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You can say any foolish thing to a dog, and the dog will give you a look that says, "Wow, you're right! I never would've thought of that!"

— Dave Barry

Dog Scientists Determine Water From Toilet Contains Essential Vitamins Not Found In Water Bowl



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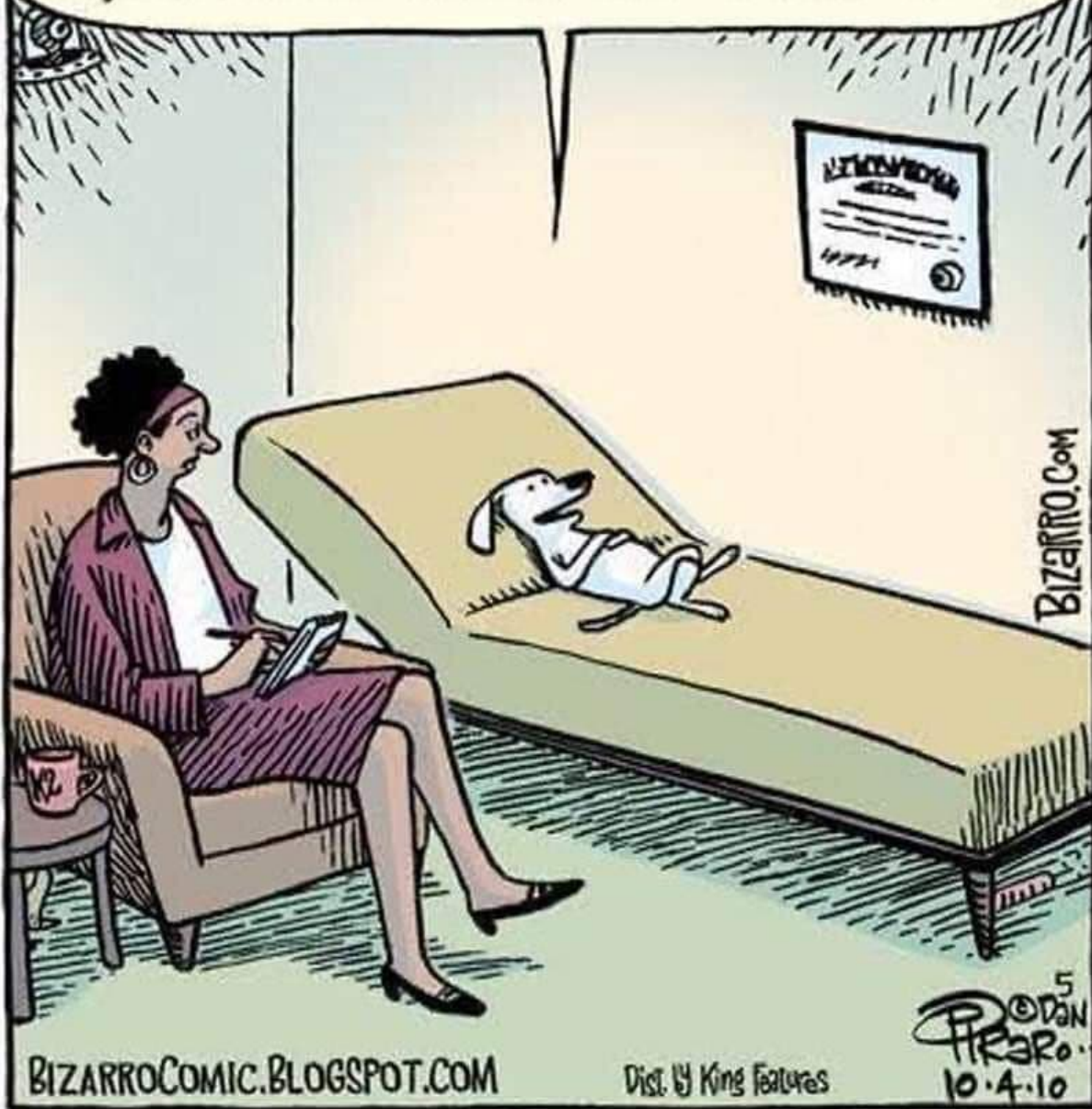


Last week Magic and her sister meet for a romp through the west New Jersey woods. Despite what people who drive on the New Jersey Turnpike may think, New Jersey really is the garden state.

