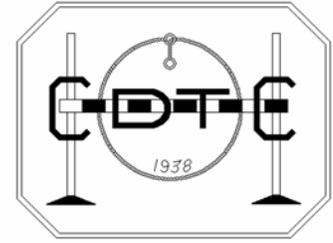


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Puppy K for the non-beginner

Jodie Jeweler

I know I'm not really an experienced trainer, with only 2 dogs and almost 4 titles under my belt, but I figured I've been doing this enough that I have at least an idea of how to begin training.

Then I got Corky, my Irish Wolfhound puppy. Corky was chosen from the beginning to be my competition dog. He's incredibly smart, driven, and energetic. It was clear to me from the time I brought him home that we needed to start early and start right. But I assumed I could do that on my own. I didn't need kindergarten when I have a college degree, right?

For years, I've seen the puppy K classes going on, while I was in a more advanced class, and always thought, "ok-I do that." Or "nice way of doing that. Have to remember it." The classes looked like fun, but

I never thought they were necessary for ME. I decided to put Corky in the puppy class purely for socialization. I thought at best, we might learn a tip or two.

Boy, was I wrong!

We learned many things every single week! Most importantly, I learned how HE learns, and I learned how to gear my training towards his strengths & weaknesses better. I learned that just because he can do it at home, doesn't mean he can do it in class. (or vice-versa!) He learned how to



play politely, when invited, with dogs of any size. For a few weeks, some were even larger than him! We also got an opportunity to expose our puppies to various surfaces, sounds, and experiences that would have been a lot harder, if not impossible, to recreate at home.

Puppies learned to accept other people handling them, and we learned to be comfortable passing our babies around to strangers. We learned how to convince our puppy to do something he didn't want to, without making it a bad experience for either of us, thus building confidence for both of us. We also forged a bond as a team, which I think for all of us, will last forever. And of course, we learned the basics of leash walking, sit, down & come. I know many of us continued on to Basic class, and will continue into

Advanced and then competition level classes. I know a few people walked away with pets they could live with, take out in public and be proud of, and won't take any more classes. But I think most of us will continue, and I know a couple people who got the training bug!

I probably could have walked away then, with an IW I could handle in public, and not be in danger from or embarrassed by. Most people don't even do puppy K or any training with their Wolfhounds.

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**from the editor.....** Linda Lombardi

Lots of stuff in here for you to read this month, so just a couple of quick notes from me: First, anyone who would like to opt out of getting a paper copy of Obichaff by mail, email Marian at mhzoo@aol.com. Remember that you can now read it on the public part of the website, linked on the front page, so you don't even have to remember the password!

Also, if you have a contribution (don't forget that poor sad pug, below), please send it to me at creaturewriter@gmail.com. The Obieditor address is so full of spam that I've been losing track of things. And please use as little formatting as possible—no bulleted lists or fancy stuff, which tends to upset the MS Publisher software. Thanks!



You can help this pug get a cookie....

Or you can turn the page

Every time you submit a contribution to Obichaff, this pug gets a cookie. Look at those sad eyes. Won't you help?

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But since I want to compete in Obedience & Rally (and lure coursing, and maybe freestyle, tracking, who knows what else), I wanted to give my puppy a good foundation. I really think taking puppy K was one of the best things I've done for me... and Corky. We learned many useful tips, tricks, and training methods. We learned how to work together and how to learn together. And we had a LOT of fun!

Just because you've been training since dogs were created, don't discount a puppy K class with your next puppy. It is a refresher, an eye opener, and really can be just plain fascinating fun. And be sure to tell people you know getting puppies about our puppy K class- and the rescue discount!



M.G. Wins High-in-Trial American Shih Tzu Club -- May 13, 2009

If you have never gone to your breed's national specialty show, you should consider going. You get to travel to the best places. Everyone welcomes you with open arms. You get the best trial conditions and the best judges. And the shopping can't be beat.



Okay, the shopping is good. The rest might or might not be true. Shih Tzus are not known for their universal performances in dog companion sports. They are beautiful and incredible to watch as they glide across the show ring, barely showing any sign of what is propelling them.

