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## A Review: Puppy Culture— the Powerful First 12 Weeks That Can Shape Your Puppy's Future

—by Donna Cleverdon, 2018 CDTC President  
with assistance from Puppy Connor; Shannon Hall's new border collie



I recently watched this wonderful video by Jane Killion, who is a professional dog trainer and a breeder of Bull terriers. It's all about raising puppies. The video consists of four discs—three that follow the puppies week to week, and the forth is a re-cap of the series.

The video follows the author's litter of eight Bull terrier puppies from birth through sending them home with their new owners. The movie alternates between interview scenes with the author and shots of the puppies in day-to-day from life. There are interviews with other experts, such as veterinarians, who have specialized knowledge in areas of interest such as fear imprinting, immunization, and neurological development in young puppies.

The level of detail in the information is very thorough and is presented in manner that flows naturally as the puppies develop from week-to-week. It is clearly laid out with lots of examples and live footage showing the differences in the main characters—the puppies—and how to handle situations as they develop. Subjects addressed include: when to introduce new people; when to introduce new dogs; how to begin house-training; when and how to begin crate-training; how to avoid resource guarding issues; how to develop problems solving and how to encourage self-reliance and boldness.

The material is pretty dense and lots of information is handed to the



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## From the Editor

— by Pam Coblyn, Editor, Obichaff



# The Value of Play

Fenway is now a senior citizen—well, technically. At ten years old, he is slowing down a bit. Instead of fifty ball tosses across the field, I limit it to twenty, with a break for a walk and then he gets another five. At ten years young, he still wants more because he craves it and catching a ball makes him deliriously happy. It was our first style of play when Fen was a young puppy and I truly think that he is now hard-wired to be an OTCH-MACH-Master of Ball Catching. It's just what he needs to do.

As Fen grew up, I thought he had more potential than running after a ball. And, to be honest, I wanted more than a “pet” dog. Serious training became my passion and Fen seemed to enjoy it, too, although he is rarely serious! Thankfully, I discovered CDTC and we enrolled in obedience, rally and agility classes. Instructors encouraged us to consider competing and taught us the necessary skills so that we could do reasonably well under a judge's scrutiny. We learned how to methodically train and went to many classes, training groups and seminars at CDTC. I got the tools to give Fenway a wonderful foundation for success. I *thought* I was doing right by my dog by giving him every opportunity to realize his potential.

But somehow, along the way, I forgot about the value of play—simple, joyful play with no goal other than happiness. We played ball just a little bit. Instead, Fen's exercise was agility jump grids, difficult weave pole entrances, endless heeling and signal exercise proofing. A walk or frisbee/ball session always included a minute or two of obedience training. Even admitting this makes me cringe!

Ever affable Fenway dutifully put up with my “Tiger Mom” routine but I noticed problems developing when it came time to trial. Fen (and I!) started developing ring nerves. Some big soul searching was in order and I realized that I wasn't having fun and neither was poor Fen.

Now a new routine is in order: ball play, tug, hikes and just a little bit of training—but not at the expense of play. Fen is relaxed and happy again. I have my joyful boy back and no amount of titles or Q's is worth giving up his lovely smile or hearing happy barks. That's success!



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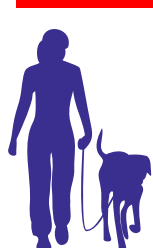


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*Stay tuned—Donna Cleverdon our new CDTC President, will publish her President's Column in the March-April 2018 issue of Obichaff!*



## **February's obedience Run Thru is NEXT Sunday, February 4.**

**(You'll have plenty of time to get home for the Super Bowl!)**

**Doors open at 8:45, runs start at 9:30 and end around 2 pm.**

**WE NEED VOLUNTEER HELP!!!**

**If you are not trialing or showing or at a seminar,  
PLEASE SIGN up at the clubhouse and COME HELP!**

**NO EXPERIENCE necessary to steward!**

**Help the club, help your friends, help Run Thru coordinator Jodie Jeweler!**

**Plan for the next CDTC Obedience Run-Thru: Sunday, March 4.**

## **The Rally Training Group**

***Train, polish, learn and have fun with your dog!***



Set up for Rally Training Group is 1:00-1:25pm. Walk-thrus 1:25-1:40, run-thrus 1:40-2:45.

IF you need walk-thru—which is highly recommended—please come early enough to do so.

IF you come late and miss the opportunity to do a walk-thru, you can look at the posted map and watch others. There are always people around to offer help with the course and training ideas.

It can get quite BUSY this time of year with lots of pending trials, so please come early to help set up the course or stay late to help take it down (it's easy!). We want everyone to get a chance to participate!

Also, if you have adequate knowledge of all rally signs, please offer to assist in judging.