Magic and her sister, Disco, have a special relationship. When together, they are comfortable with each other, the way two human sisters might be comfortable in each other's company. I don't want to anthropomorphize their relationship, but there is something there. That said, the more time I spend with dogs the more convinced I become that we underestimate them. They lack our intelligence, and we therefore assume that they lack our emotional range. This, in my opinion, is a mistake. Dogs have the same or perhaps greater range of emotions than humans. They are geniuses at reading body language, and they certainly understand the tone of our voice. Not being a scientist, I am happy to believe that Magic and Disco recognize each other as litter mates and base their relationship on filial tenderness and the mutual desire to chase critters in the New Jersey woods. Friends for life.

In this issue there is a story about the Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind. The Guide Dog Foundation is in great need of puppy raisers. This may be just what you are looking for, plus it is a great way to give back to the community.

Actually, I'm fine. I just like to have
a place where I'm allowed on the couch.



**Guide Dog Foundation For the
Blind Needs Your Help**



Why do we train our dogs? Training builds a strong bond between dog and handler, but let's face it we love the bragging rights when our dog earns a new title and gets a ribbon in obedience, agility, or nose work. Why not train for a cause? Individuals with disabilities need highly trained assistance dogs. Raising a puppy for the Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind will make you a better trainer, but more importantly, the dog you help train will ultimately help assist a person with a disability to lead a better life. Now those are some serious bragging rights.



The [Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind](#)'s mission is: to improve the quality of life for people who are blind, have low vision, or have other special needs. For 75 years, the Guide Dog

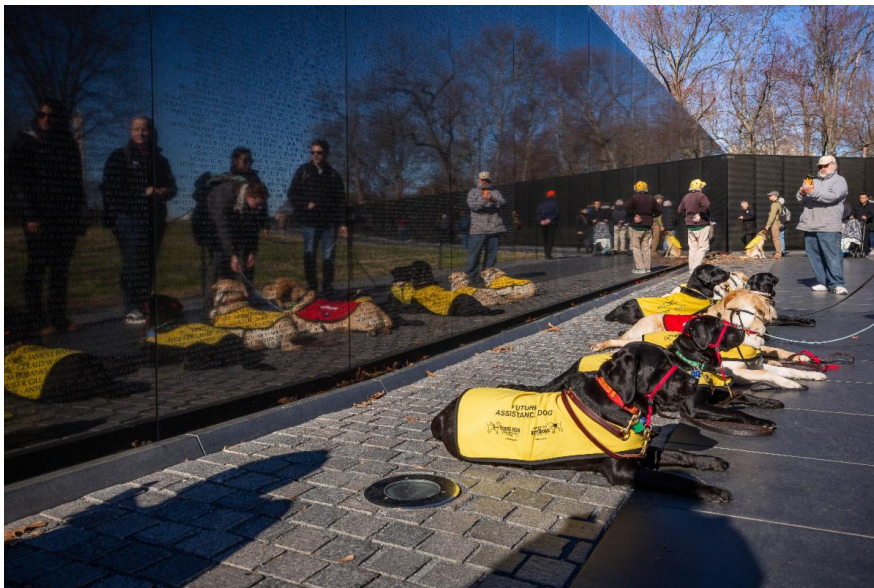
Foundation has trained and placed guide dogs and service dogs to provide individuals with increased independence and enhanced mobility. The Guide Dog Foundation pairs each student with the dog that's right for them – and the power of their bond makes ordinary moments extraordinary. Crossing the street independently becomes a moment of liberation. Traveling alone becomes a welcome adventure. Embracing new experiences becomes an everyday

occurrence.

