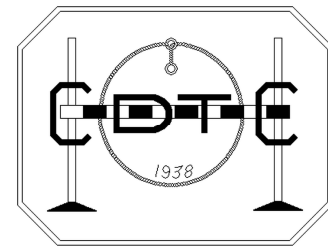


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Therapy Dogs

By Carol Crawford

While the public thinks primarily of dogs as therapy animals – visitors to hospitals, schools, nursing homes, etc., and assistants to the disabled – keep in minds that many other species make wonderful therapy animals. Birds, cats, guinea pigs, rabbits, etc., can all be very effective therapy creatures. The primary requirement, including among dogs, is that of temperament -- does the animal enjoy human contact, is it tolerant of other animals, and is it under the control of its handler? In this article the emphasis will be on dogs, as they make up the vast majority of therapy partners.

A few terms to keep in mind are *Animal Assisted Activities (AAA)* and *Animal Assisted Therapy (AAT)*. The difference is in the degree of “therapy” needed by the recipient of the therapy visit. In the case of AAA, the visits are social in nature, and the therapeutic value is in the seeing, touching, hugging, etc., between therapy team and recipient. In the case of AAT, the goals are more specific, and relate more particularly to the individual recipient. AAT can, for example, be used when a large dog is providing support and assistance to someone walking; the READ program, described later, is considered AAT as it addresses a specific need of the recipient, rather than only a social visit.

Below are brief outlines of the major therapy dog organizations in our area. The information about some is augmented with personal knowledge, and about others with their own public statements in the absence of my own personal experience with them. The organizations include PeopleAnimalsLove (PAL), National Capitol Therapy Dogs (NCTD), Therapy Dogs International (TDI), and Pets on Wheels. Regardless of the organization, all dogs must be healthy and up-to-date on vaccinations and vet checkups.

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Carol Crawford's GSD Archie visiting the Armed Forces Retirement Home with PAL

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From the editor.....

Thank you to members who have chosen in the past, or as a result of May's editorial, to opt-out of a paper edition of *Obichaff*: the Green Honor Roll is published to the left of this column.



Meanwhile, I hope you enjoy reading Carol Crawford's summary of the many Therapy Dog organizations in our area, illustrated with photos of some of our members' and their dogs in action. Another reason to look at the online version at <http://www.cdtc.org> is that you can see

these wonderful dogs in color!

If there is an organization you are part of which is not mentioned here, please let me know. And if you have a photo of your dog involved in such a group, please email me so that you can be honored too.

Here's a photo of my Shih-Tzu Ella who does not have as many visits under her collar as others, but she too visits through TDI at a rehabilitation facility.

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President's Letter

Suzanne Miller

Capital Points is the system of Volunteer Recognition established in 2004 to recognize the substantial number of hours many members of our Club commit to helping out.

Because of a computer malfunction, many of the records of Capital Points for 2010 and 2011 have been lost. In an effort to rectify the situation, the Board has determined that we will rebuild the database using members' own records.

We have the records of instructors and classes taught, but, if you were an assistant in an obedience class, you may not be in those records. Please contact the training director, Lisa Daniel (cdtcTrainingDirector@gmail.com), with that information (classes, dates), so she can update those records.

Unless you have already cashed in your Points for dues or a seminar, please send your reconstruction of your volunteer hours since January 2010 to Melitta Carter, Obichaff editor (ObiEditor@gmail.com).

While the Policies and Procedures Manual clearly states that Capital Points are effective from June to June, the Board has determined that, given the current situation, a one-time extension of Points usable will be in effect now, from January, 2010 to June, 2011.

If you are unsure what constitutes volunteer hours, it is outlined in both the Members' Handbook and the Policies and Procedures Manual, both of which are available on the members' only section of the website and in hard copy at the Clubhouse.

A simplified version is as follows:

- 5 credit hours are granted for each hour taught (51 hours for continuing classes)
- 2.5 credit hours for each hour assisting
- 1 hour per hour for volunteering (for example, at any event: run-thru, seminar, trial)
- 11 hours per year for serving on the Board of Directors
- 2.5 hours for every hour spent coordinating a seminar (or run-thru or event)

Each credit hour (or Capital Point) equals one dollar (\$1) off dues or toward a seminar.