Once I was warming M.G. up before we went into the obedience ring. A breed dog walked past us and shook. I questioned whether the resulting cloud of powder was "natural". I was told better here than in the show ring. I once remarked to a friend that I hadn't re-

membered their dog having that particular color in that part of their hair. They told me that it did now. And we just have to run courses and ask our dog to do stuff.

At our first American Shih Tzu Club national specialty, I was asked to please carry my dog everywhere. I made some crack about my dog being my "pet" and their dog being a "trophy", and proceeded to walk my pet in the rain. Just about every other dog had every hair in oil and bands, as they were being carried. We were one of a very few that competed in obedience. M.G., my novice A dog, earned his second novice leg.

That next year, they added agility. The judge they had hired was a member of the world team. The first day, none of our excellent level Shih Tzus ran under course time. I asked the judge if there might be anything that could be done. She told me to have our dogs run faster, and then told us all about her wonderful Shelties.

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Years later, this year, we had Rhonda Crane as our agility judge. She is one of the best, and while we ran on dirt, indoors, at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds, and Shih Tzus typically do not do great on dirt, it was a great time for all. "Sterling" was there, and qualified, earning six points (Shih Tzus earn their MACH points one at a time). Sterling needed nine points for their master agility championship. Once the class was over, Sterling had placed, and hence used the multiplier to earn their MACH. They are now the twelfth MACH Shih Tzu ever. A good number of the others were there, competing. M.G. did well, and was the only dog competing at the excellent level in F.A.S.T.

After two days of agility, we were ready for rally and obedience. This judge was a combination breed / obedience judge. Really, really tough. Now that more and more breed people come out and actually watch our competitions, amongst remarks of "I didn't know that Shih Tzus could do that!". We might expect a competition where the dogs could do their best.

We had been in Oklahoma City four years ago. We didn't find much to do there. We were back again, just to make sure there wasn't much to do (and to also experience some tornado warnings). They took us to Bricktown, their version of our Georgetown. They took us for crab cakes. WE'RE FROM MARYLAND! Please.

Last year we were in Atlanta. The breed people that hosted our trials neglected to get ring matting. So we competed on clear plastic, over the ballroom carpet. By the time we went into the ring, the plastic was curved and not flat. It reflected the bright lights and poor M.G. couldn't see his white glove nor his white dumb bell. Not much that I could do about the utility gloves, but I painted the ends of his second dumb bell yellow, just in case.

At a specialty, you might expect the judge to be a bit easier, so the dogs can show off to the crowds (yes, we now have spectators!). In excellent rally, the course must have one of two more difficult, excellent-only exercises. This judge had BOTH of them! This cost Shellie and Goldie their bid at their third and last rally excellent leg. They looked great, but no Q.

No easy time in the obedience ring either. Perhaps the hardest utility B rotation starts with the dreaded "directed jumping" right off. That was the rotation that was used. M.G. had barely entered the ring, before we were NQ'ed. Soon came the directed retrieve, and M.G. went out to get glove three, found a small buffet of treats thrown on the carpet for the breed dogs, had a nice snack, and came back smartly, but with no glove. They don't call it "futility" for nothing, and I was sure that the air conditioning was completely turned off.

While we placed in both rally classes (a first and a third), M.G. was brilliant in open obedience. After six times in the agility ring, and two times in rally and two times in obedience, he certainly wowed the crowd in open. Even this very, very sharp pointed pencil judge gave him a 189, another first place, and High-in-Trial.

Over the years, we have continued our tradition of having the agility judge take a picture with all of the dogs and handlers. Then, the judge and just the dogs. That is a sight to see. More and more people come out to watch our trials. Obedience and rally have now worked their way up on the schedule, and are a prime time special. No longer do the breed people ask me to "carry my dog", but say "hello" as we respect each other for our own accomplishments in our own portion of showing the same breed. (Now if we can get better obedience/rally judges.)

So go to your breed's national specialty, do your thing, and help show the breed people the potential their beautiful dogs have for the agility and obedience ring. Shih Tzu people now know and respect our dogs. And the show shopping is absolutely the best!!!

**Dispatch From the Public Outreach Committee
By Brigitte Greenberg**

The public outreach committee was formed after CDTC members voted March 10 to create a panel to explore ways that CDTC can take an active role in educating the public and public officials about the positive aspects of dog ownership, as well as the proper ways to find a reputable breeder or rescue dog. In short, we as a club decided that we wish to help frame the debate that People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) have put before us with anti-dog legislation and to do so by instituting a variety of public outreach efforts.