***Come by on Saturday afternoons—check the back page for dates!***

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# Delegates Corner

— by Joyce Dandridge, CDTC AKC Delegate



## In the Companion Events Committee:

- Doug and Pam gave a report on the statistics for the companion events. Unfortunately, all entries including agility and rally were low.
- Pam presented the numbers on the participants in the Orlando events. All companion events and demos were presented. Juniors participated in Obedience and Agility and had their own classes. This event has become an extravaganza with all aspects of the Dog World represented—including Nosework and Barn Hunt. It will again be held in Orlando in December 2018
- I presented my sub-committee's first report on "Finding Solutions to Encourage All-Breed Clubs to Have Obedience/Rally Trials". A survey was done of the clubs with a very good response from the Delegate All Breed Clubs. Some of their main concerns/reasons for dropping the events were: cost of Judges, number of Stewards needed and cost, lack of space in indoor facilities where conformation events are being held, and declining entries in Obedience. The sub-committee is still working on suggestions to encourage these clubs to think about holding obedience trials and rally events. Upon completion of a list of suggestions, I will present and distribute the list to the All-Breed Delegate committee. Currently on our list of suggestions, we have working with Obedience clubs and having them give the help they need to hold give trials and get stewards. I, in the past, and Benita, currently, is doing this with National Capital KC and the entries have continued to increase at the October show. Also on the list was training 4H and Boy Scouts to be steward by offering How-To Seminars and effectively scheduling Judges to decrease cost.

I have a copy of an article on the Effective Use of Obedience judges and if anyone is interested in a copy, please contact me.

If anyone has any suggestions on how we can get All-Breed clubs interested in giving obedience trials that will be financially viable, please share them with me and the committee. Remember, the more events in the area the

more opportunities for legs! Send suggestions to me at [justusshows@verizon.net](mailto:justusshows@verizon.net)

- A clarification was made on the Achiever Dog certificates. A dog must earn at least 1 of the 3 sport achievements on or after December 1, 2017. Previously earned titles or participation can be used as 2 of the three required achievements. Hopefully, this is a good tool to encourage class participants in companion and performance events, especially the Puppy class and Novice people. They can try some of the less training intensive events which may move them to more complex, time consuming events.

## In the General Meeting:

- The candidates running for the AKC Board of Directors in March were presented and they each spoke. There are three vacancies for the Class of 2022 and a one year vacancy for the Class of 2019 due to the passing of Steve Gladstone. Ron Menaker, the current Board chair is running for the one-year term. The others are running for 2022 are Bob Amen, Christopher Sweetwood, Harold "Red" Tatro, III, Carl Ashby, James Dok, Jan Richie Gladstone and Ann Wallin. The election will be at the March meeting. If you have any suggestions for my vote, please contact me.
- In AKC President Dennis Spung's Address to the Delegates, he mentioned his initiatives of recognizing individuals in our sport including the Medallion Programs and the Outstanding Sportsmanship Award. He feels we have a responsibility to honor our own. He then gave AKC Visionary Awards to Susan LaCroix Hamil, Lee Arnold, Lynette and Stanley Saltzman, James Smith and Ron Menaker.

**This is the time of year to start thinking about our club's nomination for the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award. I will begin accepting nomination summaries on February 15–April 15. If you have any questions, please contact me or our new President, Donna Cleverdon, who served on our rules committee for this club award.**

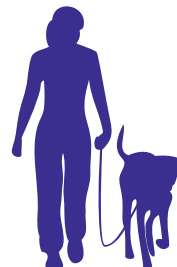


# Mark Your Calendars— CDTC Dates To Remember

## 2018 CDTC Run-Thru Schedule

Doors open at 8:45 am.

- **Utility/Open** registration until 9:30. Utility/Open Runs begin 9:30.
- **Novice/Beginners Novice** registration 9:30-10:30, runs begin no EARLIER than 11 am.
- \$8/first run, \$5 second run same dog.
- Pre-registration begins in December. Sign up at:  
<https://cdtc.org/events/run-thrus-matches/obedience-run-thru-registration/>  
Pre-registration gives you a \$1.00 discount per run, and guarantees you an earlier position, but not a specific time!
- Food/treats, reasonable corrections, prong collars are allowed.  
Plenty of crate space and parking. Practice ring available. Stays done per level.



• **January 6, 2018- SATURDAY**

• **February 4, 2018- SUNDAY**

• **March 4, 2018- SUNDAY**

**NO RUNS in APRIL or MAY**

• **June 3, 2018- SUNDAY**

• **July 8, 2018- SUNDAY**

**NO RUNS in AUGUST**

• **September: check back either  
Sept 1 or 2**

## 2018 CDTC Agility Trial

Calling all CDTC volunteers! We will need ring crews, gate crews, leash runners, course set up and break down and hospitality people. Our 2018 agility trials will be held on **April 6, 7 and 8**. Our obedience and rally trials will be held on October 5, 6, and 7. WE WILL NEED ALL HANDS ON DECK. Our trial will be at the Frederick Indoor Sports Complex, in Frederick, Maryland and is a two-ring event. Mark your calendars now!

## 2018 CDTC Obedience & Rally Trials

Calling all CDTC volunteers! We will need ring captains, stewards, and hospitality people. Our obedience and rally trials will be held on **October 5, 6, and 7** at the Catoctin Kennel Club, in Point of Rocks, Maryland. We will highlight one of our favorite local judges who is also a member of our Capital Thursday obedience training group. WE WILL NEED ALL HANDS ON DECK. Mark your calendars now and save these dates!

