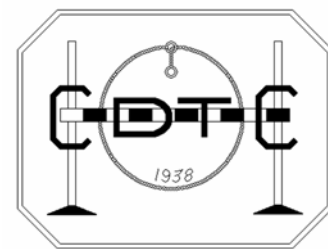


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Know What You Are Doing, or, When In Doubt, Run! Pam Coblyn

Claudia Bates, supremely talented national agility competitor and a partner and instructor at A Click Above in Leesburg, VA, certainly knows what she's doing! On Sunday, July 18, 12 lucky teams and scores of auditors gathered at CDTC to watch, listen, and learn and then try out their new skills learned from a master.

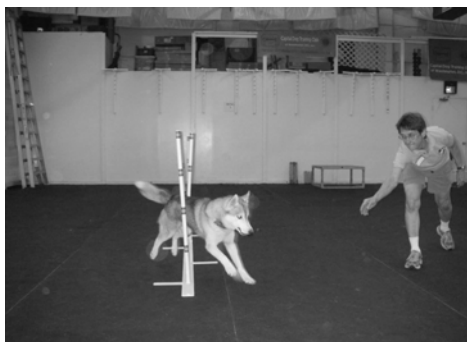
After a gourmet continental breakfast provided by Lois Maiman, there was not a wasted moment. The morning's lesson, a distance handling workshop, began promptly at 9 a.m. Claudia began her short lecture with this maxim: successful distance handling demands precise handler location and motion.

Claudia and her border collie Hijinx demonstrated what a talented team looks like. Every signal, every movement and every sound from Claudia meant something to her team mate "Hi." There was no wasted motion and it appeared that Hi could read Claudia's mind. What we saw was astonishing but Claudia wasn't there to merely show off. She explained: "A talented team feels comfortable with one another, just like an old pair of slippers. That's because each knows what's going to happen."

A handler's job, Claudia explained, is "to know what you are doing!" We learned from both demos and practice how every signal we give our dogs, from eye contact, to direction, to how fast we

are running (or not!) will tell our dogs what we want them to do and where we want them to do it.

Claudia gave a short sermon on the importance of teamwork and how to build it. Rule Number One, we learned, is to develop motivation. We need to play and interact with our dogs so that we are the center of their worlds. Simply treating and bribing our dogs "reduces us to the level of a pez dispenser,"



Jane Weisemann and Jack practice weave poles at the Claudia Bates agility seminar.

she said. Claudia promised that building teamwork is "the most important step toward training a focused and motivated dog, a dog who is ready to work *with* us rather than be simply aroused by all the fun agility equipment."

She went on to address competition/ring nerves and amped up dogs. Again, it's all about maintaining a connection with our dogs. We learned some techniques to relieve a dog's tension at the

start line or waiting area and were cautioned to "never correct a dog who breaks his start line stay. We, as handlers, must take responsibility and train the stay. Do not correct it if you haven't trained it. Don't reward, but don't also add in a correction."

Hmmm...a lot to think about. Again, agility handlers are reminded that all mistakes always lead back to them! But Claudia always puts a positive and practical spin on bad news: "Face problems and keep a training diary. Put together a training program that

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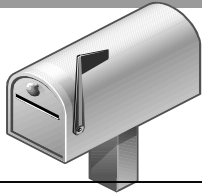
In honor of AKC's Responsible Dog Ownership Day, CDTC will hold Canine Good Citizen and Therapy Dog International testing on Sunday, September 26th.

Pre-registration is REQUIRED. To register contact Shannon Hall at: shandavegh@gmail.com.

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President's Letter

Suzanne Miller

Over the past few months, we have seen the fruits of the labors of so many CDTC members. We are an all-volunteer club and rely on the spare time of people who have often very demanding full-time jobs; dogs to train, care for, and show; and families to maintain. And yet, with all that going on, so many find the time to do the jobs, small and large, that keep this club going. I'd like to acknowledge a few recent accomplishments of our volunteers – knowing full well I'll miss some – please, please don't think you are being passed over because I have a senior moment. It is the work of all that makes the whole so special.