So please put together your record of Points earned between January, 2010 and June, 2011. Send that to Melitta Carter. She has reconstructed much of the previous record and will use your email to fill in the blanks.

And then you can get credit for all the good volunteer work that you do.



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AKC Delegate's Corner: Joyce Dandridge

A Reminder- Please attend the General Meeting in June to vote for one of the nominees for the CDTC AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award. This year, we have two nominees. The award will be presented as usual at our annual awards dinner in July.

The subcommittee on jump heights is still working and I am on that committee. If any other members want any input and have not expressed it to me, please email me your concerns or why you would be in favor of a change. I would also like your input on change for veterans.

The Delegates will be voting on term limits again in June. This time the vote will be on limiting a director from running for a full four year term as opposed to what exist now which is a one year hiatus. Most of the Board members who have had a one year hiatus have returned to be reelected. Some Delegates feel the one year was not long enough to allow the concept of term limits to be tested. They also feel that non-Board Delegates would feel more encouraged to run for the Board knowing a required turn-over existed. How do you feel about "term limits"? Let me know.

Beginner Novice titles earned from July 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011 is 1078. The question is are they moving exhibitors into obedience.

Notes from the Training Director: Lisa Daniel

Capital hosted Sarah Wilson of My Smart Puppy for two days the weekend of May 14th and 15th. We had 35 people participate in one or more of the four blocks (morning/afternoon each day), 21 of whom were either already lower-level instructors or assistants or committing to become one in the next year and a half.

The seminar was designed specifically to be of use to instructors doing pet dog training – i.e. what most of our lower-level instructors do, but also to be useful for dog handlers more generally. Only the Saturday morning session was specifically oriented to how to run safe and successful classes. The hands-on sessions were designed to teach Sarah's techniques (she calls them "games" to get more buy-in from pet-people) which in turn are designed to be easily learned by novice (in the true, rather than obedience competition, sense of the word) handlers. Sarah uses a lot of body-language, light leash pressure, and movement on the part of the handler to cue different behaviors, both because most dogs learn this more easily than verbals, but also so that it's not necessary for everyone who might ever interact with the dog to learn the "magic

word." An example is her "mine" exercise, which teaches the dog to yield and look at the human if the human is between him and something he wants (like food or a toy.) How wonderful is it if a child inserts himself between the dog and a bone and the dog's reaction is to automatically sit back and look up at the child?

I feel a little funny commenting on the quality of the seminar since I am well aware that I am biased: I have been a big fan of Sarah's for a number of years. Judging from the comments I have gotten, however, people found it anywhere from useful to wonderful. Personally, even though this was the fourth Sarah seminar I've been to (and some were three or four days rather than just two), I still find I learn more each time and I am always impressed at the way Sarah calmly works dogs into a frame of mind where they are eager to do what she wants: "making her idea their idea."

As training director, I am just really pleased and grateful that the board was willing to risk possibly losing money on this event in order to give meaningful sub-

sides to the lower level instructors, AND that so many took advantage of the opportunity. As it stands, we did make a profit (still working out the exact number – but somewhere around \$1,000) for the club and so it was a “win” all the way around. I hope some of the participants will write into Obichaff and share their experiences. It was a great group of people and (once Carrie solved the projector problem for us!) I

enjoyed the weekend tremendously.

If you missed her seminar, you can find many of Sarah’s “games” in her book, My Smart Puppy, which comes with a DVD. Her website, www.mysmartpuppy.com also has chat boards on multiple dog-related topics (problems and solutions, dog sports, professional trainers, etc.) that are a great resource.

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PeopleAnimalsLove (PAL)



Joan Danzansky and her Golden Retriever Biscuit, at the Armed Forces Retirement Home through PAL

Contact and Basics: www.PeopleAnimalsLove.com, ph: 202-966-2171. A local organization serving DC, Maryland, and Virginia suburbs since 1981, with over 300 teams visiting hospitals, nursing homes, at-risk facilities, senior centers, and schools. PAL teams make over 20,000 visits annually, and in addition PAL holds after-school clubs and summer camps for at-risk youth, and sponsors the PAL Pet Loss hotline.