The Guide Dog Foundation is in urgent need of puppy raisers. No prior experience is required, but if you are a



regular *Obichaff* reader, chances are that you have all the necessary qualification to be a puppy raiser. Click [here](#) to learn more about puppy raising requirements. Puppy raisers provide the loving homes and early training that puppies need until they are old enough to enter the Foundation's training program. A puppy advisor will support each volunteer raiser through the puppy's upbringing and training. Your job is to provide the puppy with a loving home, socialize it by exposure to different environments and provide it with basic obedience training. Other than food, the Foundation covers the cost of all necessities for each pup, including veterinary care.



When the dog is between 14 and 18 months of age, it returns to the Foundation to move ahead with its formal training and life-changing career as a guide or

service dog. Once the dog is placed with its handler, the puppy raiser will be invited to attend a Foundation graduation ceremony where they can see first-hand the life-changing difference they made in someone's life.

If you are interested, click [here](#) to get more information, and apply to become a Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind puppy raiser. For more information see video below.

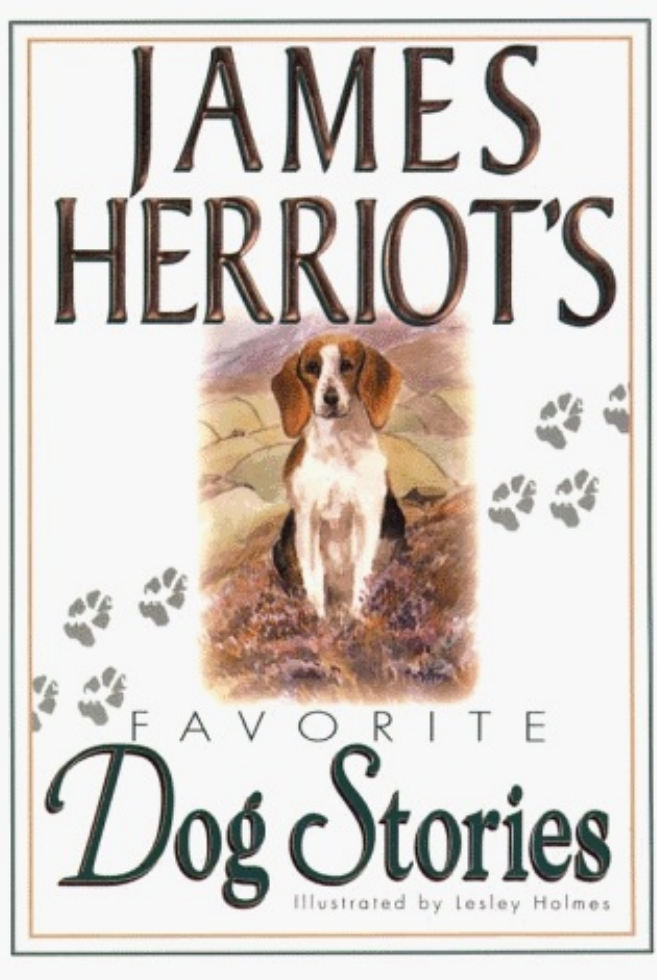


Book Review

James Herriot's Favorite Dog Stories by James Herriot

"When I decided to be a vet, I knew that I wanted to be a dog doctor, so I could spend all my time with dogs." - from the Introduction

James Herriot would go on to become so much more than a dog doctor. But no animal was dearer to his heart, and no animal provided him with more heartwarming and wonderful tales. *James Herriot's Favorite Dog Stories* is filled with charming and wholesome tales. This



classic heartwarming collection of ten stories about dogs - from border collies and sheepdogs to the exploits of Tricki Woo, the unforgettable Pekinese - by the late author of *All Creatures Great and Small* is prefaced by a moving introduction from Herriot himself - the very last piece of writing the beloved author ever completed. So, follow the master veterinarian as he journeys through Yorkshire, caring for big dogs and small with his characteristic gentleness and peace, profound observation, and deep, loving humor.

The stories are sweet and funny, they all have happy endings and this is a perfect book to read to children. Highly recommended.