We had a very successful Awards Dinner to celebrate the achievements of our members in all areas of AKC competition, from first Rally titles to the amazing Utility Dog titles. A list of all those accomplishments in the past year will be published in the *Obichaff* for all who couldn't make the dinner to marvel at. Additionally, we thanked and celebrated our instructors and assistants, without whom we really couldn't function. The time they give, the care and thought they put into their classes is truly the heart and soul of this club. Thank you so much, Burton and Shellie, for such a lovely evening.

And at that dinner, we saw the fruits of the long, arduous, and dirty process of cleaning up the detritus of many years – the “stuffventory” turned silent auction. Following the idea of one person's trash being another's treasure, we saw old jumps become someone's backyard practice opportunity, and many, many dog-related items exchange hands. Thank you so much to Ken for spearheading that time-consuming (and did I mention dirty?) effort. And thanks to all those who worked with him: Brooke, Win, and more.

Have you noticed the front entry? We now have an organized, tidy, clean way to bring your dogs into the building and peruse informational materials at the same time. Thank you so much, Betsy and Ken for all your hard work on beautification.

And, last but definitely not least, a huge bow of gratitude goes to Shirley and her husband Dave for the beautiful and efficient new system of dog crates. And let's all volunteer to ensure that they stay as clean and well kept as they are now – bring towels, blankets, and wipe up after your dog(s).

So many more people work tirelessly that I apologize in advance for missing you. And for those who have thought of pitching in, but don't know where to start, just contact any Board member with your idea – we'll be happy to talk. Don't worry about experience – I'm a devoted proponent of on-the-job-training. There's someone somewhere who could use your help. In conclusion, it should also be noted that volunteering is the best way to get to know other club members, to spend time talking about dogs, about training, about life. The club can be a place you go to train, or it can become a circle of friends who help, support, and celebrate each other. It's up to you. Dog people are some of the best people in the world.

From the Training Director: Practical Training for Living with Dogs

Lisa Daniel

We currently have a canine houseguest who has caused me to notice things that I normally take for granted. It all goes back to training vs. management, which I talked about a few months ago. To our already full household of four dogs of our own, we have added a temporary guest whose name shall be changed to protect the innocent: “Sophie,” a two-year-old spayed female black Labrador retriever. Sophie is as sweet as can be, and mercifully (for we do not have a large house!) on the small side for a Lab – only about 55 lbs. All my dogs like her, which is one of the reasons I was willing to take her in as a guest.

Here is the thing: the dog has never really learned to respond to verbal commands, let alone to exhibit any self-control, and she barrels her way through life. It has been starkly brought home to me how

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results in a solution. Break it down into baby steps if necessary!”

We then began the distance handling portion of the workshop. Claudia showed us the basics for teaching The Send—motivating the dog to move ahead of us to an obstacle. Handlers practiced using arm motion, forward movement and throwing a toy or treat. Dogs responded with wild enthusiasm and confidently ran ahead of their owners, flying over jumps, through a tunnel and six weave poles.

Not everyone had instant success, but Claudia seized these opportunities to address any and all problems. No one came away without a measure of success and understanding of new skills. Through trial and error, Claudia inspired confidence with this maxim: “Every problem has a training solution and a handling solution.”

We learned about back chaining and breaking down training an obstacle into simple steps. Claudia advised to “teach each obstacle as if it were a target.” Even the dreaded weave poles were an opportunity to teach with targets and food motivators. Green dogs finally understood “where they were supposed to go” and more experienced dogs learned to work their way through the poles without their handlers hovering over each and every step.

A terrific lunch was laid out by Jill Bond and Abigail Carter and students mingled and talked shop. During the break, Claudia gave a demonstration with Hijinx on building focus and how to teach using a target. We saw Hi learn to “target” and how that skill can then be applied to teaching a dog to work away from you. Claudia told stories about her competitions, various dogs, and how she became a success-

ful trainer and competitor. All of them were designed to illustrate the importance of training, teamwork, drive and the connection with our dogs.