Requirements: Dogs must be at least 6 months old, and males must be neutered, females preferably spayed (if not, they may not visit while in season). Handlers must be over 16, over 18 for psychiatric visits. Handlers 10-16 years old may visit if accompanied by a certified adult. Dogs must

be well-groomed, well-socialized, in good health, and under the control of their handler. PAL badges must be displayed at all times; no retractable leashes, no prong or chain or flea collars.

Assessment: PAL hosts regular orientation sessions for dogs and handlers at the St. Alban’s School, National Cathedral grounds, lasting about 2 hours. The first hour is spent describing the organization, its requirements, and answering questions. The dogs hopefully sit quietly, for the most part (!) while this is occurring. After a break, the group is divided into smaller sub-groups, each with an assessor and one-at-a-time the dog/handler team is asked to role-play/demonstrate basic obedience – sit on command, loose leash walking, etc. The dog is also assessed on how well it handles being greeted and touched by a stranger.

After this session, each team makes 2 supervised facility visits, where they interact with recipients and other teams – visits are seldom solo, so a dog’s ability to react well in the company of other teams is important. Assuming these two visits go well, the team is now officially a PAL team, and will then receive badges.

Comments: PAL is a flexible, friendly organization, sponsoring events beyond therapy visits for volunteers – there is an annual picnic and several other get-togethers for handlers and dogs. They emphasize the social nature of therapy work, and try to impose a minimum of strictures and regulations; most teams are of the AAA variety. Insurance covers visits. CDTC new member Pat Wells is a PAL coordinator.

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National Capital Therapy Dogs (NCTD)

Contact and Basics: WWW.nctdinc.org, ph: 301-585-6283. NCTD serves the Baltimore and Washington corridor, and surrounding suburbs. NCTD recently went solo (from affiliation with Delta Society), and have their own guidelines for both assessing and monitoring teams. The therapy teams cover both AAA and AAT situations, with the former being the majority.

Requirements: Dogs must be at least 1 year old, males neutered and females preferably spayed. All dogs must be current on vaccinations and vet visits; badges must be displayed at all times, with no retractable leashes, prong, chain or flea collars.

Assessment: Dog and handler may attend the optional 6-week training program, usually held in Columbia, MD, on Saturdays. The big event is the Team Screening, held quarterly, for all prospective teams as well as those being re-certified (required every two years). The screening consists of the dog and handler both being assessed in areas such as Accepting a Friendly Stranger, Accepting Petting, Appearance and Grooming, Loose Leash Walking, Walking through a Crowd, reaction to Distractions, Sit and Down on Cue, Stay, Recall, Reaction to a Neutral Dog, Accepting a Restraining Hug or Clumsy Petting, Accepting a Staggering Individual and Angry Yelling, Being Bumped from Behind, Being Crowded and Petted by Several People, Leave it, Offered a Treat, and Tolerance of Equipment (Wheelchair, Walker, Etc.). This drill lasts about 20-30 minutes, and is rigorous!

Once all the assessments are completed successfully, NCTD issues confirmation and ID tags. All teams are then required to attend an annual Open Floor event (on a variety of topics, some sessions with dogs, some without), and to be re-tested every two years.

Comments: NCTD is more structured, and has more requirements both for initial certification and for on-going visits (each team new to a facility first has the handler only visit, then handler/dog together under supervision). They host an annual picnic, and invite teams to participate in “graduation” of new teams from the training class at a local Mall. Insurance covers visits.

Reading Education Assistance Dog (R.E.A.D.), affiliated with NCTD

Contact and Basics: For local work, contact is the same as NCTD, above. READ is a program of Intermountain Therapy Animals, and locally is handled by NCTD. The program has teams which are already NCTD certified, and which have additional training as READ teams (see below). The work is considered AAT, as the children are selected by teachers and reading specialists to address identified reading needs. These can range from confidence, to recognition, to comprehension. Sessions usually occur within the school, at regularly-scheduled times through the school year, and the reading specialist and teacher ideally receive feedback from the READ handler concerning progress. Sessions are usually 20-30 minutes with each child, and the research has consistently shown that working with a non-judgmental, friendly dog can spur noticeable improvement. At the very least, the child now looks forward to a reading session, rather than dreading the activity.

