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CDTC's Annual Awards Dinner!

Our CDTC annual Awards and Instructor Appreciation Dinner is coming up on July 9. The festivities begin at 6:30 pm. ALL MEMBERS are invited to attend! The more the merrier—but this is the one event in the life of the club to which you may not bring your dog.

This year, we will be holding the event at the VFW Lodge at 11316 Fern Street, Wheaton, MD. (*please check the map of the location*).

Parking is easy and free and it's just across the street in a large county garage—the entrances is off Fern street and clearly marked.

We are self-catering this dinner. Those attending should bring a dish to share. You can drop off your food with a member in front of the VFW who will take your food inside. There are also parking meters along the street, so you can park there momentarily to unload before proceeding to the garage. Water will be offered on the tables but we are not allowed to bring any beverages into the VFW. There will be a cash bar and all beverages must be purchased, including soft drinks.

This is always a fun event! Looking forward to seeing you all there!



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From the Editor

— by Pam Coblyn, Editor, Obichaff

It's Really Goodbye...

*How lucky I am to have something
that makes saying goodbye so hard.*

—Pam Coblyn



Yes, it's happening. We sold our home in Bethesda and will be moving permanently to Martha's Vineyard. It's been a long season of farewells, "last times" and so much nostalgia.

My Plans: Team Fenway is now retired from both agility and obedience competition and it's been the toughest goodbye so far. Because Fen will be twelve this coming September, it just isn't fair to ask him to jump regulation heights any more. Of course he'd willingly comply if I asked him, but in my eyes, he has nothing left to prove. He's a good dog. A loyal dog and a generous dog who (usually!) puts my wishes and interests before his own. Now it's his turn to pretty much decide what he wants to do. I suspect that a lot of ball fetching, swimming and hiking is in his future and the Vineyard has many sheep farms for herding. Speaking of the future, Fenway recently became Mr. Daddy! He sired a beautiful litter of three with a lovely lassie named Prim.

The hardest goodbye is yet to come and it's just around the corner. We will be moving right after the CDTC Annual Awards Dinner—an event I wouldn't miss because it gives me the chance to see you all one more time. This club—*our club*—has given me so much and deepened my appreciation not only for our dogs but the people who own, love and train them. I am in awe if the especially difficult cases and learned so much by watching their owners move forward and solve problems.

We have such a fine organization of all-volunteer members. Since 1938, it has nurtured friendships and provided a place where people from all walks of life meet to take classes, train and share their journeys, struggles and triumphs. As editor of our newsletter *Obichaff*, I've had the privilege of sharing your stories. What a fine legacy we have and it all happened because of volunteers.

I am so deeply and profoundly impressed by the courage and dedication that I learn about when I receive all the Brags every month. In parting, I want to encourage all of you—especially the newbies—to dare to try and dream big. You all love your dogs and think they are the best. In your eyes they *are* and that's what matters most. They deserve the best you have to give so believe in them. Our club is here to help in every way!



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From the President—June-July 2019



Dear Friends!

I hope to be seeing you all at Capital's Annual Awards and Instructor Appreciation Dinner on Tuesday, July 9.

Lots of things are happening around our little "campus." Watch your email feed for news of group hikes this summer and fall. We will be organizing them as soon as time and weather permit.

Meeting presentations are also in the works—new and interesting topics will be presented. Please write to me if you have ideas for new ones, and let me know of past ones that you particularly enjoyed or found to be helpful and/or entertaining.

Don't forget that the club's demonstration at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair is also fast approaching. You want to be on that list! It's a dual opportunity: you can train your dog in a truly unique situation and show the public what *we* do at CDTC and what *their* dogs can learn! Contact Sandi Atkinson for more information about volunteering to be on our club's demo team.

During the last weekend in June, our AKC Representative Dr. Joyce Dandridge and I attended the AKC Legislative Conference. I

found it very interesting and informative. The speakers were all talented, learned and passionate people who made a good case for protecting and preserving pedigreed dogs. While I think that the AKC has been very late coming to the table as an advocate for the average American dog owner, it seems that they now recognize which side of the bread the butter is on,—they are working to be more inclusive and supportive. Hence, we have expanded performance events that include cross-bred dogs, and events such as Responsible Dog Owner Day. AKC also gives money to clubs, in the form of micro-grants, to educate the public and our government representatives. To that end, we should all participate by reading proposed legislation that may affect our pets and all of the issues pertaining to ownership. It behooves us all to become known to our county, state and national representatives as dog experts. Yes, that's us! We *ARE* the experts, not PETA, not HSUS. We need to be known to our representatives so they can call us for advice on matters canine, and to fight anti-ownership laws.

Donna Cleverdon,
President, Capital Dog Training Club

Safety—Looking Out For One Another!