The afternoon’s session was a discrimination workshop. Claudia and Hijinx showed us how a dog knows how to make the correct choice: A-Frame or Tunnel? The closer left entrance to the tunnel or the far entrance on the right? We saw a clear demonstration how geometry—lateral movement by a handler at a precise time and place—can move a dog away from whatever is in front of them. Dogs correctly chose to go off to the far tunnel entrance instead of

moving in a straight line, even when coming over jumps at speed. Handlers were elated and claimed their dogs “did things they never thought possible.”

We finished up the day with a Claudia course-ette, a short sequence of seven obstacles that tested what we learned that day. Jump, tunnel, jump, tunnel, winged jump, A-frame and—jump. We were tested on our lateral moves to

cue discrimination, measuring our speed, sending our dogs ahead and the timing of our cues. Claudia patiently coached each team until they “got it,” analyzing mistakes and coming up with simple yet brilliant solutions. Her patience and perseverance paid off and each team successfully completed the course.

At the end of the day, and during the lunch break and focus demonstration, Claudia was ready, willing and able to answer individual questions. It was a terrific and motivating day and an exciting learning experience. Students came away with more confidence and practical keys to success. And Claudia’s final sage advice? If you are lost on the course, if your dog runs off, if you have no idea what to do next: “When in doubt, run!”



Claudia and Hijinx made teamwork look easy.

Brag!

Irish wolfhound Blair's Mysterious, CD ("Teagan") handled by Susan and Tom Hertz, has completed 250 therapy dog visits and earned her Therapy Dog International Remarkable Volunteer Achievement (TDIRVA) award.

—Thomas Hertz



AKC Delegate's Corner

Joyce Dandridge

The Canine Ambassador Program

What is it

The Canine Ambassador Program is a network of volunteers from local AKC-affiliated dog clubs who are interested in making presentations to children—in classrooms, at libraries, in after-school programs, at Boy/Girl scout meetings, etc.—on various topics related to the world of purebred dogs. Currently, Club members Tom and Susan Hertz are Ambassadors for their area.

How it works

Once you sign up to be an Ambassador, the AKC provides you with a packet of information, including guidelines for developing your program, reproducibles, promotional brochures to give to teachers and parents, the names of the ambassadors in the area, your Canine Ambassador lapel pin, and more.

Your name is added to the Canine Ambassador Directory for your area. The directory is advertised in the AKC's Children's Education Catalog and sent to teachers upon request. You need not wait for a school to contact you. In fact, AKC encourages Ambassadors to make an effort to reach out to their local schools or youth groups to introduce themselves.

Several times a year, the AKC's Public Education department sends you updates on new materials, sample reproducibles, tips from fellow Ambassadors and other ideas to keep your program going strong. The actual content of your presentation is determined by you in conjunction with your host.

How can I sign up?

Any AKC-affiliated club member in good standing with their club can volunteer to be placed in the directory. Because you will be representing your club, it is important that your club's officers are aware of your participation in this program.

If you are interested in being a CDTC Canine Ambassador, please contact me by phone or email. I can email you the form to be completed or snail mail it to you. You need a club officer to sign it. Mail the completed form to AKC's Public Education Department at 8051 Arco Corporate Drive, Ste. 100, Raleigh, NC 27617.

Questions?

Contact me, your AKC Delegate, at justus6@attglobal.net or call Joanne Tribble of the AKC at (919) 816-3712 or e-mail publiced@akc.org.

We need CDTC members in our area to be in the directory and represent the club.

Think about it!

Capital Dog Training Club Instructor Recognition and Awards Dinner 2009

Capital members gathered at the clubhouse on July 13 to recognize the contributions of instructors and assistants and to celebrate those who earned titles in 2009.

Members and their guests enjoyed a scrumptious dinner followed by an awards ceremony. The wonderful evening was organized by Burton and Shellie Goldstein and ably emceed by Burton, 2009 Training Director Jennie Larkin, current and 2009 Assistant Training Director Abigail Carter, and Benita Bottom, who represented conformation competitors and instructors.