CDTC Lends a Hand At the 4-H Obedience Trials

By Arthur Belendiuk



I was invited back this year to judge a 4-H obedience trial at the Maryland State Fair. I spent a pleasant Saturday afternoon, working with kids and their dogs. The young 4-H members worked hard to train their dogs and generally were able to get their dogs to perform at the Beginner Novice or Novice level. The enthusiastic and youthful participant

had a great time showing their dogs, and I had an opportunity to learn about the amazing things 4-H does with its dog youth program.

4-H offers youths from grade 3 through 12 a hands-on opportunity to work with dogs. The program gives 4-H members a chance to show dogs in confirmation and showcases the 4-H members' ability to groom and show their dogs. Obedience training is also very much part of the 4-H curriculum. 4-H members can participate in obedience and rally training. The goal is not so much to compete in trials as it is to teach 4-H members how to train dogs to be well behaved as family members and in social situations.

What I found amazing was the level of dog knowledge 4-H members are required to master. At the youngest level, Wiggles and Wags, grades 3 through 5, young 4-H members are expected to know about the different breeds, basic dog care, feeding, grooming and how to keep a dog healthy. What impressed me was that 4-H did not pull its punches, there is also a section on euthanasia.

Even the youngest members of 4-H need to know that there comes a time when we must say goodbye to our dog friends.



In Canine Connection, grades 6 through 8, 4-H members are expected to learn such subjects as appreciating dogs' places and roles in society; grooming, fitting, showing and training a dog; and exploring dog-related careers and activities. Here again the emphasis is on the care and well-being of dogs. For example, there is a section on first aid and one on genetic disorders.

In the advanced course, Leading the Pack, grades 9 through 12, 4-H members learn about emergency care, puppy training, guide dogs for the blind, dog bite laws, state leash laws, pet food labeling requirements and much more. At this level 4-H members are expected to organize events, give presentations, and teach others.

CDTC members, as dog owners and enthusiasts, it is our job to teach the next generation. The 4-H members I met and those that are participating in the 4-H training program are the next generation of dog owners, trainers, and breeders. I take pride and comfort in knowing that future generations of dogs will be in their capable hands.



2022 AWARDS PICNIC

By Amy Scheiner

On September 11, CDTC members and guests gathered at Seneca Creek State Park to enjoy each other's company, recognize our dedicated and talented instructors, and celebrate 2021 training accomplishments/titles.

Despite rainy gray weather, we stayed comfortable and dry in a covered picnic pavilion. We enjoyed gabbing and catching up as we ate boxed lunches from Panera; the meal was followed by the presentation of awards.

The 2021 obedience "High Score" winners were:

- **Beginner Novice (BN):** Rachel Hutko and Rough collie Ciarra (Moore's Queen Rhiannon)—Average Score 194
- **Companion Dog (CD):** Milly Welsh and Labrador retriever Dotty (Graden's Master Gardener)—Average Score 195.8

- **Graduate Novice (GN):** Dianne Harab and Field spaniel Willy (Liz Ann's Golden Ticket)—Average Score 189.2
- **Companion Dog Excellent (CDX):** Milly Welsh and Labrador retriever Dotty (Graden's Master Gardener)—Average Score 190.7
- **Utility Dog (UD):** Dianne Harab and Field spaniel Bosco (Evans' Bosco Boy)—Average Score 189.2
- **High in Trial:** Donna Cleverdon and Standard poodle Arrow (Fair Hill Honor Code)—High in Trial Score 197

Thirty-five (35) instructors and assistants taught classes at the Club from June 2021-June 2022. They were each presented with the gift of an insulated cooler bag embroidered with the Club logo.

Thirty-five (35) dog-handler teams and two (2) **cats** earned titles in multiple sports and from a variety of registries in 2021. Milly Welsh's Labrador retriever Dotty (Graden's Master Gardener) completed six (6) titles, the most of all CDTC teams last year.

