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Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face he gets mad at you? But when you take him in a car, he sticks his head out the window."

— Steve Bluestone



A mother is overcome with emotions watching her autistic son, who cannot be touched, lay on his new Service Dog of his own free will,



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Magic (on the right) is so happy in this picture. She is out for a walk with her sister, Disco. Even though I am posing her, she can't conceal her excitement. For Magic, July was a month of long evening walks, a trip to the Rally Nationals and training trips to local obedience clubs. On one evening walk Magic chased 5 rabbits and a groundhog. Mercifully, for the critters and for me, she did not catch any. August promises more long walks and her first trip to the beach. Now all I have to do is teach her to swim, something Weimaraners do not do with alacrity.

The CDTC Rally and Obedience Trials will be held October 7 to 9. The club really needs volunteers. If you are new to rally and obedience this is an excellent way to learn more about these two dog sports, while helping the club. If you are interested in helping contact Benita Bottom at [benita.bottom@gmail.com](mailto:benita.bottom@gmail.com)



## CDTC Well Represented at the AKC Rally Nationals

CDTC was well represented at the Rally Nationals held in Wilmington, Ohio July 8th. A good time was had by all. Below are some of our members and friends who came to the Nationals. Not pictured but present, Arthur Belendiuk and Sandi Atkinson.





Amy Huprich Cook and came in 7th in Rally Masters.





Josie McAuliffe and Ripley competed in Rally Master and did very well.





Burton Goldstein and Bear competed in the Championship competition.





Anita Rhawn and her dog Mason. Josie McAuliffe and Ripley.



Shellie Goldstein and Cathie Alderks hanging out.





The Top Dog ladies, Linda Brennan and Betsy Scapicchio, were at the Nationals. They competed and provided advice and moral support to their students.

## How to Host A Quinceañera For Your Dog





We love celebrating our dog's birthdays. So why not hold a quinceañera party for your dog? Or if you are Jewish a bark-mitzvah. In the Latin culture, 15 marks coming of age or transitioning from childhood to adulthood. You can mark this special moment for your dog by throwing a traditional quinceañera party. Unfortunately, most dogs do not live that long. But you don't have to wait for 15 years to throw a party. 15 human years should be about 2 to 4 dog years depending on your dog's breed.

Before you say anything, hosting a quinceañera for your dog is a thing. It started with young Instagram and Twitter influencers. A quinceañera photo on Twitter seems to have caught everyone's eyes. Not only did one tweet have more than 16,000 retweets but also it had over 58,000 likes. The guest of honor has on a white dress with a tiara, as those celebrating their 15th birthdays as part of the Latin American tradition typically do, but the only difference is, she's a dog. Lupita, the dog in the photo, belongs to Miranda Sanchez, the cousin of Megan Sanchez, who posted it on Twitter. "My dog Miley and I were just invited to the party, but it was Lupita's quinceañera that my cousin threw for her," Megan told Teen Vogue.





Lupita is actually only two years and a few months old, but this equates to 15 in dog years, Miranda told Teen Vogue. "I figured it was another excuse to get my family together and eat and celebrate," she said. "I had multiple friends with dogs, so I invited them. There were seven small dogs, and they all dressed up. It was so cute."

The party took place in Miranda's grandma's backyard, where the dogs ate ribs, drank from a doggy water station, listened to Mexican music, and got gift bags with treats, toys, and balls. "Lupita loved it," Miranda added. "She was a bit irritated with her quince crown, but other than that, she loved having all the other doggies there."

Adorable photos from the event show Megan holding Lupita while wearing a gorgeous pink dress of her own, Lupita standing amid an assortment of cupcakes, a cake, cake pops, and a giant 15, and an invitation with Lupita covered in flowers.

Here are some of the ways you can celebrate your dog's quinceañera:

- dog-sized pink dress and tiara
- dog tuxedos for the boys
- pink roses
- printed invitations
- cupcakes and cake
- Lots of dog toys and treats

You can find everything you need to make your dog's quinceañera special at [quinceanera.com](http://quinceanera.com).