Volunteers serving on this committee include Carol Ames, Sandi Atkinson, Mary Carson, Burton Goldstein, Brigitte Greenberg, Frances Kingery, Patti Miller, Suzanne Miller, Sheila O'Neill, Carrie Solomon, Jodie Watts, and Wendy Wilkinson.

The group has composed a mission statement, which was read during the June club meeting: "The mission of the Outreach Committee of Capital Dog Training Club of Washington, D.C., Inc. (CDTC) is to educate the public and opinion leaders on responsible dog ownership; to establish CDTC as an authority on issues affecting dog owners; and to preserve the rights of dog owners."

The committee has designated Burton Goldstein as its legislative liaison for Maryland, and Suzanne Miller as the legislative liaison for the District of Columbia. We are seeking a counterpart for Virginia. This role would include potentially lobbying state legislators and possibly testifying before committees if legislation detrimental to dog ownership arises. If you are a resident of Virginia and are interested in taking on this exciting challenge, please contact Brigitte Greenberg at (301)681-5470 or by email at BrigitteGreen@msn.com for more information.

Among the projects that the committee hopes to accomplish is to add a variety of resources and links to the CDTC website to educate the public on responsible ownership and ways to find a reputable breeder or rescue dog.

The committee decided that CDTC should take a more active and visible role in promoting the AKC's designated "Responsible Dog Ownership Day," which is Saturday, Sept. 26. In addition to the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) and Therapy Dog International Inc. (TDI) that we typically do on this day in the afternoon, the panel also would like to hold a morning "Open House" for the public to come visit the club for a few hours on that day.

Among the activities that the panel would like to see are demonstrations of basic obedience skills by instructors and assistant instructors, as well as a chance for members of the public to ask questions about behavioral issues. The committee also would like to hold something oriented toward children; perhaps promoting "AKC's Safety Around Dogs" program. The panel intends to publicize the event through public service announcements and public calendars and to invite public officials and members of local Animal Control to participate. The group is seeking CDTC members to help staff the event.

The committee has proposed that CDTC affiliate with the Maryland Dog Federation and Virginia Federation of Dog Clubs and Breeders, which are two groups specifically oriented toward combating legislative challenges to dog ownership. The committee intends to invite representatives of these federations to a future CDTC meeting to outline their goals and to make a pitch for why CDTC should become an affiliate. Much of this information can be found on the federations' Web sites, which are <http://www.marylanddogfederation.com/> and <http://www.virginiafederation.org/>

Please look for future announcements about the committee's progress in the CDTC Yahoo! Group, as well as in Obichaff, and at club meetings.

FROM THE TREASURER - A MID-YEAR PERSPECTIVE

Dianne Harab

During these challenging times, this Treasurer is greatly concerned about the financial future of Capital Dog Training Club, although currently there is a substantial balance in both the checking account and money market. Over the past three (3) years, the members of CDTC have worked very hard to maintain the finances. Due to a number of factors, including the economy, we need to work even harder now than ever before.

Specifically with regards to the income:

The number of classes are down over last year; the number of basic classes held during the first half of 2008 was fourteen (14) as compared to ten (10) this year; the number of puppy kindergarten classes held in the first half of last year was six (6) as compared to five (5) this year. These lower level classes are our bread and butter and we cannot afford to have less classes, rather we need to promote the lower level classes to the general public. If we have waiting lists, we will need instructors to step up and volunteer to teach them. We need assistants to mentor new instructors so as to prepare them to teach these classes.

Over the past several years, CDTC has held Seminars and invited well-known experts in various fields such as Barbara Kummel, Diane Smart, Jane Jackson, Connie Cleveland, Diane Peter Mayers, and Pat Miller. Attendance has been traditionally high and we have had waiting lists and audit slots. These seminars brought in a significant amount of revenue.

Our expenses are increasing:

In March, CDTC entered a Lease renewal. This Lease Agreement reflects a three percent (3%) raise per annum over the next five (5) years. Prior to this Lease renewal CDTC was paying rent of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) per month

Invoices such as utilities, including gas and electricity, insurance, and property taxes have risen and will continue to rise.