We concluded the festivities by honoring Marsha Iyomasa and presenting her with the American Kennel Club Outstanding Sportsmanship Award. We are so lucky to have you in our Club, Marsha—thank you for all you do for us!

President Donna Cleverdon asked for a moment of quiet reflection at the end of the afternoon, encouraging us to all remember the significance of the date—September 11—and to think of those who are no longer with us.

Bragg

On August 27th, Marnie and Beau got their 3rd qualifying leg under Judge Debra Barrows at Oriole Dog Training Club and earned their CD!



Sue Faber reports that Dazzle earned her Novice Obedience title in three shows!



Carrie Wohl writes: Ryder, aka Enchanted Knight Ryder CD BN RE FDC NA NAJ AXP AJP OFP FCAT CGCA TKI... earned his Excellent FAST Preferred Title at the Carroll Kennel Club Agility Trial! He told me it was for his Papa's birthday ☐ present. Ted's birthday was 8/21 he would have been 89. He was smiling down on us Saturday ☐ ☐ We would not have come this far without all of your hard work of training your "Big Boy".☺☐☺. So proud of him.



This one took a year And not for lack of trying! After 2 out of 3 Q's received last year thinking he had already received his Open FAST title, AKC promptly rescinded his 2 Excellent FAST Q's because he was still in Open. So, 1 more Open Q needed for Open title and 3 more Excellent FAST Q's for this title! Needless to say, I'm double checking before every trial now! Of course this is still pending AKC approval...☺. Actual post of certificate to come!

The Schipp crew had a great time at this year's Capital Dog Training Club FastCAT trial at White Post Restorations...

On Saturday, July 2, 2022, Elle, aka GCH ENCHANTED LADY

LIBERTY ACT1 CGCA TKN FCAT3 turned 11 years old and on Sunday, July 3, 2022 earned her FCAT4 completing her FCAT career she said “that’s it! I’m retired!” Running 17.66mph. Elle received her FCAT2 here at the CDTC FastCAT trial last year at White Post Restorations.

Also on Saturday, Ryder, aka Enchanted Knight Ryder CD BN RE FDC NA NAJ OAP AJP AXP OFP DCAT CGCA TKI earned his first FCAT at the age of 11.5 years old who agreed with his sister and said “that’s it! I’m retired too, I really don’t get what the big deal is over a plastic bag, it’s not a bunny!”



Ryder and I had a great weekend at the Weimaraner Agility Trial under my favorite judge who was also my first agility instructor Frank Gilmer, Ryder came away with his Excellent Standard Agility title in First place, and 2 Master STD Q's to follow, a Second place in Master JWW and his first official Double QQ! We are now in Masters working towards those titles and collecting PACH (Preferred Agility Champion) points to maybe get that title... We are having a great time and are “clicking” as a team. So proud of this boy he really is awesome and we wouldn’t have gotten this far without all the

training he did with his papa. I know Ted is smiling down and beaming with pride! Thank you Frank, so glad we were able to achieve this with you as the judge. Although, the dog I started agility with Echo, has gone over the Rainbow ☐ Bridge it was very special for me to achieve this with her first born son! ☐☐☐



Great day at the York County Dog Training Club Agility Trial, Ryder Qualified in 1st Place to get his Excellent JWW Preferred (AJP) Title today, with 10 seconds to spare! Now onto Masters Jumpers With Weaves Preferred! Ryder is such a good boy and I'm so proud of him we are finally starting to "click" and become a team. His papa would be so proud of him, he's smiling down on us today. Ryder also Q'd in T2B in second place and got 9 points. Here he is smiling...😊



Erin Jephson reports that Mavis earned her 2nd leg in beginner novice at the Oriole trial. Mavis also earned her second leg in Novice A rally.



Amy Scheiner writes: I am so very proud to announce that Devyn (Acadia Just For The Fun Of It, HI (Herding Instinct)) successfully competed in her very first Scent Work (AKC) trial on 8/28/22. This is a brand new sport for both of us. Devyn qualified and placed in all four of her searches (two Buried, two Exterior). Many thanks to both Sandi Atkinson and Art Belendiuk for their expert instruction, encouragement, and patience as we navigate this new journey.



