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"In order to really enjoy a dog, one doesn't merely try to train him to be semi-human. The point of it is to open oneself to the possibility of becoming partly a dog."

Edward Hoagland

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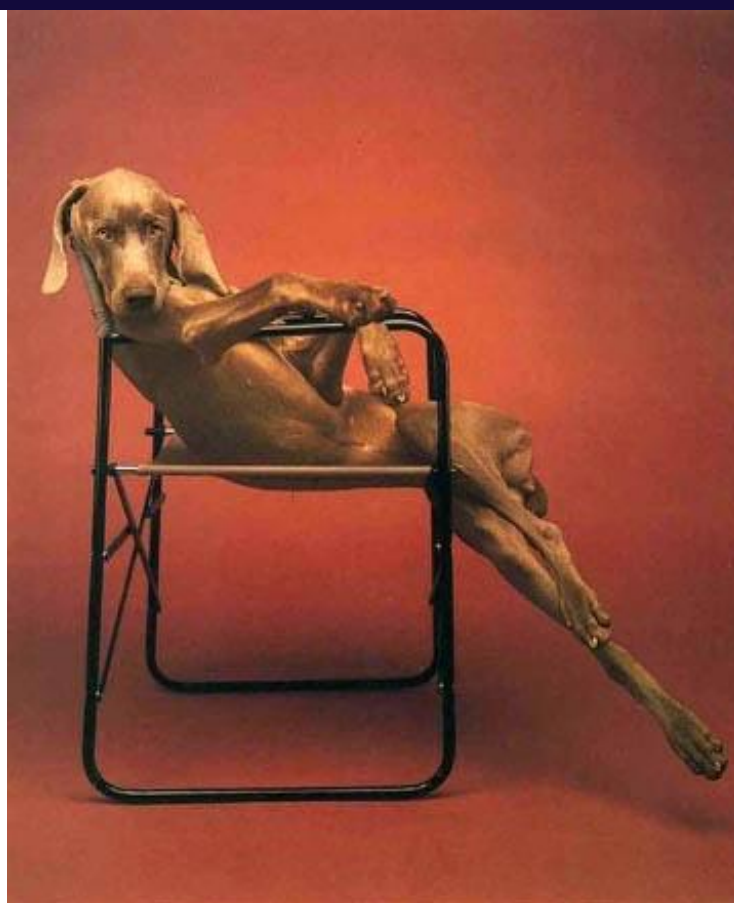
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I just love the photography of William Wegman. I first became aware of his work in the late 1970s, when he and his dog Man Ray were regular guests on Saturday Night Live. In 1982 when Wegman published his first book of photography, *Man's Best Friend*, I just had to get a copy.

Wegman's first Weimaraner, Man Ray, would hang out with him in his studio and, of

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course, as is the way with dogs, he would insert himself into what Wegman was doing. It was not long before Wegman started including Man Ray in his video and photographic projects. The rest is history; the beginning of a lifetime pursuit of photographing Weimaraners, books, museum shows and regular appearances on Sesame Street.

When Milo, my Weimaraner, was a puppy of 14 weeks, my wife and I went on vacation in Maine. On our way to the cabin, we stopped at Bowdoin College to see a Wegman exhibit at the school's museum. Puppies, even well behaved Weimaraner puppies, are not permitted inside museums. We decided to take turns seeing the Wegman exhibit. Lydia, my wife, went inside first and I stayed outside with the puppy. As people exited the museum, they all notice the Weimaraner puppy, that "looks like the dogs inside." Everyone had to come by, say hello, pet the puppy and ask about the breed. Milo and I had the best time. When Lydia exited the museum, I handed her Milo's leash and said, "You are in for a real treat."

Above is William Wegman's 1990 photograph, *Lolita*, and below is a short film about Wegman and his amazing dogs. If you have young children or grandchildren, check out his children's books, which all feature his very talented Weimaraners.



From the President

Dear Friends,

Welcome to SPRING! well, almost. I trust that more settled weather will follow soon. But this is Maryland Metro and if you don't like the weather, just wait a few

minutes.

