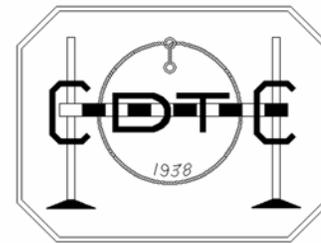


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## TRAVELING WITH DOGS

Dianne Harab

This summer Jeff and I decided to take a vacation with our dogs, Hershey and Reese. Our travels included Houston, Texas where we were to finish Hershey's Championship Title as well as to Oconomowoc, Wisconsin for the Field Spaniel Nationals, where Hershey would be shown in conformation and Reese would be entered in Rally Novice B. This trip required a great deal of coordination and preparation, including flying Hershey to Houston, Texas for the Reliant Shows, having him driven to Wisconsin by our Breeder/Handler who resides in Houston, Texas, and Michael driving Reese to Oconomowoc, Wisconsin (with an overnight stay in Toledo, Ohio) and Jeff and I returning to Maryland (a trip of 800 miles driven in one day) with both dogs by car (Michael flew home).



The key to traveling with dogs is to be prepared for any circumstance that may arise. Visits to the veterinarian are an absolute necessity before leaving home as well as knowing where to locate the local veterinarian upon arrival at your destination. Planning ahead and knowing the requirements are necessary for worry free travel.

Having flown dogs before, once with Reese as a puppy, when she was 10 weeks old, in a

Sherpa bag in the cabin; and once with Hershey in a crate as cargo, this prior experience was my guidance. Booking with Continental Airlines previously and being impressed with their service, and it was decided that we would fly with them again. I called the airline several months in advance to check on the necessary regulations for flying a pet, especially during the hot summer months. Airline industry standards require:

- a Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian dated within 10 days of travel.
- Vaccination records
- A kennel that is sturdy, properly ventilated, and large enough for the animal to freely sit and stand with its head erect, turn around, and lie down in a normal posture, not made exclusively from wire, and that would hold only one dog. Kennels needed to have two empty dishes (one for food and one for water) which were accessible from the outside and the kennel needed to contain absorbent material.
- Leash and collar.
- Identification tags with home address and phone number as well as the address and phone number of the destination.

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

The editor keeps forgetting to mention that when you send her a contribution for the newsletter, please use as little formatting as possible. Avoid bulleted and indented lists, fancy fonts, centering—really everything except words typed one after another. Your text has to go through at least two other computer programs on the way to printing, and basically everything except plain old letters and numbers has the potential to give one of those programs (and therefore your editor) a nervous breakdown. Plain text pasted into the body of an email, rather than an attachment, is nearly always fine.

Also, I'm looking for pictures of your mixed-breed dogs doing obedience to accompany an article next month. If you've got 'em, send 'em—along with those unformatted text contributions—to [creaturewriter@gmail.com](mailto:creaturewriter@gmail.com)



**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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Continental Airlines' policy is to load the animals last and to unload them first in a fully climate controlled van. We watched Hershey being loaded onto the plane before we boarded and we picked him up within minutes of arrival. One article on traveling with pets suggested that a note be written to the Cabin Steward and/or Captain, advising that the dog was on board and requesting the dog's status. We delivered a note, which included our seat numbers, to the Stewardess upon boarding the plane. Within minutes, the Stewardess delivered to our seats a note from the Captain stating that he had verified Hershey's being on board.

Our accommodations for this journey included a stay at relatives (Jeff's sister in Houston) and in a hotel, the Olympia Resort in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. Hershey was a complete gentleman at my sister-in-law's home. He had no ill effects from flying and relaxed in his kennel upon arrival. Both dogs did well at the hotel which was extremely pet friendly. There was plenty of grassy open area, pooper scoopers, bags and signs for the doors informing the staff that there were dogs in the room. Plastic was required to be placed under the crate in the room. Most hotels require a pet deposit, which may or may not be refundable upon check out. No problems were experienced at the hotel and the dogs were very comfortable there.

The essentials for the car travel required:

- Hard Crates, for traveling and for the shows
- Soft Crates, for shows
- Blankets
- Leashes, including kennel leads, show leads
- Identification Tags
- Water and Food Bowls
- Water
- Food
- Treats
- Grooming Brushes, Snoods, Shampoo
- Poop Bags
- Veterinarian Records/Microchip Records
- Paperwork for show entries

Crating a dog in the car is important not only for the dog's safety but also for its comfort. We stopped every 2-3 hours assuring that the dogs took bathroom breaks, stretching breaks and a drink of water. Inasmuch as many of the stops are in rest areas adjoining interstate highways, it is important to remember to always have your dog on its lead and have a firm grip on it before opening the car door. Both dogs traveled extremely well on their long car rides and slept most of the way, needing one or two days to recover from the 13 hour drive.