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

VOLUNTEER - Our annual Rally trial and Obedience trials are just around the corner, Friday, October 7, Obedience Saturday, October 8 and Sunday October 9 at CTA in Beltsville. If you are trialing you may still volunteer to work for another class. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered so far. Please send [Benita](#) an email if you can volunteer. We need your support to make the trial a success. The judging program is posted on [Clantyre.net](#) and will be sent out on the list.

Available Classes

[Class List and Registration](#)

Upcoming Classes/Tests/Trials

S.T.A.R. Puppy Kindergarten begins
Thursday, January 5 at 6pm.
Register [here](#).

Heeling, Fronts, and Finishes
begins Monday, January 9 at 8pm.
Register [here](#).

Beginner Novice starts Thursday, October 6 at 6pm, and
Tuesday, January 3 at 6pm.
Register [here](#) and [here](#).

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

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

Rally Competition Class has space available.
Register [here](#).

[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](#).

For information about **Freestyle Training Group**
Contact [Training Secretary](#)

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.

Email [Training Secretary](#) with questions.

Delegate's Corner

By Joyce Dandridge

In the Delegates CEC Committee Meeting:

- A discussion was opened on the shortage of new judges in obedience and rally. In this discussion, suggestions on training new people were presented. They included PowerPoint Presentations, Zoom Meetings, Canine College Courses and On Demand used for training.
- It was mentioned that people need to understand that Obedience is the foundation of a well-behaved dog as opposed to seeing it as a negative.
- As chair of the subcommittee on All Breed Clubs Offering Obedience and Rally at their shows, I presented a report on what the subcommittee had discovered in their interview with a representative from all breed clubs. All interviews were done by phone using a survey on eleven questions. A final report will be presented at the December meeting. Bill Ellis submitted a report to the All Breed Committee on the subcommittees task and finding thus far.
- Doug mentioned AKC is on its way to an all-time record high in events offering over 100,000 entries. Obedience is up 27% from 2021 in events offered and Rally up 29%. Every dog sport event was up from 2021.
- Agility Invitational and Junior Agility Competition will be in Orlando, Dec. 16-18. Entries opened August 8. On Sunday the finals will be aired on ESPN.
- In July, the Board approved to allow dogs that have earned the Obedience BN title to be eligible to enter the AKC Rally A classes.
- In October, the AKC staff will be making a recommendation to allow handlers the option of jumping their dogs at half the height of the dog at the withers in the Graduate Novice, Graduate Open and Versatility classes. This will allow more opportunities for dogs just starting their obedience careers to gain ring experience and for veteran dogs to continue to compete as requested from the fancy.
- In October, the AKC staff will be making a recommendation to add a new optional titling class to Rally named Rally Choice (RC). Rally exhibitors have asked for a class where veteran dogs can compete without jumps in order to retain their participation in the sport. All rally signs, except jumps and the stay sign, may be used to design the course. The course will be judged with the dog off leash. All dogs will be eligible to enter this class and may continue to compete indefinitely. To earn the RC title, the dog must receive ten qualifying scores under at least two different judges. A numeric designation will indicate the number of times the dog has met the RC title requirements, i.e., RC2, RC3, etc. **Clubs will be required to offer this class.**

In the General Meeting:

- Elections were held by ballot for Delegates running for

Committee Member positions. I was reelected to another 3-year term to serve on the Companion Events Committee.

The vote to eliminate Term Limit failed for a third time. Delegates voted to continue Term Limits for AKC Board members which means after two consecutive terms on the AKC Board, a Delegate must come off the Board for one year and cannot run. As I spoke with members from different clubs, they felt as I do, this opens the Board up to new members with new and fresh ideas. After a year, the former Board member can run again, if they want. I asked the members of CDTC in the newsletter how they felt about the issue and received no comments so I voted as stated above.

**Next Membership Meeting October 11, at
8:00pm**



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