A few things to say:

First: I am not the jolly old Elf who bring presents at Christmas time, but I am the mulch gremlin, or sprite, or....add your own cute critter. It's that time of year when I'm thinking I need to put down a new layer of mulch at our "relief corner." That means I will be ordering the delivery from one of the local high school athletic teams. I will again be asking for pledges to cover the cost of the bags. I think we bought 20 bags last year. That was a good number and gave us an increase area. This year we will be making some improvements such as putting down landscaping cloth to do a better job of discouraging weeds from coming up through the mulch. I would also like to thank Martha Perkins for her continuing work on cutting back the vines and branches that grow out over the area. If you want to beat the rush, email me to make your pledges now. Just \$3.00 buys a bag of mulch.

Second: The Run-Thru at Capital will go on hiatus until further notice. March 1 was our last one until a volunteer comes forward to organize future events. We thank Jodie Jeweler for her stalwart work organizing the Run-Thru for more years than I can count. She deserves a well-earned rest and our gratitude. If you are interested in doing this job, contact me or Jodie. It's not difficult, as both of us can attest.

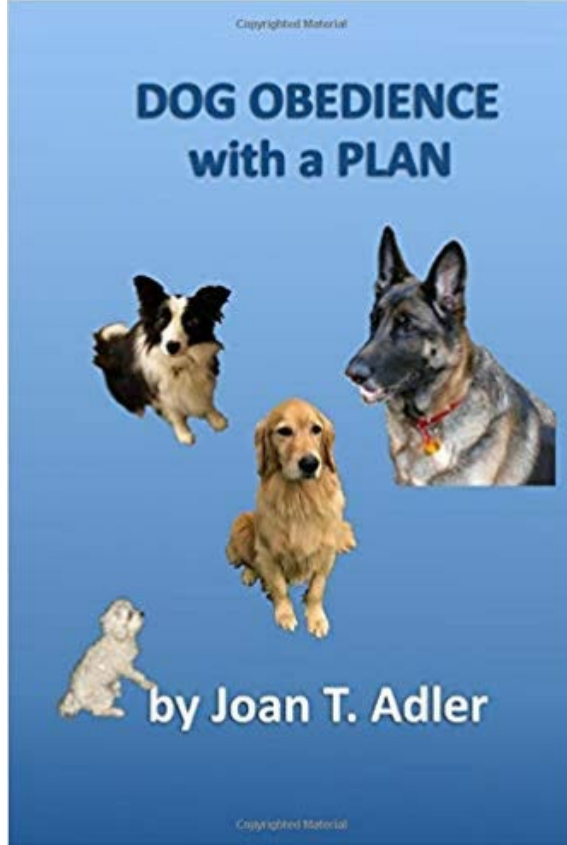
Third: Thank you to all members who train regularly in the club house. Lately, the jumps have been carefully and correctly stored, everything looks neat and clean. And thank you to all the helpers who do the little jobs that keep us running smoothly.

Good luck to all who are trialing this spring! We look forward to reading your brags in the Obichaff!

Donna

Book Review: Dog Obedience with a Plan

In her book, *Dog Obedience With A Plan*, Joan Adler writes: "Picture yourself in your kitchen opening a glass jar of spaghetti sauce. You drop it! The glass smashes on the floor and spaghetti sauce splatters onto many of the items in the kitchen. Your dog hears the noise and comes running. You shout 'DOWN' the dog drops instantly in place – and stays there until further notice." Will your dog drop on command, especially if there is tasty spaghetti sauce on the floor? This type of accident creates a potentially messy and dangerous situation. Messy because in addition



to the spill in the kitchen your dog if she does not obey the DOWN command is going to track spaghetti sauce all over your home and dangerous because there is glass everywhere and your dog is in real danger of seriously cutting her paws, thus adding a trip to the emergency vet on top of the kitchen cleanup.

So how do you get your dog to drop on command, no matter what the temptation? Lots of training. But training without a plan will not get you very far. Here is where Joan Adler's book becomes an invaluable tool. Once you decide what you want to train, you need a plan to realize your goal. Joan Adler's book outlines a step-by-step plan for training your dog, from teaching the sit, down and stay all the way through to complicated utility exercises. You will

teach by showing, helping, rewarding, and giving the right feedback to your dog. Have a puppy and need tips on socialization and name recognition? Joan has a plan for you. Stuck on the directed retrieve exercise? Joan's book covers how to teach your dog to retrieve the right glove. My copy of Joan's book is dog eared, with a few teeth marks from when the puppy got to it when I was not paying attention. Dog Obedience With A Plan is a reference you will want to consult frequently during the full course of your dog's training and competition career.