All in all we had a great time, had no issues with the dogs and found that if properly prepared, traveling with our dogs was a pleasure.

**Club Year, Annual Meetings, Elections - How Time Flies!**

Benita Bottom-Svitchan

CDTC's fiscal year begins on the 1st day of January and ends on the 31st day of December - but how time flies with so much work being done by so many Capital members and our officers. In preparation for the annual meeting held each January, a nominating chair will be appointed by the President in October and the Chair will appoint a committee of at least two active members who are not members of the Board.

Your General meeting attendance is important as only Active Members in good standing who have attended a minimum of four General Membership meetings during the immediately preceding 12 months shall be eligible to vote in the next election.

The nominating committee will soon nominate one candidate for each office and three candidates to be Members-at-Large of the Board of Directors. Before a candidate's name may be submitted to the Membership, his or her consent must be acquired. Additional nomination(s) for each office may be made upon written petition including no less than three signatures of Active Members in good standing; that petition must also include the signature of the nominee contained therein, attesting his or her willingness to serve, and must be submitted to the Club Secretary no later than 14 days prior to the annual meeting.

The Chair of the Nominating Committee, or a Member of said committee in the Chair's absence, shall read the list of nominated candidates at the November General Membership meeting of the Club. The list of candidates will then be included in the following issue of Obichaff.

Duties of officers are described as follows. Some roles including that of Club Secretary have dedicated CDTC members that assist and manage annual membership renewal. You never know when you will be called to serve.

**President:** The duties of the President shall be to conduct all meetings of the Club; to represent the Club at official gatherings of other organizations, to act as the head of the Club in all matters of Club policy and otherwise to direct, coordinate, and conduct the work of the Club in such a manner as to be of the most benefit to dog companion sports and the Club.

**Vice President:** The Vice President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity; and perform such other duties as specifically authorized by the Club or by the Board of Directors.

**Club Secretary:** The duties of the Club Secretary are to keep minutes of all meeting of the Club and Board of Directors; to maintain a current file of Active and Associate Members; to handle Club correspondence; and to have custody of and preserve all Club records. The receipt of annual membership renewals and dues is the duty of the Club Secretary.

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall have responsibility for all funds of the Club, their receipt, their deposit in a bank to be designated by the Board of Directors, and their disbursement. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all financial transactions of the Club and render a report of the status of funds at each meeting of the Board of Directors and of the General Membership. The Treasurer's books shall at all times be open to inspection by the Membership. At the annual meeting an accounting shall be rendered of all moneys received and expended during the previous fiscal year. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as the Board of Directors shall determine.

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**Delegate to the American Kennel Club:** It shall be the duty of the Delegate to the American Kennel Club (hereinafter referred to as the Delegate) to attend meetings of the Delegates to the American Kennel Club as a representative and spokesperson of the Club, and to attend such special meetings of the American Kennel Club as may be required. The Delegate should express the majority opinion of the Club at all times

**Director of Training:** It shall be the duty of the Director of Training to plan, organize and supervise all training activities of the Club, including all public events, and to keep abreast of new and improved training techniques.

**Assistant Director of Training:** The duties of the Assistant Director of Training shall be to assume the duties of the Director of Training in that person's absence and to assist or substitute for the Director of Training at the training facilities.

**Training Secretary:** The duties of the Training Secretary are to dispense information to the public about the Club's classes; to register students for classes and to produce class rosters; and to cooperate with the Director and Assistant Director of Training in seeing that classes are handled efficiently. The Training Secretary or a delegate is responsible for processing applications for new memberships in the Club.

**Trial Chair:** It shall be the responsibility of the Trial Chair to direct all activities of the Club in connection with the holding of any dog companion sport trial, test, or match. The Trial Chair is responsible for the proper accounting for all funds involved.

**Trophy Chair:** The Trophy Chair, in cooperation with the Trial Chair and the Trial Committee, shall be responsible for compiling the list of trophies to be offered at trials, tests, and matches that the Club holds, and for acquiring such trophies. Additionally, the Trophy Chair shall be responsible for the Club's annual awards banquet.

**Editor of Obichaff:** The Editor of Obichaff shall have full responsibility for producing and distributing the Club's newsletter. A file of past issues of the Obichaff shall be maintained.