## ***Braggs—CDTC Members & Dogs Take To the Ring!***



### **New Conformation Champion Title!**

**Bob Rogers'** magnificent Newfoundland **Watson** (Paramount Washed Ashore at Mooncusser) earned his AKC Championship title over the Thanksgiving weekend at the Rock Creek Kennel Club's show. Bob reports, "Fortunately, there were no bitches in season this weekend when Watson was in the ring for Best Of Winners. A couple of times over the past couple of months he has been bracketed by bitches and his obvious interest in them that made everybody at ringside laugh (not so much for me). Watson demonstrated his versatility on Sunday by earning his first leg in Novice B obedience at the Catoctin Kennel Club obedience trial.

*Congratulations to Team Watson—true champions!*

### **New CDX Title!**

The pretty sheltie **Teagan** (Acadia Teagan Rose) was awarded her CDX on January 13, 2018 at the Talbot Kennel Club trial. She is owned, trained and loved by **Amy Scheiner**. Teagan earned an impressive score of 193.5 and 1st Place in Open A. She earned her first two legs at the Harrisburg Shetland Sheepdog Club trials on November 19, 2017—also both 1st Placements with scores of 194 (morning trial) and 187 (afternoon trial). An ecstatic Amy says, "A huge thank you goes to all of our friends and classmates at CDTC and especially to our Open instructor, Shirley Harry. Your expert instruction, patience, and encouragement have been invaluable."

*Well done Team Teagan! What an impressive accomplishment—especially the two Q's earned on the same day—grace under pressure!*







## New Utility Dog Title!

**Tom Tatham** is over the moon with pride—and rightfully so!

“I am proud to introduce (Linderland’s Ready Or Not at Pastyme UD RN CGCA aka **Nick**.”

“Nick competed for the first time in Utility at the CDTC trial in October 2017, and earned his first two legs (it was also at that show that Maggie earned UDX—quite a weekend!). Nick went on to earn his Utility Dog (UD) title at the Catoctin Kennel Club trial on December 2, 2017. He earned the title without ever failing to qualify—three straight shots! The next day, he entered Utility B and earned a spare leg.

Nick has turned out to be a great example of the bond and working relationship that can develop between a rehomed dog and its handler. When Nick joined my family in late August of 2015, he was one year old and terrified of me. For the first several weeks he ran away from me in the house and would urinate if I tried to handle him. Over about a month, I managed to convince him that I am an awesome treat dispenser and he gradually accepted me. As soon as possible we began obedience training and that really worked wonders on our relationship. Two

years later, Nick is a very loving companion and a UD. I look forward to many more years with this wonderful dog! *What a wonderful accomplishment! You and Nick are an inspiration for all dog trainers! A hearty congratulations with heaps of “Well Done” praise!*





### Nanuq Brings Home the Blues!

On Sunday, December 17 in Atlanta, Nanuq earned his second Rally Novice leg with a 1st Place and a score of 98!

On January 14, 2018 in Fredericksburg, VA Nani earned his 1st leg in Intermediate Rally with a 1st Place!

He also earned his 1st leg in Beginner Novice also with a 1st place!

*Well done Megan and Nani—you got ribbons, a leash AND toys!*



### New Rally Master Title!

**Sandi Atkinson** has wonderful news! “I am thrilled to announce that my Cavalier **Danny** (Carlen Dandini finished his AKC Rally Master RM) title on January 14, 2018!

“Danny’s AKC rally career started in September, 2016 when he was six months old. He is now just over 22 months old. While he is not the first Cavalier to earn the Rally Master, he may be the second, and probably the first ruby.

“We celebrated by “stimulating the economy” at the vendors’ booths—great shopping!”

*Hearty congratulations, Sandi and Danny! This is an amazing accomplishment for such a young dog. We are in awe—well done!*

### New Conformation Champion!

**Jo-Anne Riddle** reports, “I’m proud to announce that **Dallis** (Merrie Munro’s Dark Dahlia Noir) went WB and BOW today at the Tampa Bay Terrier Club Show in Brooksville, FL. She finished her championship under respected Breeder Judge Kathleen Ferris.

*Congratulations on a solid achievement!*

### A Brag for Multiple Achievements!

**Liz Jarrell’s** young border collie **William** (CH Bayshore Avatar The Conqueror of Bon Ami CD, BN, RE, CGC, TKP (and ATD), FDC, CGC, TDI) earned a total of 13 titles in 2017!

*Just WOW!!! Congratulations to you both for training excellence, and dedication. This just might be a club record but I suspect it’s par for the course for a border collie!*







### New Utility Dog Title!

**Sue Faber** is so proud to announce that **Stevie** (Faber's Pride & Joy) collected his final Q to earn his Utility Dog (UD) title at the York County Dog KC trial. Stevie Ray earned a 2nd Place under Judge Craig Bohren against some lovely competition.

*Congratulations and well done, Team Stevie!*

### More Q's!

**Megan Hemmer** and **Nanuq** have wonderful news! Nani exclaims "I earned my second Beginner Novice leg in Erie, PA on January 28. It was a 4th Place, but Mom said my score was better than last time! I also earned my second Rally Intermediate leg with a 2nd Place. An alaskan mal got 1st Place but I beat 2 golden retrievers!"