Joan Adler is an instructor at CDTC and is always willing to spend time with students and answer their questions about dog training. Her book is available on [Amazon](#).

CDTC Well Represented at AKC National Championships in Florida

By Julie Rovner

More than 11,000 dogs competed at the AKC National Championship and its satellite performance events in Orlando in December. Among those were a half-dozen members of Capital and their canine companions.

For those of you who have never been, the actual "national" dog show is AKC's own conformation event held every December. The past several have been at the immense Orange County Convention Center. The conformation winner (this year a Pekingese named Wasabi) is crowned National Champion. The event also includes the National Owner-Handled Series Finals. Several club-sponsored conformation and obedience shows precede the weekend's main competition. The AKC has also added several conformation and performance events specifically for juniors.

Along with the conformation competitions, several national performance events take place under the same roof, including the invite-only AKC Obedience Classic, the AKC Agility Invitational, and the North America Diving Dogs/AKC National Championship for dock diving.



In conformation, CDTC's Carie Wohl and her Schipperke Elle earned her Grand Championship at one of the week's pre-shows, and took Best of Breed in the Owner-Handled finals.

The obedience competition was the best-represented for Capital: Jennie Larkin and her Canaan Dog Tali competed in Novice, winning the high-scoring

medal for her breed. Julie Rovner and her Pembroke Welsh Corgi Wallace and Burton Goldstein and his Shih Tzu Bear both competed in the Open class, with Julie and Wallace winning the highest-scoring Pembroke Welsh Corgi.



Betsy Flagg and her Pembroke Welsh Corgi Tommie represented the club in agility. She reports that Tommie – who had to be one of the top five competitors in her breed in order to qualify – “did really well in the very hectic and noisy environment,” finishing with a 395 out of a possible 400 points for the weekend.



Shirley Harry and her Doberman



ZeZe competed in the dock diving finals; Dianne Harab and her Field Spaniel Willy showed in the conformation pre-shows Wednesday-Friday, and in one of the obedience trials leading up to the weekend. Willy earned his second CD leg Friday with a 187.5 and second place.

Even if you never qualify to compete in Orlando, it's well worth the trip to attend a veritable canine World's Fair. In addition to vendors everywhere, the AKC puts on a "Meet the Breeds" event and runs a demo ring. It's hard to imagine anywhere else to see so many dogs doing so many high-level activities under a single roof. Just be sure to wear comfortable shoes!

Emergency First Aid Kit



Whether you are on your way to a park or a dog show, emergencies can strike at any time. Carrying a few basic first-aid items can ease the stress of simple emergencies when away from home. Your pet first aid kit does not need to be elaborate, but if an emergency does occur you will be prepared.

This list includes the basic items you need, plus a few extras. Aside from these items, be sure to remember to include important paperwork, including a copy of medical records, vaccination records, and emergency phone numbers.

1. **Gauze.** This lightweight, latex-free white medical gauze is a great essential first-aid item to have around
2. **Non-Stick Bandages.** Self-adhering water-repellent bandages works well on dogs without sticking to their fur.
3. **Cotton Balls.** Great for applying ointments or for cleaning cuts.
4. **Antibiotic spray or ointment.** A fast-acting, non-toxic ointment can be used to treat cuts, sores, rashes, dry skin, and allergies.
5. **Scissors.** Useful for trimming fur, cutting gauze and bandages.
6. **Tweezers.** Tweezers are a must-have for any first aid kit and are helpful when picking splinters out of your dog's paw or ticks out of its fur.
7. **Magnifying glass.** To magnify cuts, splinters and ticks.

This is just a partial list of what you can put in your dog first aid kit. Other recommended items are towels, leashes, a muzzle and a flashlight. Below is a video by veterinarian Dr. Sarah Wooten in which she discusses which basic pet first aid supplies you need in your first aid kit.



Brag

Sandi Atkinson reports that her dog Danny got a 3rd leg towards his UDX including a 4th in UB.



Megan Hemmer writes that on January 8, Nanuq became the 5th Maltese to ever earn the Expert Trick Dog, ETD, title! Congratulations Megan and Nanuq.