We need to look at new ways that we can raise our level of income in order to continue to maintain our current cash flow.

New ideas are needed for increasing revenue. One such idea is to hold a Flea Market whereby the Club can sell old equipment (cleaning up the clubhouse at the same time), members can donate their unwanted items, and the club can bring in much needed financial resources.

CDTC has not voted in new members since December 2008! This is due to a lack of attendance at our monthly meetings, held the second Tuesday of every month at 8 p.m. We need a quorum, twenty-five (25), to attend these meetings, vote, and voice their ideas, opinions, and suggestions. These new members are valuable new blood to the life of our club. At this time, there are dues payments for these potential new members which have not been deposited to the club's account.

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Consequently, there has been a noticeable reduction in the revenue to the club. We need you to bring your ideas to the meetings and volunteer to assist with the execution of these ideas. We need to continue to look at the future of CDTC and make certain that we are not in a position of depleting its reserves. The members of Capital Dog Training Club have the potential to make a difference. We need all of you to ensure that the future of CDTC is a healthy, viable one.

Reports

CDTC Obedience Run Thru June 7, 2009

June 7 was the first run thru of the summer. Entries were low for utility and especially for open, but we had a good number of novice dogs.

Entries:

Utility: 15 Open: 10 Novice: 39 Total: 64 Pre-entries: 32

Amount made: \$343.00

Thank you to all the volunteers!!

Registration – Pam Marshall, Sheila O'Neill, Pepper Guzman

Judges – Spencer Harrill, Shannon Hall, Doris Koskos

Stewards – Carrie Solomon, Valery Gordon, Terri Marvel, Jodi Watts, Dianne Harab, Jeff Harab, Linda Gordon, Sheila O'Neill.

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

There are just 2 more chances this year for you to volunteer to help at run thrus! The last 2 are scheduled for Sunday July 5, and Sunday August 2.

-Jane Weisemann

Run Thru coordinator

Capital held is Nth (where N is a large number) semi-annual CGC/TDI test on April the 25th. These tests take volunteers to run, and I'd like to thank them heartily for coming out and doing such excellent work. We had TDI Judge Susan Hertz with Tom Hertz assisting her, CGC Judges Liane Luini and Lisa Daniel, Strange Dog team Diane Harab and Reese the field spaniel, and assorted and critical volunteers Jean Mammen, Ken and Betsy Harringer with their nephews, who were our first shift TDI children, Therese Kmeck, Megan Hemmer, Doris Koskos, Iris Vukomonic and her mother Maja, and Kira Green, daughter of Anne Du Vivier (Iris and Kira were our second shift TDI children). Arlene Spilker came, ill but still willing to help, but I was able to let her rest this time. Next fall she'll be back with her field spaniel to take the test herself.

We did pre-registration this year and it really helped things run much more smoothly. We had 28 dogs total, 25 of whom passed their CGC. Of the 18 dogs taking TDI, 15 or so passed. That's 15 more therapy teams in the area to do good work!

-Shannon

AKC Delegate's Report**Joyce Dandridge**

As a lead up to the AKC Delegates meeting, Curt Curtis and his Companion Events staff conducted a seminar about how to stem the tide of decline in Obedience. Curt will be annotating his presentation and sending it as a CD or by email to all clubs which offer companion events.

- Obedience is in decline for AKC. In the first four months of 2009, there were 1,177 fewer entries than in the first four months in 2008. Curt stated that obedience is the foundation for all dog sports and everyone should read Chapters 1 and 2 in the AKC Obedience Regulations, and the "Purpose of Obedience" in those regulations.

- They stated that obedience does not require a sterile environment. Dogs entered should be able to perform with distractions, such as people eating. People standing closer than ten feet from the ring or people having normal conversations. A morgue atmosphere is not necessary for the sport. Clubs should not let a small minority of exhibitors, who may require absolute silence and stillness, to control the environment at obedience trials, since the regs do not require it.

- Scheduling judges: As of January 2009, clubs may assign judges based upon 8 hours of judging. If a club has limited entries based on a certain number of entries per class, and then has experienced the dilemma of a judge finishing his assigned classes in far less than 8 hours because of too few entries for his classes, now in future trials, that judge could be assigned additional classes, and then when entries reach the judge's 8 hours point, those entries would close. Read Chapter 1, Section 27 of the AKC Regulations.