**Members-at-Large:** The three Members-at-Large shall constitute the Audit Committee. After the annual election, the President shall appoint one of the three as Chair of the Audit Committee.

### **Contributions Welcome for the Judges Luncheon on Sunday October 4th !**

Please let Benita Bottom (bbottomsvi@comcast.net) know via email if you can bring a donation of food or money for the CDTC Obedience Trial Judges Luncheon held at Catoctin Kennel Club Point of Rocks, Maryland on Sunday October 4th. Please provide your name and the item you will bring to Catoctin on the day of the trial, Sunday, October, 4 to Benita via email or telephone. Requested items include:

\* Salads \* Breads \* Desserts \* Vegetable Tray \* Cheese Tray\* Dips and Chips

Donations are welcomed from those that spend too much time training and no time in the kitchen. Please let Benita know if you would like to make a financial donation or email her with the item you will bring!

## **CAPITAL HOSTS OBEDIENCE & RALLY TRIALS OCTOBER THIRD & FOURTH**

Capital Dog Training Club was founded in 1938 to promote the dog companion sport of obedience. Since that time, it has embraced tracking, agility, rally, free style, fly ball, and other dog companion sports. It has moved into its present facility, and offered classes to its members, and the general public. However, its original goal was to promote the sport of obedience.

With this in mind, the club proudly hosts its sixty-four annual obedience trial, and its fifth annual rally trial. As a member club of the American Kennel Club, once a year we put on an all-breed trial, open to the obedience and rally community. This year, the rally trial will be Saturday, October Third, and the obedience trial will be Sunday, October Fourth. It will be held at the Catoctin Kennel Club training facility, 4016 Rock Hall Road, Point of Rocks, Maryland.

Tradition has us co-host the weekend with Mount Vernon Dog Training Club. Their rally trial will be Friday afternoon, and their obedience trial will be Saturday. Our rally trial will start immediately after their obedience trial ends. This year we have gotten special permission from the A.K.C. to start our rally trial as soon as rings are available, rather than after their obedience trial is completely finished. Therefore, we will start earlier. Possibly as early as three o'clock. A more precise starting time will be determined once registration closes, and we know how many dogs will be showing in the Catoctin obedience trial.

Two of the most prestigious events that we stage each year are these obedience and rally trials. We need all of the help that we can get. We will need "ring stewards" to assist each of the judges as they evaluate the performance of each exhibitor. We will have three rings, three judges, and each ring will have a "ring captain" who is experienced and will provide all of the information that even the newest of helper will need. What better way to learn obedience and rally than to be right there in the ring!

We plan on having one shift of ring crew for Friday, and two for Sunday. Our "chief ring steward" is Shellie Goldstein, Shellie.A@verizon.net. Please volunteer as much time as you can, and which "shifts" you can work, roughly. We will have more specific times later.

One of our traditions is for club members to host a luncheon during the obedience trial. We give free lunch to the judges and workers, and offer it to the exhibitors, for a nominal fee. The chair of the "judges' luncheon" committee is Benita Bottom-Svitchan, BBottomSvi@comcast.net. Please contact her with what you are willing to prepare, and any financial contribution you are willing to make, towards the purchase of food.

We will need people to help with administrative responsibilities (Karen Schwartz), trophies (Jane Weisemann), ring hospitality (Doris Koskos), judges' hospitality (Spencer Harrill), picking the judges up and bringing them Sunday morning, and taking each of them to the airport Sunday afternoon. If you can help, we have a job for you!

At our rally trial, we will offer the usual classes of novice, advanced, and excellent.

At an obedience trial, there are three categories of classes. You are probably familiar with the "regular classes", novice, open, and utility. Those are the traditional classes, and "high-in-trial" will be won by the highest scoring dog and handler in one of those classes.

This year, for the first time, the A.K.C. is offering "optional titling classes". These are classes from which titles can also be earned, but are optional as to whether the host club offers them or not. These classes are graduate novice, graduate open, and versatility. We will be offering all three. These three classes used to be "non-regular classes", and no titles had been offered for these classes, before this year. You might think of graduate novice as being between novice and open classes, and graduate open as being between open and utility classes. Versatility is made up of two exercises from novice, two from open, and two from utility. The judge will select which exercises before the class starts.



In addition, there are the “non-regular classes”. No title can be earned, and no performance is “non-qualifying”. They are more fun, for the exhibitors, and often for the spectators. These classes include brace, pre-novice, team, veteran, wildcard novice, wildcard open, wildcard utility, and international. We are offering all of these classes, except for the international class.