Pam Coblyn was at the Westminster Kennel Club show and sent us a photograph of her with the Incredible Dr. Pol and his wife Diane who are featured in a vet series on Animal Planet. Pam says: "They treat just about everything with a heartbeat!"

Pam writes: "I also got to watch agility, the conformation border collies and obedience. Our Top Dog seminar friends Betsy Scapicchio and Linda Brennan were there and Linda won again with her lab Heart. What a thrill to see their retirement performance!"



Two Steps Forward, One Step Back

By Shannon Hall

Training and trialing with a young dog can be joyful, frustrating, thrilling and maddening all on the same day. Connor and I started our agility career at 18 months in NADAC

and at two years in AKC. He is not yet three and we are in excellent and open in AKC and chugging along in NADAC, where you can stay to get 10 Qualifying runs before moving up to get what is called a Superior title. We are therefore in all three levels in various classes, according to where my challenges lie. When I look back at our first year, it doesn't seem too bad.



But along the way we have had many days of "now why am I doing this again?" I know many of you resonate with this feeling! A casual comment made by a friend who hadn't seen us run in awhile really made my day. As much as I may feel we make progress only to backslide, she said to me "You and Connor have really come a long way!" Support from other competitors is invaluable and it is one of the things I love about the dog sport community. After all it really has been two steps forward one step back! Happy training, all!

Connie Cleveland Seminar Coming to CDTC



The Capital Dog Training Club Presents a workshop with...

Connie Cleveland

Obedience Seminar

Theory, Working and Problem Solving

★★★

A Two-Day Workshop
Saturday & Sunday • August 29-30

★★★

Registration opens March 14, 2020 for CDTC members

Opens to the general public March 21, 2020

About the Seminar



The seminar will begin with a discussion of how dogs learn. Connie will then work with each of the 20 handlers and their dogs individually while the participants watch and ask questions. Plan on

attending to solve your training problems, organize your training sessions and create long-range training goals.

If you want a working spot, please sign up early. Unlimited audit spots are available.



About Connie Cleveland



Connie Cleveland is an internationally recognized dog trainer who offers specialized weekend training seminars to competitive dog trainers around the country and overseas.

As important as Connie's achievements in training her own dogs is her passion for teaching others.

Her own experience included 10 Obedience Trial Champions (OTCH), 2 Field Champions (FC), 4 Amateur Field Champions (AFC), a UDT Maltese and a CDX Shih-Tzu.

Connie is the author of a DVD series, "How Dogs Learn, The Connie Cleveland Method" and a book entitled "Dogs Are Problem Solvers, Handlers Should Be." She is a regular contributor to *Front & Finish*, *The Golden Retriever News*, and the *Greenville Journal*.

Saturday, August 29, 9 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday, August 30, 8 am - 4 pm

Breakfast items and lunch will be provided around noon time on both days.

Location

The seminar will take place at the CDTC club house, 2758 Garfield Avenue, Silver Spring, MD

Time

Doors will open at 8:00 am Saturday and 7:15 on Sunday. Please plan to arrive no later than 20 minutes before the seminar begins.

Seminar Registration Information (only 20 working spots each session!)

Working Spot (limit 20 per session)	Members	Non Members
	\$300	\$350

Auditing Spot (nonworking): \$100/day or \$125 for two days

■ Checks must be received with registration form no later than **Monday, June 29, 2020.**

No refunds will be made after this date

■ Full payment must be received with the registration to reserve a spot in the seminar. Payment can be made by check. **Please make checks payable to CDTC**

■ **Mail with registration to:** Sue Faber, CDTC, 20412 Remsbury Place, Montgomery Village, MD 20886

■ **Please include your name, phone number and email address along with your check so that we can contact you!**

■ **Any questions?** Email Sue Faber at bobf1040@verizon.net

Registration

Handler's Name _____

Working Spot _____ Audit _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Dog's Call Name _____ Breed _____

Rabies Vaccine Expiration Date _____

(Please provide a copy of dog's rabies certificate with registration and payment)

The attached waiver/release form must be signed and submitted with your registration.

Connie Cleveland Obedience Problem Solving Seminar

This Waiver/Release Claim must be signed before registration to the seminar will be accepted.

Please sign and date this form and include it with your payment.