- Optional Titling Classes: As of January 2009, clubs may offer three previously non-regular classes as titling classes- Graduate Novice, Graduate Open, and Versatility. These are intended to make obedience more interesting. They can be alternatives to matches because they enable handlers to enter dogs in transition classes between Novice and Open, and Open and Utility.

- New Non-Regular Classes: Wild Card Classes are available to offer handlers additional opportunities for training. Official AKC judges need not judge wild card classes, but the judges must be approved in advanced by AKC.

- Date & Place on Ribbons: It is okay to use labels on ribbons to list dates and places, so ribbons may be used for more than one trial.

- Two Trials Per Day: Beginning January 2010, a club may hold two Obedience trials on the same day.

- Three Legs Under Twp Judges: Beginning January 2011, dogs may earn titles with 3 legs under 2 judges.

- Suggestions for Trials Being More Novice Friendly: 1. Assign a club member to greet new exhibitors and visitors; 2. Schedule a special briefing at the start of each trial for new exhibitors; 3. Offer copies of AKC Obedience rule books to new exhibitors; 4. Schedule Novice classes earlier in the day, with Novice B going before Novice A; 5. Provide special awards for Novice A exhibitors, such as Highest Score in Novice, or gift bags; 6. Plan get togethers for exhibitors after trials; 7. Encourage new exhibitors; make them feel welcome. Encourage Novice qualifiers to move on to Open.

In the Obedience Committee meeting the following occurred:

- Judging Assignment Limitations- The AKC Board will discuss the possible change in judges' mileage from 200 to 100 miles. This will go before the Board at the next meeting for possible acceptance in 2011.
- Separation of Rally for Obedience is a mute issue and off the table. The Board will not discuss it.
- Mixed Breeds approved. Listing dogs will begin in October 2009. Clubs can start events for them in April 2010. Mixed breeds events can be part of a single event. It is the judge's and club's option whether to combine or separate for stays. They will be listed as separate classes with two sets of ribbons. AKC has had dialogue with Mixed Breeds of America and they are enthusiastic about the inclusion.
- It was suggested that clubs reach out to shelters. Clubs can offer shelter related training. Offer discounts to new mixed breeds in classes or dogs connected to shelter.
- It was suggested to contact 4H groups and inform them about the new AKC Mixed Breed Policy. Look into adopting a 4H group.
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In the General Meeting the following was discussed:

- Major decline in registrations was emphasized by the President and the Financial Officer. AKC announced the AKC Registration Pledge Challenge- A Call to Action for Member Clubs. This new program involves members taking a pledge, accepting a challenge and entering a contest where a member club can win \$1000. Watch for more details in my next article or visit the AKC website for more information.
- Finally, the realignment of groups revision was read for a vote at the September Delegates meeting. Anyone has an opinion or would like to discuss with me before the vote, feel free to call or email me.

New Members

Roseanne Baird

My shih tzu mix, named Puppy, and I have been training on and off for three years. Puppy is the first dog I have ever trained; we are now in Anya's subnovice class. We have been a therapy dog team with National Capital Therapy Dogs since 2006 and currently volunteer at Johns Hopkins Children's House in Baltimore. Reese, my 2 year old rescued Old English Sheepdog, has taken the basic class at CDTC, and I am training her for therapy work, too. I hope to take her to more advanced obedience some day but right now I have a lot on my plate which makes it difficult to attend classes but we practice a lot on our own. I also adopted a miniature Australian shepherd named Sadie, and I plan on starting her in obedience soon, and I think she would really enjoy agility. I'm about to finish my Associates of Science degree at Frederick Community College and hope to transfer to the University of Maryland to pursue either a nursing or biology degree (I still can't decide!). My other hobbies include reading and traveling.