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# The Big Ones



# By Janice Kopp



Some of the top dogs in conformation in the country started in our conformation classes:

This is Avi, a Canaan dog, who is the top winner in his breed. He is a multiple

group winner, National winner, and best in show. David Golden and Cynthia Dodson own him. David brought Avi to our class as a puppy. He was a quick learner and a sound dog. Eventually, Brittany Cipriotti, a handler, worked him to the top.

Samburu, a Rhodesian Ridgeback, owned by Nicole Davis, has been a star from the very beginning. He came to class at four months of age. I knew the minute I held the show leash that he was special. Special



he is. He has been the top Rhodesian Ridgeback for several years with his handler, Frank Murphy. He is featured as a pup in class on the club's webpage with me.

Look for new conformation stars CDTC's future: Rumble, Bentley, Moose, Gabe, Sera, Thunder, Kohl, Hermes, Zelda, Tootsie, Kofi, Ice, Folly, Rennie to name just a few.



# The Old Man



In the first episode of The Old Man, Dan Chase is shown getting up three times during the night to use the bathroom. As an old man myself, I can relate. The series stars Jeff Bridges as Dan Chase a rogue CIA operative living off the grid until a hired assassin knocks on his door. Knowing that several people are after him, including the FBI's Harold Harper

(played by John Lithgow), Chase's only choice is to face his past. The dogs, in The Old Man, are devoted to Chase and play an important role in the plot, as well as being involved in some action scenes.

Dan confronts three CIA operatives sent to catch him in the first episode. Dan's dogs assist him in the struggle, and one of the operatives is killed by one of the dogs. The dogs are extremely well-trained and follow Dan's directions. With a whistle, Dan can summon them to his aid. Dan's dogs are usually with him wherever he goes,



including cafes and road trips. As a result, the dogs can be considered fully-fledged characters. They are also given human-sounding names, Dave and Carol. In the series, two real Rottweiler dogs play the characters of Dave and Carol. Freya and Cain are their names. Bridges said he had a great time working with the dogs and had formed a deep bond with them.

As actors, the dogs have demanding jobs and I was happy to see that they used real dog actors, rather than computer generated images. Freya and Cain escorted Bridges to the premiere of the series at the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures in Los Angeles. Before filming began, the veteran actor spent a few days with the dogs, building a bond with Freya and Cain. Bridges also stated that among the two dogs, Freya was his favorite. What I like about The Old Man is that the dogs are portrayed as supporting characters rather than props in the story.



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***LET'S CELEBRATE!***

**CDTC'S 2022 Annual Awards and  
Instructor Appreciation Picnic**

CDTC'S 2022 Annual Awards and Instructor Appreciation Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 11. We will





be gathering outdoors at the Seneca Creek State Park “Buck” Picnic Shelter from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. I hope to see all of you there to honor our talented, hardworking, and dedicated instructors as well as those who earned titles in 2021. A large picnic shelter has been reserved for our event (it is covered so no worries about rain!)

with nearby parking and restroom facilities.

Feel free to bring your own chairs if you would like to sit outside of the covered portion of the shelter/picnic tables. There will be a small, nominal entrance fee for each of us to enter the park (\$3 for Maryland residents, \$5 for non-residents). Your family and friends are welcome to attend this event with you.

You may BYOD (Bring Your Own Dog(s)) to this event!

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## Braggs

Martin Goldstein and Molly attended the CTA run through on July 3d, participating in both BN and Novice. Martin's fairly certain he set a new club record! He managed to do every single thing wrong. Beat that!





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Theresa Warner's LH Dachshund, Boswell, recently earned his Therapy Dog Excellent title. Boswell has completed over 250 visits to schools, libraries, hospitals and senior residences. Good Boy, Boswell.





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Tiffin Shewmake writes: Rocket earned 2 legs for his Beginner Novice Title at the Mattaponi Kennel Club Obedience Trials on July 9th and 10th.