I, the undersigned, assume full and complete responsibility for any injury or accident that may occur during my participation in the **Connie Cleveland Obedience Seminar** at Capital Dog Training Club. I hereby release and hold harmless Capital Dog Training Club, and any and all other promoters, and other persons and entities associated with the **Connie Cleveland Obedience Seminar** at Capital Dog Training Club, as well as their directors, officers, partners, agents, employees, attorneys, and administrators ("Sponsors"). I understand that participating in the **Connie Cleveland Obedience Seminar** at Capital Dog Training Club may expose me to risk of injury and that the training of domestic dogs (*Canis lupus familiaris*) has inherent risks, which I assume fully. I understand and agree that as a condition of my participation in the **Connie Cleveland Obedience Seminar** at Capital Dog Training Club, I will act in a legal and safe manner and will at all times when at the **Connie Cleveland Obedience Seminar** at Capital Dog Training Club control my domestic dog (*Canis lupus familiaris*).

Further, I do expressly hereby forever release and discharge the Sponsors from all claims, demands, injuries, damages, actions, or causes of action, and from all acts of active or passive negligence on the part of Capital Dog Training Club, its directors and officers, partners, agents, employees, attorneys, and administrators ("Sponsors"). It is further agreed that my participation in the **Connie Cleveland Obedience Seminar** at Capital Dog Training Club is undertaken by me at my sole risk.

I understand and agree that this Waiver and Release shall be governed by Maryland Law.

Participant's Signature

Print Name

Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

In case of emergency, notify _____

Telephone Numbers (Home/Mobile) _____

Available Classes



Basic Obedience



Puppy Kindergarten



**Canine Good Citizen
Prep**



Basic Obedience



Puppy Kindergarten



**Canine Good Citizen
Prep**

[See All Available Classes](#)

Seminar on Managing Reactive Dogs in Classes

Shannon Hall will be presenting a seminar on managing reactive dogs when teaching classes. The seminar will be on Sunday afternoon, March 8, from 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm.

All current instructors and those considering becoming instructors are strongly encouraged to attend. However, you are welcomed and encouraged to attend regardless of whether you are an instructor or future instructor. Shannon provided the following description of the seminar, “This is intended as a practical seminar on reactivity in dogs in the context of instruction. It should be generally useful, however, not only to instructors and assistants, current or future, but also to anyone who might find themselves in a position to advise others on the management and training of reactive dogs. I have no intention of conducting a monologue, and while I will bring 17+ years of instructing basic classes and tons of reading and practical experience, I expect also to listen and learn from you, so please come prepared to listen, learn, share and teach.”

CDTC Agility Trials

CDTC is holding its annual agility trials on April 3, 4, and 5, 2020. CDTC needs all hands to support this trial. You don't have to be a club member to volunteer. Everyone invite your friends.

CDTC will need ring support all three days. Each day there are morning and afternoon four-hour slots available for 2 rings. In addition 8 volunteers are needed to setup the agility equipment in both rings early on Friday morning and also to tear down on Sunday afternoon.

If you would like to volunteer email [Sandy Swinburne](#) and let her know what day you can help and if you want to work the morning, afternoon or both shifts. There will be raffles with great prizes each day for the volunteers. This is a great way to learn about agility and to make new friends.

New Classes

Puppy Kindergarten – (for puppies 10 to 20 weeks of age at class start)

Start Date: April 4, 2020

Day & Time: Mondays @ 6:00pm

Duration: 8-week class Instructor:

Betsy Flagg

Start Date: April 26, 2020 (no class 5/24)

Day & Time: Sundays @ 9:00am

Duration: 8-week class

Instructor: Eileen Freedman

Start Date: June 5, 2020

Day & Time: Tuesday @ 6:00pm

Duration: 8-week class Instructor: Sandy Swinburne

Basic Obedience – (all dogs over 5 months)

Start Date: March 9, 2020

Day & Time: Monday 2:00pm

Duration: 6-week class

Instructor: Robert Reinhardt

Start Date: May 4, 2020

Day & Time: Mondays 2:00pm

Duration: 6-week class

Instructor: Robert Reinhardt

Start Date: May 4, 2020

Day & Time: Mondays 8:30pm

Duration: 6-week class

Instructor: Shannon Hall

Start Date: May 5, 2020

Day & Time: Tuesdays 7:00pm

Duration: 8-week class

Instructor: Art Belendiuk

Advanced Basic Obedience – (graduates of basic obedience or by permission of director)