*Well done, little Nani!*



## Call For Nominations!

### CDTC 2018 Outstanding Sportsmanship Award

**F**ive 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 take 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 15, 2018.
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.

# Puppy Kindergarten Graduation!

**P**uppy K instructor Betsy Harringer along with assistants Ken Harringer and Wendy Wilkerson did a fine job teaching their young students how to be good family members and good citizens—a very important accomplishment. Through games, play and socialization, puppies built self confidence, basic doggie manners, general commands, loose leash walking and had lessons in self-control to deal with nuisance behavior. Betsy and her team gave new owners the knowledge, training tips and confidence to help their puppies enjoy a wonderful life.

Well done!





# OMG...I Got A New Puppy!

*(Pssst....and he's cute!)*

— by Shannon Hall, CDTC Training Secretary

## Puppies! Oh.My.God. Puppies!



*Young Connor is full of joy!*

**I** had not raised a puppy since 1994, since, as most of you know, I generally adopt young adults or older adolescents. While that presents its own unique challenges, nothing is as challenging to your sanity as a puppy.

How did I get into this, you might ask? Connor came from Mid-Atlantic Border Collie Rescue. After my beloved (but neurotic) Labrador Susie passed away this spring, I registered with MABCR to adopt—you guessed it—a young adult or older adolescent border collie, one suitable for performance. Upon reading my training bio and interests, the MABCR director contacted me and asked if I would be interested in a 9 week old BC pup who was just too much puppy for most people and had already lost his first home. Well, what could possibly be better! I do love a challenge. So off I went to meet him.

Upon introduction, he ran over and sat in front of me to say “Hello!” Manners are important, y’all, and clearly Connor already had that well in hand at only 10 weeks of age. Needless to say, he came home with me, cute and smart little ball of energy that he was. Introductions to Simon and the cats were a tad hairy. Simon was inclined to eat him and the cats were really not amused. House-breaking was ridiculously easy except for one little detail. Connor prefers an audience! My little bugger was happy to do his business outside, just as long as someone stayed out with him. This was fine over the spring and summer, and I spent some pleasant hours in a chair on my back patio watching him run around finding the perfect spot. I think 45 minutes was our record for how long it took him. At 5 months he was house-broken except for this niggling little complication.

Winter is coming! So, then it gets cold. Very, very cold. “Seriously dog, I am so over this escorting you outside to potty thing.” Amazingly, the combination of my angry hand signals to GO DO YOUR BUSINESS ALREADY! and putting him in time out if he did not do so for a few minutes before trying again fixed the issue in about a week. Amazing what some



*Connor needs to learn to stop hasseling the cat!*

Arctic air can do for your motivation as a trainer!

In parallel to the potty issue, Connor was irritating the cats. Mostly they were working it out themselves and Roo had decided that it was actually

fun to smack the puppy on the head. I need to get this on video. The cat hits him so hard on the skull that he shakes his paw out like he hurt himself. Too funny! This issue is not quite solved, but the cats appear to be handling it themselves, so what is the next pressing challenge? Folks, they never end. “Get a puppy!” they said. “Train it up from scratch!” they said. “That way it won’t have issues!” they said...

The upside? Connor was a super-star in Eileen Freedman’s PuppyK class at CDTC. He is a quick and eager learner: he has his CGC, he is in Joan Adler’s Sub-Novice class and Dianne Harab’s Rally class. In addition, Connor is learning foundation behaviors for agility. And, he is a well nigh perfect off-leash hiking dog, and he loves his mama.

Love you Connor baby!





# WANTED

## Mentee/Assistant for Run thrus!

— by Jodie Jeweler, Member

I am looking for someone who is interested in learning how the run thru's run, with the eventual aim of taking over! It's fun and it's simple.

It can be more than one person: someone must be the Match Chairperson and *MUST* be on site for the entire run thru each month—but it doesn't need to be the SAME person, each month.

Run thru's are held the first weekend of the month, January, February, March, June, July & September. *CURRENTLY*, we hold January and September on Saturday, and all the others on Sunday. We implemented this plan to allow more/different people to attend and to help out.

Duties include filling out a VERY simple form for each month, and sending it to AKC (and waiting for approval). In addition, we need the event publicized—we currently use *Match-Show Bulletin*, our CDTC website & FaceBook, signs in the clubhouse, & *Obichaff*. Pre-entries start coming in a little before the day of the match and they need to be entered into the run order form, which I do the night before the match. Also, change for cash entries needs to be gotten. We often provide coffee & donuts—I usually have someone else attending get those for me. The Chair also need to make sure there are plenty of volunteers to help: judges (for 4 classes) stewards and often a table helper. Generally, we

need a minimum of nine people. However, the more—the better!

On the day of each match, I usually arrive about 30 minutes before the doors open to set up: 2 big rings. One is regulation size for Utility and the other small ring for Stays & practice. I put out folding chairs, a table for entries near our lobby area, make sure bathroom is presentable and get the forms ready for walk-in entries. Then, I usually take the walk-in entries but this can be done by a volunteer. All the chair *REALLY* has to do is be there to be in charge!