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Martha Perkins writes: Zander (on right) celebrated his sixth birthday on July 13 with his brother Moose (on left), with a traditional quadruple-layer hamburger “cake.” Martha Perkins is pleased to announce that Zander is now a certified therapy dog through National Capital Therapy Dogs, and they will begin his hospital visits soon.

Moose took Welsh Springer Spaniel Best of Breed and Select Dog at



the Doswell shows in mid-July.







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### Report from Team ZeZe:

ZeZe has been busy since the last issue of the *Obichaff*. In scent work, ZeZe earned her NACSW L1E title at Tahoe Stream Museum then went to Charlottesville Virginia to achieve her NW1 on 6/26/22. News from NADD which stands for North America Dock Diving Dogs. She earned her Dock Senior Excellent III title on 7/16/22 at Westwind Diving Dogs in Cashtown Pa. Senior title is where a Dog has to jump between 15' 0" - 19' 11". ZeZe has been in top twenty for Doberman since 2018 when she started dock diving. ZeZe loves the sport. Thanks Shirley Harry









Tali's first UKC shows are a wrap! We attended the Israeli Canaan Dog Club of America (UKC parent club) national specialty in Ohio. UKC has Altered Champion classes, so Tali entered that and Veterans classes (at the specialty on Friday, then in the 2 shows each day on Saturday and Sunday. Yes, 5 shows in all!

She earned Best of Breed Altered at each show, represented the breed in the altered Best in Show ring, and earned one Altered BIS and two Reserve Altered BIS. She also won Best Veteran at two shows.



With these wins, she is well on her way to her Altered U-CH.

Jennie Larkin



## CDTC's Rally and Obedience Trials October 7-9, 2022

Ready, set and show. We are a little more than two months away from CDTC's annual Rally and Obedience trials being held at CTA in Beltsville, MD. It is a great opportunity for our members to show and/or volunteer to steward. Rally will be held on Friday, Oct 7 starting in the late afternoon and Obedience on Saturday, Oct. 8 and



Sunday, Oct. 9. Karen Tucker is judging Rally and Obedience: Utility, Open and some Alternative and Optional classes. Josie McAuliffe is judging Obedience: Beginner Novice, Novice, and Preferred Novice. The premium will be up on [Clantyre.net](http://Clantyre.net) in August and the trial opens August 17 and closes September 21.

CDTC has a heritage as one of the first AKC Obedience clubs. Member support makes our trials successful. Members can show and volunteer to steward in a class in which you are not exhibiting. Online sign up will be available soon for stewarding, but in the meantime please reach out to Trial Chair Benita Bottom via email at [benita.bottom@gmail.com](mailto:benita.bottom@gmail.com) to ask about stewarding.

Ready, set and show October, 7-9!

## Members Helping Members

By Mary Carson

I have Belgian Tervuren. I love this breed, but I know they can be difficult and not for everyone. My first one could scare even experienced dog people--we actually got uninvited from an agility class. My current Terv girl is lovely with people, most other dogs, and happy to work with me. With the help of folks who could show off her movement, she finished her breed championship, and she earned some other letters on the backside of her name with me handling her. She passed her health clearances with flying colors, so I thought to myself, this girl has genes that are worth preserving! I became a first time breeder. I had wonderful mentors, including her breeder, Elizabeth Nemore. I wanted to raise this litter of 8 as much as possible the way Holly was raised, so I enrolled in Suzanne Clothier's Enriched Puppy Protocol. We did Early Neural Stimulation, Early Scent Introduction, enriched and novel environmental stimuli, car trips, store trips, horse farm visits, and even had neighbor kids over when the puppies were old enough. It was time for introduction to other dogs, but where could I find puppy-safe dogs? DUH--sometimes I'm an idiot. I am a member of Capital DTC. I sent out a favor request, and overnight I had 4 volunteers! Martin Goldstein and his rough collie Molly (pictured above); Lyn Cortwright and her English cocker; Carol Ames and her standard poodle Gracie; and Sherry Dauerman and her standard poodle Lola. THANK YOU!