International has dogs doing some open and utility exercises, and was developed for the possible future use in development and selection for international competition. That process and criteria have not yet been devel-

oped.

Pre-novice is very similar to novice, except there is no off-leash heeling. Veteran is a novice class for dogs at least seven years old.

In the wildcard classes, verbal praise is possible. Extra commands can be used but will be penalized. One of the exercises will be selected by each exhibitor, before going into the ring, and while it can be performed, the exhibitor will receive full point value, regardless of how they do, or if they try that exercise at all.

Brace is one handler and two dogs performing the novice exercises while the two dogs are coupled together.

Team is four dog and handler pairs, performing the novice exercises at the same time. The figure eight exercise is performed with five posts, and the four pairs moving abreast of each other. The recall exercise has handler one call their dog, and drop it midway. Then handler two calls and drops their dog. After all four dogs are called and dropped, all four along side of each other, all four dogs are called to front together.

I have done brace with our two Shih Tzus. One of the dogs was very well trained, and the other was a retired breed champion that had had very little formal obedience training at the time. With each halt, one was tucked into perfect heel position, while the other was standing in front of me. Knowing that she was going to try to leave the ring during the recall, I called “Goldie, FOOD”. She still ran to the gate opening. Standing without any dog in front of me, I finally yelled “M.G., bring her”, and they suddenly appeared, Goldie sitting backwards. The crowd loved it. The next year we did better.

This year, I am working with other friends, to form at least one team, if not more. Team obedience is typically seen at breed specialty events, rarely at an all-breed show. Not just the heeling, but how well each pair performs in relation to each other is judged. The special team recall is incredibly difficult. Often team members dress alike, and reports have it that the dogs have even worn similar paraphernalia.

Our club’s obedience and rally trials will be a great opportunity for our club to host these annual trials, support the competitive community, allow spectators to see our dog companion sports, and our members to help and experience obedience and rally first hand.

For any other information or to offer your help in general, please contact Burton Goldstein, Capital Trial Chair, Obedience & Rally Show Chair, [Burton@BGCommunications.com](mailto:Burton@BGCommunications.com), 301.548.9555. Thank you.



### CDTC Obedience Run Thru August 2, 2009

August 2 was the last Sunday run thru of the summer. We had almost the same total runs for each summer run thru – 64,62,66 – although the proportion of entries in each class varied a lot.

#### Entries:

Utility: 21 Open: 21 Novice: 24 Total: 64

Pre-entries: 31 (includes 2 that did not show up for the event)

Amount made: \$373.00

Thank you to all the volunteers!!

Registration – Pam Marshall, Pepper Guzman, Carol Ames

Judges – Mary Rice, Maureen Atkinson, Jodi Watts

Stewards – Bonnie Ramsey, Terri Marvel, Marybeth Ardike, Benita Bottom-Svitchan, Doris Koskos, Mary Carson.

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

-Jane

### Braggs

Lucky Daniel CDX RE got his AKC Rally Excellent Title on July 12th at the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Greater Baltimore with a respectable score of 195. He Q'ed in three out of three attempts at Rally Excellent. Exuberant as always, I'm sure Lucky lost some points for barking, but we had a great time.

Meanwhile, Triple H Big Train Cody had his first outing in AKC Rally, getting second place in Rally Novice B with a score of 198. Not bad for a slightly skittish fluffy fourteen-month-old boy!

*-Lisa Daniel*



## New Members

Cheryl Manson

I started basic training in the summer of 2003 with Petunia, my mixed Shar-Pei. Much to my surprise, it became addictive and I started moving up in obedience classes, then rally, then agility. I sort of just fell into competing after moving from Illinois to Virginia and met lots of good people at trials who are now my friends. Petunia goes everywhere with me, including hiking at state and national parks, Florida beaches, cruises on the Potomac, trips to New York City, and even comes to work. After six months, we are still adjusting to the new addition—a Whippet



puppy, Quincy. He is a quick learner, is taking obedience and agility classes, and has his first two legs in rally. I would like to explore new things with both my dogs and continue competing in obedience, rally and agility.

New member profiles compiled by Lois Kietur

## Notice

The Editor is trying to compile a list of people who do various jobs for the club, at the suggestion of Joan Adler. If you're in charge of anything that it would be useful for other members to know about, please contact me at [obieditor@gmail.com](mailto:obieditor@gmail.com) and I will add you to the following list. Thanks!