Requirements: Each team must already be certified by Intermountain Therapy or Delta/NCTD, and in addition the dog must be particularly comfortable around children. Dogs who successfully visit seniors, for example, may still be uncomfortable around more excitable, exuberant children and therefore not suitable for the READ work – it is up to the handler to be honest about that judgment, and not place his or her dog in a

situation which is likely to be overly stressful or unsuccessful for dog and/or child.

Assessment: The handler alone attends a half-day workshop, where written material (READ Program Manual, etc.) is discussed, as well as the program in general and questions specifically. The handler must then complete an open-book test, and mail it along with the READ application into Intermountain Therapy for evaluation. Once those materials are deemed sufficient, the team will receive its ID and red tag, and can then work with NCTD to find a suitable facility.

Comments: Most of the READ success depends upon the involvement of the school; some are very active and involved with the READ team, and others adopt a more hands-off approach. The NCTD coordinator often has a good feel for individual schools, and READ teams may also begin a READ program at their local school, assuming all the READ guidelines are followed. In that case, NCTD should be informed.

Therapy Dogs International (TDI)

Contact and Basics: Nationally, ph: 973-252-9800, www.tdi-dog.org. Established in 1976, this is a national group which works locally to provide AAA-only visits (their term is "emotional service"). In 2007, their website states they had 15,000 handlers and 18,000 dogs registered.

Requirements: Dogs only, one year or older, suitable based on temperament. Proof of health, vaccinations, vet visits.

Assessment: Each team is required to pass the AKC's Canine Good Citizen test, plus an added element which tests the dog around medical equipment such as a wheelchair or walker. The test seems similar to that required by NCTD, and is often administered by a certified TDI evaluator when the CGC tests are offered. Certification arrives 6-8 weeks after this evaluation and accompanying application. TDI specifies that it does NOT sanction therapy dog classes and has no requirement for them.

Comments: The requirement which TDI never states (at least that I can find), is that the therapy team must renounce **in writing** any and all affiliation with other therapy dog organizations. When I specifically asked them about the rationale for this, the silence was loud indeed. This runs counter to every other therapy group of which I know, as most are thrilled to have experienced teams join them. The only way around this is to be untruthful on the application, which specifically asks about such affiliation, OR to get TDI first, and then any others, as TDI does not seem to require any recertification. I have found no references to insurance coverage for visiting teams, and no requirement that teams visit together.



Susan Hertz with Seamus and Teagan doing a "Reading to Dogs" program through TDI. Seamus has completed over 235 visits and Teagan over 300!

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Who Does What at CDTC?

For changes and corrections, please email ObiEditor@gmail.com. For a list of the duties of CDTC Officers, please refer to the October 2010 *Obichaff* which you can find at www.CDTC.org.

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Pets on Wheels

Contact and Basics: Each local area/county has its own Pets on Wheels program, so it is best to Google and contact them directly. The program is close to the PAL program, with the emphasis on AAA work (some local groups may also do AAT).

Requirements: All dogs must be at least one-year old, and at least for Montgomery County large dogs must be 2 years old. As with the other organizations, the dog must be in good health, with proof of vaccinations and vet visits, and must be social with other dogs and with people.

Assessment: Applications are made to the local group, who then schedule a screening to assess temperament, social skill, etc. I do not have specifics about this screening, as the websites I visited first require that the application be submitted.

Comments: My only experience was being rejected because my large dog was not yet 2 years old, even though he was already certified and working as both a PAL and NCTD/Delta dog. When Pets on Wheels called me after Archie's 2nd birthday, we were already heavily engaged in the work, including as a READ dog, and I had to say that we were not available. I have also found no reference to insurance coverage.



Betsy & Ken Harringer with their dogs Rudi & Otto, after earning their Rally Advanced titles in Timonium's Cow Palace.