My personal rule, which I have forced the run thru's to adhere to, is that everyone gets their first run before anyone gets a second run, and everyone must be happy with US (CDTC)! I can't help if they're happy with their dog, but I can make sure that things run smoothly.

There are MANY club members who help, and it's not an onerous task, but I could use help/backup and a dependable volunteer member to train to take over. and I'd like to be able to "retire" at some point (probably whenever I get a puppy—which likely won't be any time really soon.)!

So why don't you consider becoming my assistant! This is a fun way to get involved and meet members.

Please email me if you're interested... we can try things out, nothing needs to be set in stone!

## Important Dates to Note!

- **Awards/Titles Application** due June 5. The awards will be presented at the July 10 Annual Dinner
- **Nominations for the Outstanding Sportsmanship Award** due April 15. Please contact our AKC Delegate Joyce Dandridge if you have somebody in mind.
- Our next **Canine Good Citizen (CGC) test** is scheduled for Saturday, March 3, 2018
- **Membership Renewal Form** is due June 30
- The annual 3-day **CDTC Agility trial** will take place
- CDTC is hosting a **Connie Cleveland obedience seminar** on July 7-8

# At the January Run Thru...



Mary Carson has a good eye for symmetry and a great sense of humor:  
“New obedience rules require alternating brown and black dogs!”



CDTC member and 2018 Vice President

**Sue Faber**

is now a CGC evaluator (#95866).

She says, “I am able to do all levels of  
CGC, Tricks, and Star Puppy.”

Congratulations, Sue!



*Where in the World is Megan?*

# Wintry Fun on the Trails!

*By Megan Hemmer,  
Member CDTC*

## Traversing the Woods & Mountains

And for our usual after show hike, we did Panther Creek a 7 mile waterfall trail. Several spots had fences with steel cable rope guarding steep drops off narrow trails. It's not the most dog friendly but doable as long as you are careful!



On January 1, we drove up to VT to go snowshoeing to celebrate the New Year!

The first day we hiked to some frozen waterfalls. I couldn't get a good picture of the falls but it was pretty with all the snow.



On the next day we hiked Bald Top Mountain. The view was nearly 360 degrees at the summit!

When we got to the trail-head it was zero degrees but it felt like -8)! It was cold! But we stayed mostly warm and my car always started—unlike other cars up there!

Winni & Kai had great fun playing in the snow and Nani rode in the baby carrier because he doesn't like snowballs on his feet or boots. Kai had to stay in front or he would step on the snowshoes!



Mid-January at Sugarloaf



New River



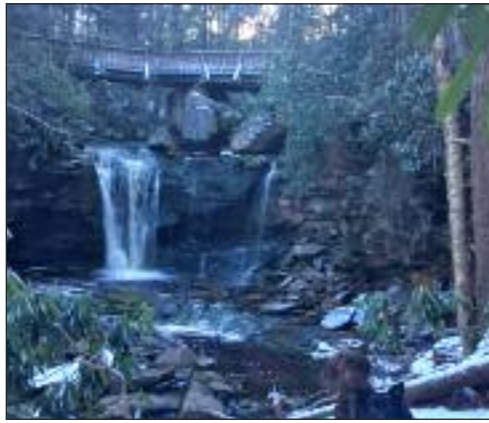




## Off to Wild, Wonderful West Virginia!

At noon on November 19, we set off in Racoon Creek State Park on a 19.5 mile backpacking loop. A bridge was washed out, and there was a lot of trail flooding and mud. We didn't see another soul on the trail the entire time. We made it back the next day 1 pm. It's a nice, easy loop with several lean-to's that are often wet. I had dry socks for overnight—I just had to defreeze boots in the morning!

The next day, we went to Blackwater Falls WV. No one was on the trail there, either. Win loved running in the snow. There was a fair bit of ice, so I got to use my spikes! Wet logs were slippery. When I crossed the trail bridge the water was higher than my boots and I had to jump to other side—but safer than falling on slippery logs.



On Saturday, December 2, I took the gang to Coopers Rock, WV which is not far from Cumberland. It's a nice little park with easy, but pretty trails. We did the Raven Rock Trail which was a bit crowded but had nice views.

On Monday we went to New River Gorge. It's supposed to be one of the best rock climbing areas in the East! We did a couple of trails. None were crowded or challenging, but they were not good for off-leash. At one point the trail got within 5 feet of edge of an 800 foot drop to the bottom of the Gorge!



## Puppy Culture, *continued from page 1*



viewer, but it is handled with intelligence. I also appreciated that in the interview scenes, presenter Jane Killion avoids any verbal ticks and repetitions. She utters no fillers such as “You know...” “I mean” ...and there is no dead air, either. All of the footage of the puppies is very well done. It is a real pleasure to watch the babies as they grown up. All in all the production values are first rate. The camera work is seamless and well-lit and on a level where we can really see the subjects.

I highly recommend this video! Anybody who is teaching a training class would benefit from the information included in it. I usually find instructional videos to be a chore, but this one is the exception. It's very entertaining and easy to watch. Furthermore, I agreed with all the training advice! My only caveat is that the training methods shown are limited to positive reinforcement and trial and error learning because it follows the puppies up to 10 weeks or so. As far as that goes, it's very good.