Joyce Dandridge announced that Shannon Hall is the recipient of the AKC Good Sportsmanship Award at the annual Awards Dinner.



Jennie, Benita and Abigail announce the teams of handlers and dog who won titles in 2009.

Following is a list of members and their dogs who earned AKC Obedience and Rally titles in 2009. Titlists represent big dogs and small, a variety of breeds, including some that aren't traditionally considered obedience breeds, and beginner and experienced obedience competitors. Next month: Agility titlists and more!

AKC Obedience

Companion Dog—Novice A (CD)

Frances Kingery	Caper	Standard Schnauzer
Patti Miller	Rosie	Chesapeake Bay Retriever
Gabi Golec	Kiley	Border Collie
Karen Schwartz	Katie	Shetland Sheepdog

Companion Dog—Novice B (CD)

Elizabeth Jarrell	Sophia	Australian Shepherd
Mary Helen Rice	Einstein	Scottish Terrier
Carrie Solomon	Ripley	French Bulldog
Hazel Troendle	Crash	Border Collie

Companion Dog Excellent—Open A (CDX)

Lisa Daniel	Lucky	Pembroke Welsh Corgi
Mary Helen Rice	Jeep	Scottish Terrier
Megan Hemmer	Gracie	Border Collie

Utility Dog—Utility A (UD)

Laurie Falter	Cub	Rottweiler
Brooke Holt	Buddy	Border Collie
Paul Rosbolt	Tyr	Burmese Mountain Dog
Gabi Golec	Gesa	German Shepherd Dog

Utility Dog Excellent—2 (UDX-2)

Burton Goldstein	MG	Shih Tzu
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High-in-Trial

Burton Goldstein	MG	Shih Tzu
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AKC Rally**Rally Novice (RN)**

Lisa Daniel	Cody	Pembroke Welsh Corgi
Dianne Harab	Reese	Field Spaniel
Terri Marvel	BJ	Scottish Terrier

Rally Advanced (RA)

Lisa Daniel	Lucky	Pembroke Welsh Corgi
Mary Helen Rice	Einstein	Scottish Terrier
Jane Weisemann	Jack	Siberian Husky
Benita Bottom	Siena	Portuguese Water Dog
Judy Cosler	Magic	Tibetan Terrier

Rally Excellent (RE)

Maurine Atkinson	Bazi	Long Coat Chihuahua
Lisa Daniel	Lucky	Pembroke Welsh Corgi
Mary Helen Rice	Einstein	Scottish Terrier

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much I count on my dogs to do certain simple things on my say-so, and indeed, my not-so-healthy back depends on it. (Note that even Joey, who has only been a member of the household for five or six weeks, pretty much has these down.) So this month and next I will give examples of how to train a few simple commands that make life at home SO much easier.

1. “Stay In” (similar to “wait”): There are MANY times I want to go through a door and I do NOT want four or five or even ONE dog following me through it. How bloody annoying it is to have a dog who does not understand this command! I train this to mean “do not cross this line” and it can be trained anywhere there is a line a dog can recognize, but I most often use it at doorways and gates and also and especially for the crate opening. I train this by marking the line very clearly with my hand flat and my arm moving in windshield-wiper motion along the line I do not want the dog to cross as I say firmly “stay IN” (emphasis on the “IN”). The dog is of course on a leash when I am training it. I start out on the same side of the line as the dog, but then I cross the line and allow slack in the leash. Note that if there is an actual door involved, I mark the line *before* opening the door, then physically prevent the dog from crossing as I open the door, and mark it again (with the verbal) with the door open before crossing the line and allowing slack in the leash.

Once I have stepped over the line, I am careful that I am not pulling the dog *toward me* inadvertently and I am ready to use the leash to pull the dog back to where he’s supposed to be if he crossed the line. If the dog “gets it” and does not cross, I mark it again as I praise “good Stay IN”. I find the marking is critical for the dog’s understanding. I will also treat the dog who is staying on the correct side of the line.