The spirited and indefatigable Fenway (Ch. Tartan Bay Green Monster, RN, CGC) completed the final legs of his Novice Jumpers and Standard titles in the same day. Fen got another first place in a large 20" Jumpers class and a second place in an equally full Standard class. He finished these two titles with all first or second placements.

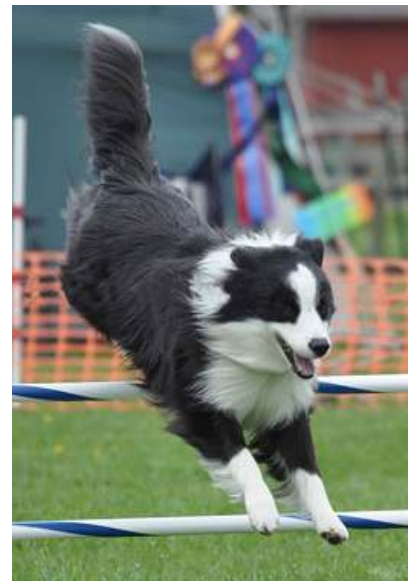
The trial took place at the Greater New York Herding Club AKC trial in Yaphank, NY. I highly recommend this venue because it's a stone's throw from the beautiful North Fork Long Island winery region...and many of the vineyards are dog friendly.



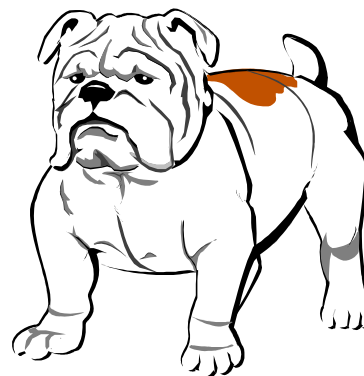
They even donated gift baskets for the volunteer raffle!
Pam Coblyn

Savoy, Ch.TagAlong's High Tea for Two CGC and PWD Working Water Dog (WWD) earned her NA title in May qualifying in her first runs at the CDTC trial and earning her title on her third run with a clean finish at the Sheltie Agility Trial. Thanks to our CDTC instructors for all of your help.
Benita Bottom

Brag!



Class Schedules



| Time | Class | Instructor | Ring |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------|
| MONDAY | | | |
| 10-11:30 | Freestyle TG | Ely | 2-3 |
| 6-7:15 | Open | LaDieu | 2-3 |
| 7:15-8:05 | SN | Adler/Dwyer | 1-2 |
| 7:30-8:20 | Basic | Rice | 3 |
| 8:15-9:15 | Utility | Adler | 1-2 |
| 8:30-9:20 | AB | Hall | 3 |
| TUESDAY | | | |
| a.m | Building Cleaning | | |
| 6-6:50 | AB | Daniel | 1-2 |
| 7-7:50 | Basic | Crawford | 2-3 |
| 7-8 | Novice | Merchant | 1 |
| 8-10 2 nd Tues. | Club Meeting | | Bldg |
| 4 th Tues. | Board Meeting | | Bldg |
| WEDNESDAY | | | |
| 12-2:30 | Ob. Skills TG | Spodak | 1-2 |
| 5-5:50 | Basic | Atkinson | 2-3 |
| 6-6:50 | Basic | Hall | 2-3 |
| 7-8:30 | Agility (Handl.) | Briefel | 1-2-3 |
| THURSDAY | | | |
| 11:30-12:20 | Comp. Rally | Daniel | 3 |
| 9:30-10:30 | SN | Adler | 1-2 |
| 9:30-10:30 | Novice | Holt | 3 |
| 12:30-3:00 | Open/Utility TG | Goldstein | 1-2-3 |
| 6-7 | Novice | Gurvin | 1-2 |
| 6-7 | Utility Prep | Harry | 3 |
| 7-7:50 | PK | Gordon | 3 |
| 7-8 | Utility | Harry | 2 |
| 8-9 | Open | Harry | 1-2 |