For anybody raising a litter of puppies, this should be required watching. It's a veritable “Puppy Head Start.” Unfortunately, most of the dogs/pups we see at CDTC in our classes lack this early learning experience. However, I believe that armed with this further knowledge of early puppyhood, any instructor would be better equipped to help their students.



## On the CDTC Website

In addition to signing up for classes, did you know that you can get all sorts of information about our club on our website? It's simple! Go to <https://cdtc.org/>. You MUST log in to access:

- General Meeting and Board of Directors meeting minutes
- The CDTC Financial Reports: This year's Board-approved budget along with last year's budget and actuals.
- Clubhouse contact info and Member Roster
- The Annual Membership Renewal Form (due July 1, 2018)
- The Annual Awards Application Form for titles earned during 2017 and presented at our Annual Dinner in July.
- The CDTC Handbook, Policies & Procedures Manual and the Constitution & Bylaws



# A TRIBUTE TO KOA

KOA, MEA ALOHA\*, JUNE 14, 2013 - JANUARY 11, 2018

—by Marsha Iyomasa, Member, CDTC



*Koa took 1st Place at the National Specialty in September, beating out his sire's breeder and the number one bullmastiff performance handler in the country.*

Koa was so proud to call you friend. Every one of you made a contribution to his life in some way. Your kindness brought him such joy and your expertise contributed to his accomplishments in and out of the ring. I am forever grateful for your understanding, patience, and support, as we journeyed together with each and every step a living smile, no matter whether we stumbled or danced for in our hearts we were bonded for all our days.

With much gratitude and appreciation,

Marsha

Koa's Mom

\*“mea aloha” roughly translated means “my beloved one”. “Koa” is usually reserved for boys of exceptional character, integrity, and strength, a name bestowed by a Hawaiian elder. His registered name is "Ali'i Koa o Kawika" - the King's Warrior of David (his sire) and yes his name was given to him by a Hawaiian elder once she evaluated his lines and sire's and dam's pictures.



## A Magical Destination

**L**ate last fall, Sandi Atkinson took Figaro & Dandini for a hike in Rock Creek Park in Washington, DC “We hiked on a marked trail that began at the nature center off Military Road. As we were returning to the stables and nature center area, we passed by huge piles of stone slabs near the maintenance yard. There were so many they looked like the ruins of a large building. Some had carvings as if they had been parts of statues or bridges. They have been there for some years as you can tell by the moss on them.”

## Sharing A Window!



Martha Perkins' Zack shares a contemplative moment with her husband.

## Happy Retirement Party!



## Vantage Point!



Pam Ayres' Babu relaxes with a new dog kennel.

**A**fter a little over 6 years doing agility and taking agility class every single session, Mariah Stover's happy Jensen had his last class on January 7, 2018. He is officially retired!

Jensen is making room for baby brother who will start taking agility classes.

# Let's All Pitch In And Keep Our Club Tidy!

The New Year is here but our long established rules are still in effect!

**This is a reminder that whenever you finish using the rings the ring gating is supposed to be set up in the fashion that divides the training spaces into three rings.** If you use one ring and don't move the gating, fine, you have nothing to "fix". However, if you use more than one ring, you are expected to put the gating back up. This makes it ready to use for the next member or class to use the rings.

## But Wait—There's More!

Please be aware of any messes you make or find in our clubhouse. Put cups, drink cans, bags and other litter where it belongs. There are many garbage cans for disposal.

**No dog grooming is allowed**—unless Donna Cleverdon is holding a demo! If your dog is shedding wildly, please pick up tufts of fur.

**Dog treats and crumbs** that are scattered on the floor will interfere will definitely cause problems for other dogs and other classes. Please be mindful that many dogs will not be able to focus and train when there are succulent snacks littering the floor. When your class or training group is over, please survey the floor and pick up any stray treats.

**This is OUR HOUSE!** Let's all pitch in to make it hospitable to our members and the public at large. We all need to do whatever possible to show pride in our club.

A clean clubhouse is a delight to train in and offers the best experience for everyone. Your dogs will need fewer corrections if they are not distracted by stray treats on the floor!

**Whether or not it's your mess, please pitch in, pick it up and dispose of it!**



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

# Connie Cleveland

## Obedience Seminar

### Theory, Working and Problem Solving



**A Two-Day Workshop**  
**Saturday & Sunday • July 7-8, 2018**



**Registration opens January 8, 2018 for CDTC members**  
**Opens to the general public January 29, 2018**



All Capital Dog Training Club members are invited to come and help put on the

## **2018 CDTC Agility Trial** **April 6-8, Friday to Sunday)**

at the Frederick Indoor Sports Center, 1845 Brookfield Court, Frederick, MD.

Please come help our club and volunteer. Set up, ring crew, bar setters, leash runners, chute fluffers, gate crew—all are needed.

Plus, competitors need a cheering crowd!

You don't need to be running the agility courses to have a rip-roaring good time!

Please come and support our club! Make new friends and see old friends! This is the largest event that our club hosts for the entire companion dog community. We want you to be a part of it! Come experience the excitement of an agility trial—high stakes, fast dogs, new competitors and lots of fun and good times.

