presentation of awards and  
 instructor gifts

Cost: \$15.00 per person

Polite dogs are welcome to attend.

RSVP by July 1 to:  
 Shellie Goldstein, at [Shellie.A@verizon.net](mailto:Shellie.A@verizon.net)

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## President's Letter: Groundskeeping

Spring cleaning! We've got a wonderful new bathroom, an organized entry-way (more to come!), and a huge step forward has been made to the "mezzanine" – the attic-stash-hiding place above the back wall. Thanks so much to Betsy and Ken Harringer (bathroom, entryway, and stuff-ventory), Win Wiencke, (stuff-ventory), and Brooke Holt (for providing much-needed institutional memory to the stuff-ventory, answering such salient questions as "What is THIS?").

There will be a new crating system and clean, new crates in July, and the jumps are being refurbished and repainted. The agility team is developing a system for organizing and tidying their equipment. We are well on our way to a lovelier, more organized clubhouse. So why am I still writing about this? Looked outside lately?

We traditionally use the small strip across the way and the far side of the building to "air" our dogs. Our reminder at the beginning of class to all students to pick up after their dogs is working relatively well (we could always be more attentive). It's not those "leavings" that are the greatest problem.

For some reason (new neighbors, visitors, something), the area across the way has become quite the dumping ground for trash. Litter would be unsightly and annoying, but it has escalated. Lime from gardening supply trucks, fertilizer for commercial use, broken boxes, bags, and cans have been found there.

For many years, unsung and unthanked, Brooke Holt has been cleaning that area. We thank her deeply, but also recognize it has gotten beyond one person's ability to keep up. So, it's time for all of us to pitch in, as the old litter ad said. Every time you walk your dog across the way – or around the corner – please pick up any trash or other items you find there and dispose of them properly. If we all keep an eye out and help, we will be able to stay on top of the problem and prevent any accidents with our beloved dogs.

Let's all help keep our surroundings safe and clean and presentable. Stash that trash.

—Suzanne Miller

### It's a Dirty Job!

Thanks to Win Wiencke and Brooke Hold (right) for tackling the mezzanine and lots of dusty CDTC "treasurers" and records. Surplus materials will be available for sale at a silent auction at the annual awards dinner.

Thanks to Ken and Besty Harringer for spearheading the overall spring cleaning, including the spanking new bathroom and reorganized entryway.

Also thanks to Win for painstakingly repainting all the obedience jumps.



## T-Touch Update

By Shannon Hall

If you read my article on the March 20<sup>th</sup> T-Touch seminar with Pam Wanveer, you might recall that I ended it with:

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

Well, we have done many private sessions since then, and I am pleased to report that Susie is making good progress. She is walking across the scary, shiny hardwood floors at home. She will accept having her rear end handled (although not entirely calmly). She is learning to transfer her weight to a more balanced posture rather than carrying it all either front, ready to pull, or rear, ready to sprint. She's showing much less tension around her mouth and is responding to work around her ears and mouth by relaxing instead of avoiding.

It wasn't immediate or easy. Susie challenged even Pam's nearly endless patience along the way. She does actively resist relaxation. Initially she would just barely start to respond, showing signs of relaxation, but then would "shake it off", getting up to pace, or spin to avoid touch. It was like watching a guard on duty trying to stay alert! Pam kept working on her and would give me "homework" to do in between sessions. That really helped. Pam would do the hard things that would push Susie, and I would do the easier work at home that she would accept more easily.

We have work still to do but I have been very heartened by her progress. Great stuff this T-Touch!

### **Capital Dog Training Club Obedience Run Thrus Sunday, June 6 and August 1, 2010**

- Doors open at 7:45 a.m. • Utility and Open registration 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. • Judging starts at 8:30 a.m.
- Novice registration 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. • Novice judging starts in first available ring after 11:30.

**Fees:** \$7.00 per dog; \$5.00 each additional entry for the same dog. Pre-registration fees: \$6.00/\$4.00  
Second runs as time permits after all first runs in a class are done.

- Completely padded and matted floor. • Two rings for judging, one ring for practice and stays. • Chairs and some crates available. • No scores or prizes. • Reasonable corrections allowed.
- No electronic collars allowed.

The run thrus may be cancelled for inclement weather or other emergency. CDTC follows Montgomery College's closings.

**Pre-Entry:** Optional pre-entries. \$6 for first run/\$4 for second. Entries must be in by Wednesday before the run thru. No refunds unless event is cancelled.

Mail entries to: Marcia Bresson, 4919 Harrogate Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

## Braggs!

My second papillon, Tip, earned his first title: Novice Jumpers with Weaves Preferred (NJP). He earned his title with all first places and ran faster with every run. His title run was 20 seconds under SCT and was faster than all but one dog in the novice class (including all jump heights). He is now known as Waytogo Walk This Way NJP.

—Jennie Larkin



At the Canine Training Associates AKC Rally trial in April, both Novice A & B classes were won by CDTC trained dogs.

Fenway, a border collie trained by Pam Coblyn (a CDTC member), got a high score of 98 and first place in his first ever Rally trial in the Novice A class.

Kip, a rough collie trained by Anita Gaeta, got a perfect 100 score and won the Novice B class. Anita is a “member-in-waiting” and trains at Capital.

A good showing by our club—both dogs easily won their classes! And high fives to Lisa Daniel for her excellent Rally program. —Pam Coblyn



Corky got his first Rally leg, under judge Pat Fallon at the Old Dominion Kennel Club trial, April 24, the day before he turned 17 months.