Start Date: March 10, 2020

Day & Time: Tuesdays 7:00pm

Duration: 8-week class

Instructor: Tom Tatham

Start Date: March 15, 2020 (no class 4/12)

Day & Time: Sundays 12:30pm

Duration: 8-week class Instructor: Carla LaFleur

Start Date: June 5, 2020

Day & Time: Tuesdays 7:00pm

Duration: 8-week class

Instructor: Tom Tatham

Start Date: June 7, 2020 (no class 7/5)

Day & Time: Sundays 12:30pm

Duration: 8-week class Instructor: Carla LaFleur

Rally Classes

Advanced & Excellent

Start Date: NEW DATE! March 14, 2020

Day & Time: Saturdays 12:30pm

Duration: 6-week class

Instructor: Sue Faber

Competition Rally Class:

Thursdays @ 11:00am.

Contact cdtcclases@gmail.com if interested.

Scent Work

Scent Work 1

Start Date: May 10, 2020 (no class 5/24)

Day & Time: Sundays 12:30pm

Duration: 4-week class Instructor: Art Belendiuk

*CDTC members email cdtcclases@gmail.com to reserve your spot, public registration opens April 1, 2020

Canine Good Citizen® (CGC) Tests

CGC Test: 4/2/2020 (Thursday) 7:00pm.

CGC-A (Advanced) Test: 5/7/2020 (Thursday) 7:00pm.

AKC Trick Dog Tests

AKC Tricks Test ALL LEVELS: Thursday April 2, 2020 @ 8:00pm.

AKC Tricks Test ALL LEVELS: Thursday May 7, 2020 @ 8:00pm.

Equipment Corner: Pop Crate



The Pop Crate is a new type of dog kennel, more compact and lighter than regular folding crates. One feature of the Pop Crate is that it has a hard plastic front and back, with a metal door instead of zippers. Click [here](#) to see a short video highlighting the features of the Pop Crate. As with any soft

crate, the Pop Crate is designed for dogs that are crate trained. The Pop Crate is compact and light, rather than sturdy. Its size and weight, the large crate weighs only 5.5 pounds, makes it perfect for travel and to take to shows.

Got a cool dog piece of dog equipment? Send me an [email](#) and tell me what you like about it.



POPS OPEN INSTANTLY!

① POP!

② GRIP!

③ TWIST!

④ CLICK!



CLOSES EASILY BY TWISTING 180°

Post Surgery Alternative to the "Cone of Shame"

By Donna Cleverdon



If you have ever had a dog that needed surgery, you are familiar with the dreaded "Cone of Shame," properly called the Elizabethan collar. That cone around the animal's neck must protrude at least as far out as the end of the nose to make it impossible for the recovering patient to lick or chew the surgical wound.

Thanks to Sandy Swinburne I was able to avoid putting one on Arrow recently, after his orchidectomy. Instead of the Cone, I used a Recovery Suit. Sandy, our Queen of Internet Research, offered to lead

me the one she had for her dog, but it was a size too small. I ordered one for Arrow in the next bigger size. It cost only about \$20.

This garment is pulled over the head of the dog through a large neck hole. The front legs are similarly pulled through the holes for them. The body is smoothed out over the back and abdomen. The underside of the jacket is elongated and Y-shaped, so that when this elongation is pulled up between the back legs, passed around the outside of the hips, it then fastens with large velcro pads to the back top. This arrangement covers the entire belly and perineal area, preventing (mostly) licking and nibbling. In addition, the coat is fashioned with a tab at the chest to allow the suit to be rolled up and secured when you want to let the animal out for eliminations.

To my mind this is a huge improvement over the Cone! For a large dog such as mine, the cone has to be so big that it bumps into just about everything in the dog's environment. The coat doesn't have this limitation. Furthermore, even with my touch sensitive dog, he became accustomed to the coat very quickly. He was able to push his nose into the inside leg edges and lick his thighs, but he did not succeed in getting near the actual wound.

We are now well past the recovery period, and Arrow is released from having to wear his jacket. It is a "Large", and I am very happy to lend it to any club member who may require it for his dog.

Pet Insurance Is it Right for You?