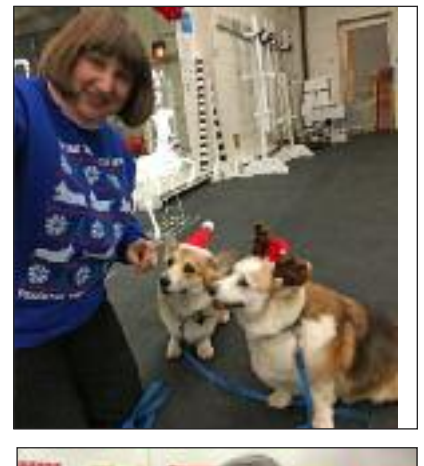
**Questions? Please ask Burton Goldstein,  
(burton@bgcommunications) CDTC Trial Chair.**



**Please sign up  
at the club to  
help out—this  
is *our* trial and  
it's loads o' fun!**



# 2017 CDTC Howliday Party!



# CLASS SCHEDULES

Day	Date	Time	Instructor	Time	Class	Instructor
<b>PUPPY KINDERGARTEN</b>				<b>FREESTYLE</b>		
Sun	9-9:50 am	3/11-5/6	Freedman	Mon	C	10:00-12:00 pm Ely
Wed	9-9:50 am	1/10-2/28	Flagg	<b>CONFORMATION</b>		
Sat	3:00-3:50	2/3-3/24, Star Puppy	Faber	Tue	Training Group	8pm, alt. weeks Harab
<b>BASIC, ADVANCED BASIC &amp; SUB-NOVICE</b>				Sat	Beg. Conformation	10-10:50 am Kopp
Sun	Adv. Basic	1:15-2:05 pm, 1/7-2/25	Crawford	Sat	Training Group	11 am Harab
Mon	Sub-Novice	7:15-8:05 pm	Adler/Dwyer	<b>AGILITY</b>		
Mon	Basic	8:30-9:20 pm, 2/5-3/12	Hall	Wed	8:00-9:15 pm	Hall
Tue	Basic	7:00-7:50 pm, 12/5-1/30	S. Miller	Sun	10:30-12: noon	deBremond
Thur	Sub-Novice	9:30-10:20 am	Adler/Dwyer	Sun	4:00-5:00 pm	Wohl
Thur	Basic	9:00-9:50 am	Hall	Sun	5:00-6:15	deBremond
Fri	Basic	7:00-7:50	Reinhardt	Sun	6:15-7:30 pm	Various Instructors
Sat	Basic	9:00-9:50 am, 1/13-3/3	Hall	Sun	7:30-8:45 (3/11-3/25)	Hall
Sat	Basic	10:00-10:50, 3/10-5/5	P. Miller	<b>FLYBALL</b>		
<b>NOVICE</b>				Sat	Beginning	6:30-7:30 pm Dwyer
Mon	C	7:15-8:05 pm	Glass	Sat	Intermediate	7:30-8:30 pm Dwyer
Tue	C	7:15-8:05 pm	Cleverdon	Sat	Competition	8:30-9:30 pm Dwyer
Thurs	C	9:30-10:20 am	Holt	<b>TRAINING GROUPS</b>		
Thurs	C	6:00-6:50 pm	Dwyer	Mon	C	10:00-12:00 pm Ely (Freestyle)
<b>OPEN</b>				Tue	C	6:00-6:30 Cleverdon (Open & Util)
Mon	C	6:00-7:15 pm	LaDieu			On Hold
Tue	C	7:00-7:50 pm	Cleverdon	Tue	C	8:00 Conformation
Thurs	C (Intermed.)	8:00-9:00 pm	Harry	Wed	C	9:30-10:20 am McCown
<b>UTILITY</b>				Wed	C	11:30-12:00 pm Spodak (Obedience TG)
Mon	C	8:15-9:05 pm	Adler	Wed	C	12:00-1:00 pm Spodak (Open Discussion)
Thurs	C	6:00-7:00 pm	Harry/Prep	Wed	C	1:00 pm Spodak (Freestyle TG)
Thurs	C	7:00-8:00 pm	Harry	Wed	C	4:30-5:30 pm Cleverdon
Fri	UDX TG	12:30-2:00	Faber	Thurs	C	10:30-11:30 am Holt
<b>RALLY</b>				Thurs	C	12:30-2:20 pm Goldstein
Thurs	Rally Class Set Up	11-11:30 am		Fri	C	12:3-2:00 pm Faber
Thurs C	Competition Rally	11:30-12:15 pm	Daniel	Sat	C	10:00-11:00 pm Harab
Thurs	Rally Take Down	12:15 to 12:30		Sat	C	1:00-3:00 pm Faber
Sat	Beg. Rally	10:00-10:50, 1/13-3/3	Harab	Sun	C	9:00-10:15 am Bob Reinhardt
Sat	Advanced Rally	12:00-12:50	Faber	<b>CANINE GOOD CITIZEN (CGC)</b>		
Sat	TG: Rally	1:00-3:00	Faber/Smith	Sat	4:00-4:50	2/3-2/24 Jeweler
<b>TRICKS</b>				<b>CGC TEST</b>		
Tue	Adv. Tricks	11:30-12:50 pm	Rosen		4:00-4:50	3/3 Hall