Most dogs will make the mistake of crossing (especially on a door leading outside) at least a couple of times and this is how they learn. When I am first teaching it, I pull them back with the leash gently, but I am telling the dog a firm “no.” In my view, especially with a door that can lead to a road, this is a potentially life-saving command. When first training this command, I work it much like a “stay” in that I am working on duration, distance, and distraction and upping each element gradually.

I work this for the crate and the car as well. For the crate, I use the door (carefully!) as the means to correct rather than a leash. After I’ve marked the line (the front of the crate (with the dog on the inside), I will open the door just enough to put my arm in to mark it from the inside. If the dog rushes the door, I will say “no,” push him back with my hand and then shut the door. Then I’ll try again. Mark it, open the door slightly, push back and close if the dog rushes the door. Once the dog gets the idea to hang back as you open the door, praise and treat.

Once you have trained this command at a doorway and the crate I find dogs have no problem understanding it more broadly (other doorways, the car, etc.) One difference between this command and “wait” is that I don’t care what the dog does as long as he does NOT cross the line, whereas “wait” (or “stay”) means “hold your position.” In my experience, “stay in” is asking less of the dog in terms of self-control, and therefore in particularly in high adrenalin situations (can you say “Pizza man” or “Halloween”) it is more likely that a dog can succeed in “staying in” where actually holding a position would be graduate-level work. He can be wiggling and wagging, running in circles, or whatever – he just can’t cross the line.

Note: if you have a hound or a terrier, you may find you have to use a stronger leash correction at doors to the outside as the drive to run out can be very strong. But training it can save you a lot of hassle, and more importantly, your dog’s life.

(2) “Go Potty” (or “Do Business,” “Empty,” or whatever word you like): Having a functional “potty word” is a Godsend for communicating with your dog. The two mistakes people commonly make are: (1) not training one at all; or (2) attempting to train one, but not realizing that if you start out with your new puppy by saying “Go Potty” every time you go outside on the grass, the puppy will naturally think that “go potty” means “let’s wander around on the grass for awhile.” Not so useful.

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Braggs!

At the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Greater Baltimore trial on Saturday, July 17th, Bo earned a second UD leg, with a 4th place.



Triple H Big Train Cody RN ("Cody" or "Fluffbutt"), my 2-year-old Pembroke Welsh Corgi, earned his first leg of Rally Advanced on Sunday at the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Greater Baltimore show at CTA. He scored a 97 and earned Third place. As many of you know, Cody never read the breed standard and never got that "bold" part down—he's a real worrier. So I was very proud of his holding it together so well on his first outing in a Rally ring offleash. What a good boy! —

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In fact, done correctly, a potty word (I hesitate to call it a "command" since it's not really enforceable) can save you a LOT of frustrating time spent in downpours, etc. I always tell my students the story of when I first took Lucky to visit my grandmother in Philadelphia. The only area for him to eliminate near her 18-story retirement building consisted of gravel mixed liberally with cigarette butts. The first chance I had to potty him was 11:00 at night in the winter when it was about 15 degrees plus wind chill. He looked at the gravel dubiously. I said "do it, do it" (which is his "word"). He gave me one of those "you're surely not serious" looks. I said "do it, do it" a little more firmly and . . . he DID it! Total time spent outside: 3 minutes. Yay!!

So, the key to this "command" is that for about one to two weeks (depending on the dog) you need to be with him if possible EVERY time he eliminates and EVERY time you praise him with the potty word ("good go potty") ONLY when he is actually in the act. Remember Helen Keller and the Water Pump? This is how he makes the connection of what the heck you are talking about. AGAIN: you NEVER use the word except when the dog is in the process of eliminating.

After about two weeks, you can start backing up your use of the word incrementally: so when you can see the dog is circling, hunching, whatever and is JUST ABOUT to "do it" you can say "go potty" followed by "good go potty!" repeated as he is doing it. Over a period of a week or so, you can back this up to when you are going out the door, and eventually, when your dog goes to the door and looks at you, you can say "need to go potty?" and he should look back at the door or otherwise indicate "yes."