| Time | Class | Instructor | Ring |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------|
| FRIDAY | | | |
| 10:15-12:30 | Freestyle | Ely/ Kirschenman | 1-2-3 |
| 7-8 | SN | Cleverdon | 1 |
| 7-8:30 | CCI*** | Hathaway | 3 |
| SATURDAY | | | |
| 9-9:50 | PK | Solomon | 2-3 |
| 11-12:30 | Freestyle | Guzman | 1-2-3 |
| 3-3:50 | Basic | Daniel | |
| 6:30-7:30 | Beg.Flyball | Lindberg | 1-2-3 |
| 7:30-8:30 | Flyball practice | Dwyer | 1-2-3 |
| SUNDAY | | | |
| 4-5:15 | Agility (Intro 2) | Carter | 1-2-3 |
| 5:15-6:30 | Agility (Beginner) | Maloney | 1-2-3 |
| 6:30-7:45 | Agility (Intro) | Hall | 1-2-3 |

*** Canine Companions for Independence

Class Schedules

| Day | Date | Time | Instructor |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| PUPPY | | | |
| | KINDER | GARTEN | |
| Sat | 5/21-7/16 | 9-9:50 | Solomon |
| Thurs | 6/2-7/21 | 7-7:50 | Gordon |
| BASIC | | | |
| Mon | 6/6-7/25 | 7:30-8:20 | Rice |
| Tues | 6/14-8/2 | 7-7:50 | Crawford |
| Wed | 5/18-7/6 | 5-5:50 | Atkinson |
| Wed | 5/18-6/22 | 6-6:50 | Hall |
| Sat | 6/18-8/20 | 3-3:50 | Daniel |
| AB | | | |
| Mon | 6/20-8/8 | 8:30-9:20 | Hall |
| Tues | 6/21-8/16 | 6-6:50 | Daniel |
| SUB-NOVICE | | | |
| Mon | C | 7:15-8:05 | Adler/Dwyer |
| Thurs | C | 9:30-10:30 | Adler |
| Fri | C | 7-8 | Cleverdon |
| NOVICE | | | |
| Tues | C | 7-8 | Merchant |
| Thurs | C | 9:30-10:30 | Holt |
| Thurs | C | 6-7 | Gurvin |
| OPEN | | | |
| Mon | C | 6-7:15 | LaDieu |
| Thurs | C | 8-9:15 | Harry |
| UTILITY | | | |
| Mon | C | 8:15-9:15 | Adler |
| Thurs | C | 6-7 (prep) | Harry |
| Thurs | C | 8-9 | Harry |

| Day | Date | Time | Instructor |
|--------------------------|-----------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| AGILITY | | | |
| Wed (Hand.) | 5/4-6/22 | 7-8:30 | Briefel |
| Sun (Intro2) | 5/1-6/19 | 4-5:15 | Carter |
| Sun (Beg.) | 5/1-6/19 | 5:15-6:30 | Maloney |
| Sun (Intro) | 5/1-6/19 | 6:30-7:45 | Hall |
| FREESTYLE | | | |
| Mon | C | 10-11:30 | Ely |
| Fri | C | 10:15-12:30 | Ely/ Kirschenman |
| Sat | C | 11-12:30 | Guzman |
| COMP. RALLY | | | |
| Thurs | 6/16-7/21 | 11:30-12:20 | Daniel |
| TRAINING GROUPS | | | |
| Mon | C | 10-11:30 | Ely |
| Wed | C | 12-2:30 Ob.Skills | Spodak |
| Thurs | C | 12:30-3 | Goldstein |
| FLYBALL | | | |
| Sat | C | 6:30-8:30 | Lindberg/ Dwyer |
| OUTSIDE GROUPS | | | |
| Fri | C | 7-8:30 CCI | Hathaway |
| BUILDING CLEANING | | | |
| Tues | C | a.m | Montgomery Cleaning Co. |

Special Events

Claudia Bates Agility Seminar July 31
 Run-Thrus: Sunday June 5, Sunday July 3,
 Sunday August 3

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Capital Dog Training Club (CDTC), a member club of the American Kennel Club, is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1938 to promote the sport of obedience training through classes offered to its members and the general public. We offer obedience classes from puppy kindergarten through competition obedience. We also offer classes in agility, canine freestyle, flyball, conformation, tracking and rally.

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

**Sunday June 5:
Obedience Run-Thru**

**Tuesday June 14:
Membership Meeting**



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