When it comes to our pets, most people will spend whatever it takes to give them the best medical care possible. We love them and consider them to be members of the family. Veterinary specialists can do some amazing things these days — from open-heart surgery to cancer treatment, but the medical bills can be prohibitive.

A recent survey by the Associated Press found that a significant number of pet owners (41 percent) are worried they could not afford the medical bills for a sick dog. Is insurance the answer? It depends. Buying pet insurance is both an economic and an emotional decision that needs to be based on your personal financial situation and what you're willing to pay for peace of mind. Some people can't afford costly treatment and must euthanize their pet. But consumer groups say that pet insurance does not make sense. Robert Krughoff, president of Checkbook.org, says "It's common to pay \$300 a year or more for pet insurance. Over the life of a dog or cat that might be \$5,000 or more. Most people are not going to have a big expense like that."

Consumer Reports compared the cost vs. payout of nine pet policies for Roxy, a healthy 10-year-old beagle. Roxy's lifetime vet bills have totaled \$7,026. In every case, the total premiums that would have been paid to those insurance companies were higher than Roxy's medical bills. Both Consumer Reports and Checkbook advise against buying insurance to cover routine wellness care. They say this is an expense you should be able to cover on your own. "It's just crazy to pay an insurance company to just turn around and pay the vet," says Checkbook's Robert Krughoff. "Why not pay the vet directly?"

On the other hand, pet insurance companies argue that it's impossible to tell if your furry friend will be healthy or have a serious illness or accident during its lifetime. For an expensive or prolonged illness pet insurance can prove to be a good investment.

Pet insurance policies vary greatly from company to company. The only way to know what you're buying is to get a copy of the policy and see what's covered – and more importantly, what's not. "Look very carefully at the fine print so that you're not surprised when you file a claim and find that it's denied," advises Consumer Reports editor Tobie Stanger.

You need to know before you buy pet insurance:

Is there a physical exam required to get coverage?

Is there a waiting period?

What percentage of the bill do they pay — after the deductible? Are payments capped in any way?

Are there co-pays?

Does the plan cover pre-existing conditions?

What about chronic or recurring medical problems?

Can you choose any vet or animal hospital?

Are prescription drugs covered?

Are you covered if you travel with your pet?

Does the policy pay if your pet is being treated and dies?

Most policies do not cover congenital or hereditary conditions.

If you love your dog and you don't have the money to cover an emergency medical situation that could cost thousands of dollars, you should consider pet insurance. If you buy pet insurance and don't use it, consider yourself lucky. But with pets living longer these days, your chances of using the policy are greater than ever.

CDTC AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award

Five years ago the AKC started giving all affiliated clubs the opportunity to present annually to a member an award of "outstanding sportsmanship". The following are criteria for which this award recipient at CDTC will be chosen:

1. The recipient will be an Active Member in good standing for at least five years. The recipient will have contributed time and effort in support of club activities, for example classes, matches and trials.
2. The recipient shall have made a difference to the sport of performance dogs, for instance encouraging newcomers, promoting participation in club activities among members and furthering the knowledge and practice of dog training.
3. The recipient will have shown examples of sportsmanship in the following ways:
 - Refusing to compromise his/her commitment to the sport of performance dogs or the reputation of the club by injecting personal advantage or consideration into his/her decisions or behavior.
 - Spurning any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed.
 - Making always his/her chief responsibility the welfare of his or her dogs.
 - Refusing to embarrass the sport, himself/herself, or CDTC while taking part

in activities.

The Selection Process:

1. Nominations from the membership will accepted starting February 15th in the form of written supporting informative statements of 500 words or less, sent by mail or email to the AKC Delegate, [Joyce Dandridge](#), no later than April 15th of the current year.
2. The nominations and supporting information will be published in the June Obichaff so members may vote.
3. Members will vote by written ballot at the general meeting in June. The CDTC President will select tellers to count the votes and the membership's choice will be announced at the meeting.
4. The presentation of the AKC medallion will take place at the Annual Awards Dinner in July.
5. Nominees must approve of their nomination.

If you are nominating someone, please check with them to see if they qualify and will accept the award.

CDTC Groups.io

CDTC members, if you have not done so already, please join <mailto:cdtc@groups.io>. It is a great way to keep up with the day-to-day activities of our club. To sign up, go to <https://groups.io/g/cdtc> and click "Apply for Membership."



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