One of the beauties of this command is that once it's reliably trained, if you take your dog out, give the command, and nothing happens within about five minutes, you can be reasonably confident that the dog in fact did not need to go.

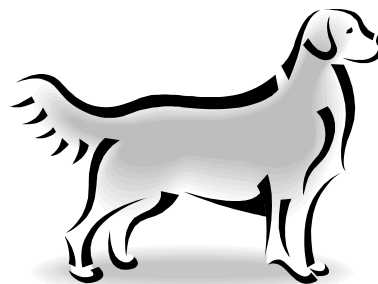
Note that a lot of dogs become accustomed to a "going" on a particular substrate, such as grass. had a client with a puppy this winter whose puppy got accustomed to going in snow and when it melted they had a problem! Closer to home, Joey initially would not go on the river stones in our side yard, which is where we have the dogs go when the backyard is muddy. We simply trained the potty word on the grass in the backyard (he learned in about a week) and then it took just a little work one afternoon to get him to understand that he was supposed to do it on the stones. It would have taken much longer without the ability to communicate.

One final thing: I don't usually give treats for elimination. I generally find praise is sufficient. The exception to that is the occasional dog who has been over-corrected (read: had the crap scared out of him) for eliminating in the house to the point that he has concluded that what is dangerous is to eliminate *in front* of the owner. In that case, the owner needs to do whatever possible to encourage the dog to eliminate (outside) in front of him again.

Class Schedules

Time	Class	Instructor	Ring
MONDAY			
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
8:30-9:20	Basic, 9/13-11/1	Hall	3
TUESDAY			
5-5:50	CGC Prep	Daniel	1-2
6-6:50	AB, 8/31-10/19	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	Adv Conf	Dandridge	2
7-8	Novice	Merchant	1
2 nd Tues. 8-10	Club Meeting	Bldg.	
4 th Tues.	Board Meeting		
WEDNESDAY			
12-2:30	Ob. Skills TG	Spodak	1-2
5-5:50	B. Nov, 8/25-10/13	Larkin	2-3
6-7:30	Agility (Comp)	Harrill	1-2-3
7:30-8:45	Agility (Intro 2)	Briefel	1-2-3
THURSDAY			
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
11:30-12:20	B. Rally, 9/2-10/7	Daniel	3
11:30-12:20	AB, 6/17-8/5	Christensen	1-2
11:30-12:20	Basic, 9/9-10/28	Christensen	1-2
12:30-3:00	Open/Utility TG	Goldstein	1-2-3
6-7	Novice	Gurvin	1-2
6-7	Utility prep	Harry	3
7-8	Utility	Harry	2
7-8	CGC Prep, 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
FRIDAY			
10:15 am-12:30	Freestyle	Ely/ Kirschenman	1-2-3
1-4 (approx.)	Building Cleaning bldg		
7:00-8:00	Novice	Cleverdon	1
7-8:30	CCI*	Hathaway	3

*Canine Companions for Independence



Time	Class	Instructor	Ring
SATURDAY			
7:30-8:30	Tricks, 6/26-8/28	Melchior	2-3
9-9:50	PK, 6/5-8/7	Solomon	2-3
9-9:50	PK, 8/28-10/16	Solomon	2-3
10-10:50	PK, 6/26-8/28	Zarnowski	2-3
11-12:30	Freestyle	Guzman	1-2-3
1-1:50	Basic	Daniel	1-2
2-2:50	AB, 9/11-11/6	Christenson	2-3
2-2:50	Basic, 6/19-8/21	Christenson	2-3
3-3:50	Basic, 6/5-8/7	Hall	1-2
6:30-7:30	Beg. Flyball	Lindberg	1-2-3
7:30-8:30	Flyball practice	Dwyer	1-2-3
SUNDAY			
TBD	CGC/TDI Test	Hall	1-2-3
4-5:15	Agility (Hndl.)	Maloney	1-2-3
5:15-6:30	Agility (Intro)	Hall	1-2-3
6:30-7:45	Agility (Beg.)	Bond/Carter	1-2-3