One of my friends, who participated in the Rally workshop we held at CDTC, finished Finnegan’s RN that Monday! —Jodie Jeweler

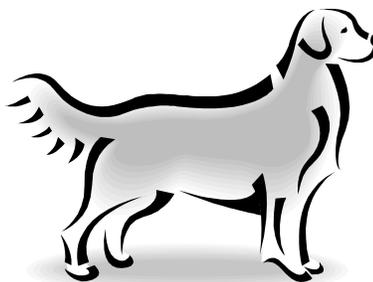
Sandi Atkinson had two pieces in the Rockville Art League’s spring show at the Glenview Mansion, Rockville Civic Center. Her mixed-media collage, Wassail’s Egyptian Connexion No. 2, (right) received an Honorable Mention award. The other, an acrylic painting, was done from a photograph she took in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, while on vacation last year. Limited space in the Mansion art gallery meant that nearly 60 works were not accepted for display. Sandi is delighted to have made it into the exhibit on her first try .



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### Class Schedules



Time	Class	Instructor	Ring
<b>MONDAY</b>			
10-11:30 am	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		
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, 6/8-7/27	Daniel	
	1-2		
6-6:50	PK, 6/22-8/10	Hathaway	3
7-7:50	PK, 6/8-8/3	Freedman	3
7-8	Novice	Merchant	1
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues.	8-10	Club Meeting	
4 <sup>th</sup> Tues.	8-10	Board Meeting	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			
12-2:30	Ob. Skills TG	Spodak	
	1-2		
5:00-6:00	OB Runthru	Larkin	
	2-3		
6-7:30	Agility (Comp.)	Harrill	1-2-3
7:30-8:45	Agility (Intro 2)	Bond	1-2-3
<b>THURSDAY</b>			
9:30-10:30	SN	Adler	
	1-2		
9:30-10:30	Novice	Holt	
	3		
11:30-12:20	AB, 6/17-8/5	Christensen	
	1-2		
11:30-12:30	B. Rally, 6/17-8/5	Daniel	
	2-3		
11:30-12:20	AB, 6/17-8/5	Christensen	
	1-2		

6-7	Novice	Gurvin	
	1-2		
6-7	Utility prep	Harry	3
7-7:50	Basic, 5/13-7/8	Atkinson	
	1		
7-8	Utility	Harry	2
7-8	CGC, 7/22-8/12	Miller	1
7-8	Retrieve	Dornak	3
8-9	SN	Dornak	3
8-9	Open	Harry	1-2
9-10	Open	Nappier	2
<b>FRIDAY</b>			
10:15am-12:30	Freestyle	Ely/ Kirschenman	
	1-2-3		
1-4	Bldg. Cleaning	S. Harrill	1-2-3
<b>Time</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Instructor</b>	<b>Ring</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>			
7:00-8:00	Novice	Cleverdon	
	1		
7-8:30	CCI*	Hathaway	
	3		
<i>*Canine Companions for Independence</i>			
<b>SATURDAY</b>			

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<u>Day</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>In-</u> <u>structor</u>
<b>PUPPY KINDERGARTEN</b>			
Sat	6/05-8/7,	09:00-09:50am	Solomon
Sat	6/26-8/28,	10:00-10:50am	Zarnowski
Tues	6/8-8/3,	7:00-7:50pm	Freedman
Tues	6/22 -8/10,	7:00 -7:50pm	Hathaway
<b>BASIC</b>			
Mon	4/19 - 6/7,	6:00- 6:50pm	Harringers
Tues	4/13-6/1,	6:00 -6:50pm	Crawford
Thur	5/13-7/8,	7:00-7:50pm	Atkinson
Sat	6/5-8/7,	3:00 -3:50pm	Hall
Sat	6/19-8/21,	2:00-3:50pm	Christensen
<b>AB</b>			
Tues	6/8-7/27,	6:00 - 6:50pm	Daniel
Thur	6/17-8/5,	11:30-12:20pm	Christensen
Sat	4/10-6/12,	2:00- 2:50pm	Daniel
<b>CGC</b>			
Thur	7/22-8/12,	7:00-7:50pm	Miller
<b>SUB-NOVICE</b>			
Mon	C	7:15-8:15	Adler/Dwyer
Thur	C	9:30-10:30a.m.	Adler
Thur	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	9:30-10:30am	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	6:00-7:00 (prep)	Harry
<u>Day</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
<b>UTILITY</b>			
Thurs	C	8:00-9:00	Harry
<b>RETRIEVE</b>			
Thurs	C	7-8:00	Dornak
<b>TRICKS</b>			
Sat	6/26-8/28,	07:30-8:30am	Melchior
<b>BEGINNING RALLY</b>			
Thurs	6/17- 7/24,	11:30-12:30pm	Daniel
<b>COMPETITION RALLY</b>			
Sat	6/5-8/7,	1:00-2:00pm	Daniel
<b>AGILITY</b>			
Wed	C	6:00-7:30(Compet)	Harrill
Wed	C	7:30-8:45 (Intro 2)	Bond
Sun	C	4:00-5:15(Hndl. A)	Maloney
Sun	C	5:15- 6:30 (Intro)	Carter
Sun	C	6:30-7:45 (Beg.)	Hall
<b>FREESTYLE</b>			
Fri	C	10:15-12:30	Ely/ Kirschenman
Sat	C	11-12:30	Guzman
<b>Seminar – AKC Judging Seminar</b>			
Sat	7/24	8:30am – 4:30pm	AKC
Sun	7/25	8:30am – 1:00pm	AKC
<b>TRAINING GROUPS</b>			
Mon	C	10-11:30	Ely
Wed	C	12-2:30 (Ob. Skill)	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>			

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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, June 8  
8:00 General Meeting

Tuesday, July 13  
**Annual Awards and Instructor  
Appreciation Dinner**



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