Class Schedules

<i>Time</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Ring</i>
MONDAY			
10-11:30 a.m.	Freestyle TG	Ely	2-3
6-7:15	Open	LaDieu	2-3
6-7:00	Rally, 6/29-8/17	Daniel	1
7:15-8:05	SN	Adler/Dwyer	1
8:15-9:15	Utility	Adler	1-2
8:15-9:15	Novice	Golec	3
TUESDAY			
6-6:50	AB, 6/30-8/18	Crawford	
7-7:50	Basic, 5/19-7/7	Harringer	
7-8	Novice	Merchant	1
2 nd Tues. 8-10	Club Meeting	S. Harrill	entire bldg
WEDNESDAY			
12-2:30	Ob. Skills TG	Spodak	1-2
5:30-6:30	SN	Larkin	
6:30-7:20	Basic, 5/27-7/15	Atkinson	
8-9	Agility (Intro)	Carter	1-2-3
THURSDAY			
9:30-10:30a.m.	SN	Adler	1-2
9:30-10:30a.m.	Novice	Holt	3
11:30-12:20	Basic, 5/28-7/16	Goldstein	
6-7	Novice	Gurvin	1-2
6:30-8	Utility (<i>no UD dogs</i>)	Harry	1-2
8-9	SN	Dornak	3
8-9	Open	Harry	1-2
9-10	Open	Nappier	2
FRIDAY			
10:15a.m-12:30	Freestyle	Ely/ Kirschenman	1-2-3
1-4 (approx.)	Building Cleaning	S. Harrill	entire bldg
7-8:30	CCI*	Hathaway	3
<i>*Canine Companions for Independence – training dogs to assist people with disabilities</i>			
SATURDAY*			
10-10:50	PK, 6/30-7/18	Zarnowski	
6:30-7:30	Beg. Flyball	Lindberg	1-2-3
7:30-8:30	Flyball team practice	Dwyer	1-2-3
SUNDAY*			
8:30-10 a.m.	Freestyle	Guzman	1-2-3
2-5	Building rented; no members may enter		
4-5	Agility (Intro 2)	Carter	1-2-3
5:15-6:15	Agility (Competition)	Pearson	1-2-3
6:30-7:30	Agility (Beginner)	Maloney	1-2-3
7:45-8:45	Agility (Handling)	Laurent	1-2-3

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



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<i>Day</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Instructor</i>
PUPPY KINDERGARTEN			
Sat.	5/30-7/1	10-10:50	Zarnowski
BASIC			
Tues.	5/19-7/7	7 -7:50	Harringer
Wed.	5/27-7/15	6:30-7:20	Atkinson
Thurs.	5/28-7/16	11:30-12:20	Goldstein
AB			
Tues.	6/30-8/18	6-6:50	Crawford
SUBNOVICE			
Mon.	C	7:15-8:15	Adler/Dwyer
Wed.	C	5:30-6:30	Larkin
Thurs.	C	9:30-10:30a.m.	Adler
Thurs.	C	8-9	Dornak
NOVICE			
Mon.	C	8:15-9:15	Golec
Tues.	C	7-8	Merchant
Thurs.	C	9:30-10:30a.m.	Holt
Thurs.	C	6-7	Gurvin
OPEN			
Mon.	C	6-7:15	LaDieu
Thurs.	C	8-9	Harry
Thurs.	C	9-10	Nappier

<i>Day</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Instructor</i>
UTILITY			
Mon.	C	8:15-9:15	Adler
Thurs.	C	6:30-8	Harry
RALLY			
Mon.	6/29-8/17	6-7:00	Daniel
AGILITY			
Wed.	5/6-6/24	8-9 (Intro)	Maloney/Carter
Sun.	5/3-6/28	4-5 (Intro 2)	Carter
Sun.	5/3-6/28	5:15-6:15 (Comp.)	Pearson
Sun.	5/3-6/28	6:30-7:30 (Beg.)	Maloney
Sun	5/3-6/28	7:45-8:45 (Handling)	Laurent
FREESTYLE			
Fri.	C	10:15a-12:30p	Ely/Kirschenman
Sun.		8:30-10:00 a	Guzman
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
OUTSIDE GROUPS			
Fri.	C	7-8:30	CCI, Hathaway
BUILDING CLEANING			
Fri.	C	1-4 approx.	S. Harrill

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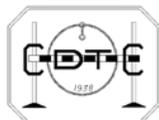
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CDTC offers a variety of other activities for dogs and people, including matches, trials and seminars on dog-related topics.

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