The puppies were fascinated by their visitor. They were in an expen to protect Molly from them, not to protect them from Molly :-D

## Dogs with Jobs.

Ricky Gervais explains dog jobs, funny, but with some adult content.



## Available Classes

[Class List and Registration](#)

Upcoming Classes/Tests/Trials



**Puppy Kindergarten** begins Sunday, September 11 at 3pm  
Register [here](#)

We have a new Novice Obedience skills class.  
**Heeling, Fronts, and Finishes** begins September 19.  
Register [here](#)

**Open & Utility Obedience Skills** has openings.  
Contact [Training Secretary](#)

**Upper level Obedience classes**  
Contact [Training Secretary](#)

**Rally Competition Class** - for those ready to or already competing  
Contact [Training Secretary](#)

**Beginner Conformation** starts September 24. Register [here](#).  
Training group is ongoing. Contact [Janice](#) for help choosing a class.

**Beginning and Intermediate Flyball** classes meet Saturday  
evenings  
contact [Dona Dwyer](#)

Fill out the **Agility Waitlist Application/Questionnaire** to  
get on the wait list for the next available class.

Email [Training Secretary](#) with questions.

### **Training Groups:**

**Conformation Group** meets 1st & 3rd Saturdays at 5pm and  
Thursdays at 8pm. Non-members pre-register and pay for dates you  
plan to attend [here](#).

**Thursday Open/Utility Training Group** (Goldstein @  
12:30pm). Contact [Burton](#).

**Friday Utility Training Group** (Cleverdon @ 1:00pm). Contact



[Donna](#).

**Rally Training Group** meets some 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 1pm.  
Contact [Sue](#).

### **Thinking of joining CDTC as a Member?**

Active membership in the Capital Dog Training Club (CDTC) is available to an individual who:

- has completed no less than three (3) months as a training member paying the prescribed fees/dues, and
- whose dog has passed a Proficiency Test as prescribed by the Club with a dog that she or he has trained **or** has obtained a qualifying score toward an AKC title in any “dog companion sport” trial.

Active membership includes the right to attend meetings, vote, access to the Members Only section of CDTC’s website, access to seminars, events, announcements of the Club, the right to hold an elective office in the Club, and all other privileges and benefits of the Club (including 2 free classes per quarter). Visit [cdtc.org/membership](http://cdtc.org/membership).

Email [Training Secretary](#) with questions.

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## **Delegate's Corner**

By Joyce Dandridge

At the last Delegates meeting, the Club Development department made a presentation.

- They mentioned if a club has a new show chair to please send them the name and contact information by email.
- They asked clubs to consider having Canine Extravanzas. This concept is when several sporting events are offered by a club at the same event. For example, at an Agility event clubs could also offer a Novice Only trial or Scent Work. Another example would be to offer FAST CAT at an Obedience/Rally event. The entire membership could be engaged because many sports are presented.
- The Club Relations Department sends out emails promoting monthly events to potential members.



- The concept of Meet and Greet events was discussed as a way of clubs increasing membership. They work with clubs to find new dog owners and potential members.
- They encourage clubs to use Social Media and recommend clubs have a social presence.

There will be a very controversial vote at our next meeting. It is the vote to amend Article VII, Section 1 of the Charter and Bylaws of the AKC which removes the two consecutive term limit for AKC Board members. Email me and let me know if you are in favor of eliminating term limits for the AKC Board. As you may recall, this has been brought up and defeated on two occasions in the past and thus term limits have stayed. Under the current amendment, Board members after being on the Board two years must take one year off before running for the position again.

## Renewals are Now Past Due!

Attn: Existing CDTC Members

Membership renewals are now PAST DUE! A renewal needs the signed form, applicable rabies certificates, and dues payment. Please send them to Mary Carson ASAP. See the emails she has been sending you for details.

## Next Membership Meeting August 9 at 8:00pm



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