# CLASS SCHEDULES

Time	Class	Instructor	Ring	Time	Class	Instructor	Ring
<b>MONDAY</b>				<b>FRIDAY</b>			
10-12 noon	Freestyle TG	Ely	Bldg	10:00-12:00	Freestyle	Ely	1-2-3
6:00-7:15	Open	LaDieu	2-3	12:30-2:00 pm	TG: UDX	Faber	2-3
7:15-8:05	Sub-Novice	Adler/Dwyer	3	<b>SATURDAY</b>			
7:15-8:05	Novice	Glass	1-2	9:00-9:50	Basic, 1/13-3/3	Hall	2-3
8:15-9:05	Utility	Adler	2-3	10-10:50	Beginning Rally 1/13-3/3	Harab	2-3
8:30-9:20	Basic, 2/5-3/12	Hall	1	10-10:50	Basic 3/10-5/5	P. Miller	2-3
<b>TUESDAY</b>				12-12:50 pm	Advanced Rally 11/18-1/20	Harab	Bldg
11:30-12:30	Advanced Tricks	Rosen	1-2	1:00-3:00	Rally TG	Faber/Smith	Bldg
1-3:30 pm	Building Cleaning			3:00-3:50	PK Star Puppy 2/3-3/24	Faber	2-3
7:00-7:50	Puppy K, 10/10-11/28	Harringer	2-3	4:00-4:50	CGC Prep, 2/3-2/24	Jeweler	Bldg
7:00-7:50	Open Cleverdon		2-3		CGC Test, 3/3	Hall	
7:00-7:50	Basic S. Miller, 12/5-1/30		3	6:30-7:30	Beg. Flyball	Dwyer	Bldg
8:00	Conformation Training Group		1-2	7:30-8:30	Intermediate Flyball	Dwyer	Bldg
(Alternate dates with TG and Member & Board meetings)				8:30-9:30	Competition Flyball	Dwyer	Bldg
8:00-10:00	CDTC Meetings, 2/13, 2/27		Bldg.	<b>SUNDAY</b>			
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>				9:00-9:50	Puppy K	Freedman	1-2
9:30-10:20 am	TG: Novice	McCown	1-2	10:30-12:00	Agility-Beginner 2/11-4/8	deBremond	Bldg.
11:30-noon	TG: Obed. Handling	Spodak	1-2	4:00-5:00 pm	Agility-Handling B Full Courses! 2/11-2/18, 3/4-3/25	Wohl	Bldg.
12:00-1:00 pm	Discussion	Spodak		5:00-6:15 pm	Intro to Agility 2/11-4/8	deBremond	Bldg.
1:00	Freestyle Training	Spodak	Bldg.	6:15-7:30	Agility Handling A 2/11-4/8	Various	Bldg.
7:00	Puppy K 1/10-2/28	Flagg	2-3	7:30-8:45	Agility Handling B Short courses, 2/11-2/18. 3/4-3/25	Carter & Hall	Bldg
8:00-9:15	Competition Agility 2/7-3/28	Hall	Bldg.	<b>More Doings At the Club!</b>			
<b>THURSDAY</b>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ CDTC General Meeting: February 13, at 8 pm</li> <li>■ CDTC General Meeting: March 13, at 8 pm</li> <li>■ CDTC Board Meeting: February 27 at 8 pm</li> <li>■ CDTC Board Meeting: March 27 at 8 pm</li> </ul>			
9:30-10:20 am	Sub-Novice	Adler/Dwyer	3	<b>BUILDING CLEANING</b>			
9:30-10:20	Novice	Holt	1-2	Tues C 1:00 pm-3:30 pm			
11:00-11:30	Rally Set-up		2-3				
11:30-12:15pm	Competition Rally	Daniel	2-3				
12:15-12:30	Rally Take Down		2-3				
12:30-2:30	TG: Open/Utility	Goldstein	Bldg.				
6:00-6:50	Novice Obed.	Dwyer	1-2				
6:00-7:00	Utility Prep	Harry	3				
7:00-8:00 pm	Utility	Harry	2-3				
8:00-9:00	Open Intermediate	Harry	2-3				
<b>TG = Training Group C = Continuing Class</b>							

## February Rally Training Group Schedule

Set up at 1pm. Walk-thrus at 1:25.

Runs start at 1:35, end by 2:45 pm.

The Rally training group will begin to slowly integrate some of the *NEW* rally signs.

We will have one ring with nested courses— all utilizing the new signs, and keep one ring with only “old” (2012) signs.

Rally Training Group Dates: February 10 & 24.

Check the CDTC Calendar for December dates.

Please check our club’s listserv for any cancellations.

## General Membership Meeting

*Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 8:00 pm*

## CDTC’s Annual AKC Agility Trial

**Friday-Sunday, April 6-8, 2018**

*Frederick Indoor Sports Center  
1845 Brookfield Court, Frederick, MD*

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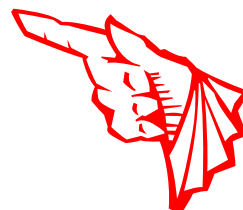
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