Club Historian: Joan Adler

Listserv and Webmaster: Deb Jackson

Key system manager: Shirley Harry

Keeper of the Hard (Non-electronic) Building Key: Donna Cleverdon

Keeper of the Yahoo mailing lists: Shannon Hall

CGC/TDI test coordinator: Shannon Hall

Online membership roster: send updates to [MarciaBresson@verizon.net](mailto:MarciaBresson@verizon.net)

New member applications: Marian Hardy

Training Secretary Patti Miller handles registration for lower-level classes

Training Director Jennie Larkin handles class scheduling and registration for upper-level classes

Ordering Collars, Gentle Leaders, and Puppy Kindergarten Books: Alice Hathaway

Maker of Leashes: Jerusha Gurwin

Montgomery County Fair demo organizer: Sandi Atkinson

Volunteer points coordinator: Doris Koskos

Contact for getting into Agility class: Abigail Carter

“Sunshine girl”: Cinda Verbin

## Class Schedules

<u>Time</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Ring</u>
<b>MONDAY</b>			
10-11:30 a.m.	Freestyle TG	Ely	2-3
6-7:15	Open	LaDieu	2-3
66-6:50	Basic, 8/24-10/12	Rice	
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, 8/24-10/12	Hall	3
<b>TUESDAY</b>			
6-6:50	AB, 9/1-10/20	Daniel	1-2
6-6:50	PK, 10/6-11/24	Hathaway	3
7-7:50	PK, 10/6-11/24	Freedman	3
7-8	Novice	Merchant	1
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. 8-10	Club Meeting	S. Harrillentire bldg	
1 & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues.	Run-thrus	Atkinson entire bldg	
4 <sup>th</sup> Tues.	Board Meeting		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			
10-11	Nov/Open, 10/7-11/25	Riley	1-2
12-2:30	Ob. Skills TG	Spodak	1-2
5:30-6:20	Basic, 8/24-10/12	Larkin	1
6:30-7:20	PK, 8/26-10/14	Solomon	2-3
8-9	Agility (Intro)	Carter	1-2-3
<b>THURSDAY</b>			
9:30-10:30a.m.	SN	Adler	1-2
9:30-10:30a.m.	Novice	Holt	3
10:30-11:20	AB, 9/3-10/22	Daniel	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
8-9	SN	Dornak	3
8-9	Open	Harry	1-2
9-10	Open	Nappier	2
<b>FRIDAY</b>			
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>			
<b>SATURDAY*</b>			
7:30-8:30	Tricks, 8/22-10/10	Melchior	2-3
9-10	Rally, 9/5-11/21	Atkinson	2-3
10-10:50	Basic, 8/1-9/19	Atkinson	1
10-10:50	PK, 8/8-9/26	Zarnowski	2-3
11-12:30	Freestyle	Guzman	1-2-3
6:30-7:30	Beg. Flyball	Lindberg	1-2-3
7:30-8:30	Flyball team practice	Dwyer	1-2-3
<b>SUNDAY*</b>			
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
<b>*See Building/Event calendar for other scheduled events!</b>			



## Class Schedules

<u>Day</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
<b>PUPPY KINDERGARTEN</b>			
Tues.	10/6-11/24	6-6:50	Hathaway
Tues.	10/6-11/24	7-7:50	Freedman
Wed.	8/26-10/14	6:30-7:20	Solomon
Sat.	8/8-9/26	10-10:50	Zarnowski
<b>BASIC</b>			
Mon.	8/24-10/12	6-6:50	Rice
Mon.	8/24-10/12	8:30-9:20	Hall
Wed.	8/26-10/14	5:30-6:20	Larkin
Sat.	8/1-9/19	10-10:50	Atkinson
<b>AB</b>			
Tues.	9/1-10/20	6-6:50	Daniel
Thurs.	9/3-10/22	10:30-11:20	Daniel
<b>SUB-NOVICE</b>			
Mon.	C	7:15-8:15	Adler/Dwyer
Thurs.	C	9:30-10:30a.m.	Adler
Thurs.	C	8-9	Dornak
<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

<u>Day</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
<b>NOVICE/OPEN/CLICKER</b>			
Wed.	10/7-11/25	10-11	Riley
<b>Retrieve</b>			
Thurs.	C	7-8:00	Dornak
<b>TRICKS</b>			
Sat.	8/22-10/10	7:30-8:30	Melchior
<b>RALLY</b>			
Sat.	9/5-11/21	9-10:00	Atkinson
<b>AGILITY</b>			
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
<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

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