Class Schedules

Day	Dates	Time	Instructor
PUPPY KINDERGARTEN			
Sat	6/05-8/7,	09:00-09:50 am	Solomon
Sat	6/26-8/28,	10:00-10:50 am	Zarnowski
Sat	8/28-10/16,	9:00-9:50 am	Solomon
Tues	6/8-8/3,	7:00-7:50 pm	Freedman
Tues	6/22 -8/10,	7:00-7:50 pm	Hathaway
BASIC			
Sat	6/5-8/7,	3:00- 3:50 pm	Hall
Sat	6/19-8/21,	2:00-2:50 pm	Christenson
Sat	9/4-10/30,	1:00-1:50 pm	Daniel
Mon	9/13-11/1,	8:30- 9:20 pm	Hall
Wed	9/9-10/28,	11:30 am-12:20 pm	Christenson
AB			
Sat	9/11-11/6,	2:00-2:50 pm	Christenson
Tues	8/31-10/19,	6:00-6:50 pm	Daniel
Thurs	6/17-8/5,	11:30 am-12:20 pm	Christensen
CGC PREP			
Thurs	7/22-8/12,	7:00-7:50 pm	Miller
Tues	8/31-9/21,	5:00-5:50 pm	Daniel
BEGINNING NOVICE			
Wed	8/25-10/13,	5:00-5:50 pm	Larkin
SUB-NOVICE			
Mon	C	7:15-8:15	Adler/Dwyer
Thur	C	9:30-10:30 am	Adler
Thurs	C	8-9	Dornak
Fri	C	7-8	Cleverdon
NOVICE			
Mon	C	7:30-8:30	Golec
Tues	C	7-8	Merchant
Thurs	C	9:30-10:30 am	Holt
Thurs	C	6-7	Gurvin
OPEN			
Mon	C	6-7:15	LaDieu
Thurs	C	8-9	Harry
Thurs	C	9-10	Nappier
UTILITY			
Mon	C	8:15-9:15	Adler
Thurs	C	6:00-7:00 (prep)	Harry
Thurs	C	8:00-9:00	Harry

Day	Dates	Time	Instructor
RETRIEVE			
Thurs	C	7-8:00	Dornak
TRICKS			
Sat	6/26-8/28,	07:30-8:30 am	Melchior
BEGINNING RALLY			
Thurs	9/2-10/07,	11:30 am-12:30 pm	Daniel
COMPETITION RALLY			
Sat	6/5-8/7,	1:00-2:00 pm	Daniel
CGC AND TDI TEST			
Sun	9/26	TBD	Hall
AGILITY			
Wed	C	6:00 - 7:30(Comp.)	Harrill
Wed	C	7:30 – 8:45 (Intro 2)	Briefel
Sun	C	4:00 -5:15(Hndl.)	Maloney
Sun	C	5:15- 6:30 (Intro)	Hall
Sun	C	6:30-7:45 (Beg.)	Bond/Carter
ADVANCED CONFORMATION			
Tues	9/21-10/26,	7:00-7:50 pm	Dandridge
FREESTYLE			
Fri	C	10:15-12:30	Ely/ Kirschenman
Sat	C	11-12:30	Guzman
TRAINING GROUPS			
Mon	C	10-11:30	Ely
Wed	C	12-2:30 (Ob. Skills)	Spodak
Thurs	C	12:30-3:00	Goldstein
FLYBALL			
Sat	C	6:30-8:30	Lindberg/Dwyer
OUTSIDE GROUPS			
Fri	C	7-8:30	CCI, Hathaway
BUILDING CLEANING			
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.

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

Important Dates at Capital

Tuesday, August 10:
Membership Meeting

Tuesday, September 14:
Membership Meeting

Sunday, September 26:
CGC/TDI Test

Sunday, October 10:
CDTC Obedience Trial



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