**Because our clubhouse is in an industrial park that shuts down at night—
and it can feel a bit isolated. We should always make sure
everybody leaves the lot! Please take a moment to make sure
no one has car trouble, no tires are flat and we are all safely on our way!**

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Delegates Corner

— by Joyce Dandridge, CDTC AKC Delegate



In the Companion Events Committee Meeting

- Steven Hamlin was introduced as the committee's new AKC Board Liaison member. Steven was recently elected to the AKC Board.
- Doug Ljungren, AKC Executive VP Sports and Events presented his stats report in Companion Events. Obedience is down 6%; Agility is basically flat and Rally is up 24% so far this year. He said the Rally Championship show will be at the Roberts Center in Ohio in June of next year and Agility will be in Perry, GA the end of March.
- A Freestyle Status Report was given with further explanation of what AKC's meaning of freestyle will be if it materializes. It will involve the telling of a story using obedience exercises and possibly some rally can be incorporated. The committee working on this has not gotten far enough to look at this as a titling event.
- Doug mentioned since eliminating the stays in 2018, there has been some increase in Novice A and B and Open A. However, in 2019 there have been no other increases.
- There was discussion about arranging jump height order and club options. Also, it was mentioned that the suggestion to run preferred with regular classes saves time and that is why it will be suggested to the Board. Also, with the exception of Beginner Novice, walk thrus will be combined if there are 20 or less dogs. Recommendation for scheduling judges will be discussed at next Board meeting. Also, it will be suggested to the Board that the non-regular brace class allow dogs of similar height but they can be different breeds.
- The intense discussion of coloring dogs' coats was addressed. The AKC staff modified the recommendation from the Agility committee by saying color can't be more than a third of the dog's coat. Doug stated the suggestion came from the Agility exhibitors responding to an AKC survey. 84% of them wanted this. He also mentioned that other Agility organization allow coloring. The CEC voted on a proposal to try this for one year pilot. The vote was defeated. There were 4 members in favor of the pilot.
- Doug mentioned other initiatives being discussed were Fix-and-Go in Agility, the Purpose-Bred Dog Program, the Versatile Dog Program and Temperament Testing done by AKC. Currently, AKC acknowledges the ATTS Temperament Test.

In the General Meeting

- Doug later made a presentation on the State of the Sport in AKC to the entire Delegate body. He mentioned Conformation has decreased in events for 15 straight

years and Agility has peaked out after 22 years. Obedience as the third largest sport has faced a downward trend over the last 30 years. Rally is showing good growth after being taken away from Obedience events. Performance (field sports) face a downward trend. These are the functional sports for certain breeds. He stated that Scent Work has exceeded Rally as the fastest beginning of any sport we've had. It is a flexible sport which can be done indoors or outdoors. He mentioned that CGC has had long-term success and has shown a growth rate of 21%. CGC is widely accepted and respected. Over 25,000 titles have been given in Trick Dog. He feels the National Owner Handlers Series is getting more competitive. He also mentioned that 23 All-Breed clubs have dissolved. I also heard that a few Obedience clubs have also dissolved.

- In the presentation, Doug mentions the goals of AKC's Initiatives which are 1) Enrich the lives of Dogs and Owners; 2) Support Breeding for Type and Function; 3) Promote Dogs as Family. In doing this, he states the following has already happened: Revised judges approval process; Adjust division boundaries for conformation; Make Specialty Clubs easier to become established by cutting sanctioning process in half; Analyze All-Breed events; Improved AKC Event search; Implemented 1 plus 1 equals 1 in conformation (Since implementation, 4 more entries per show have occurred and the absentee rate has been cut in half.); Received Applications by email; Implemented Rally Intermediate class a full year; and finally Implementing the Family Dog Program.
- This year's current initiatives are: 1) Fit Dog Clubs; 2) AKC Temperament Test; 3) Disc Dog; 4) Conformation Puppy of Achievement; 5) Judge Scheduling Tool; 6) OTCH point schedule modified; 7) Expand "Application Received" to Rally and Agility; 8) Freestyle Obedience. Also, AKC plans more Video Introductions to various sports. They will be promoting awareness with more email campaigns. They also intend to build a Trainer Finder tool so people can find clubs to train.

DID YOU KNOW?

Less than 10% of AKC litters engage in AKC Sport. Owners need to be encouraged to try new sport.

AKC HAS THE CHALLENGE OF CHANGE while still trying to RESPECT HERITAGE AND TRADITION



Obedience Run-Thru Sunday, July 7

**A note from our RunThru Maven
Jodie Jeweler—**

PLEASE BE ON TIME!

We need to keep things running smoothly with no delays.

**IF YOU SIGN UP FOR RUNS while volunteering
PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU AREN'T AT
THE CLUBHOUSE AT THE SPECIFIED TIME,
YOU MAY NOT GET YOUR RUN!!**

Doors open to the public at 8:45.

Runs begin at 9:30. Volunteer Open or Utility runs
will be BEFORE 9:30!

Novice/Beginner Novice runs begin NO EARLIER THAN
11. Volunteers for BN or N PLEASE BE AT THE CLUB-
HOUSE BY 11! Volunteer runs for BN/N will be
at the beginning of the classes.

You may volunteer for “early” or “late” runs (or both)—
no need to specify which ring.

Self assign when you get to the clubhouse, and be
prepared to be flexible! Volunteers get 1 free run.

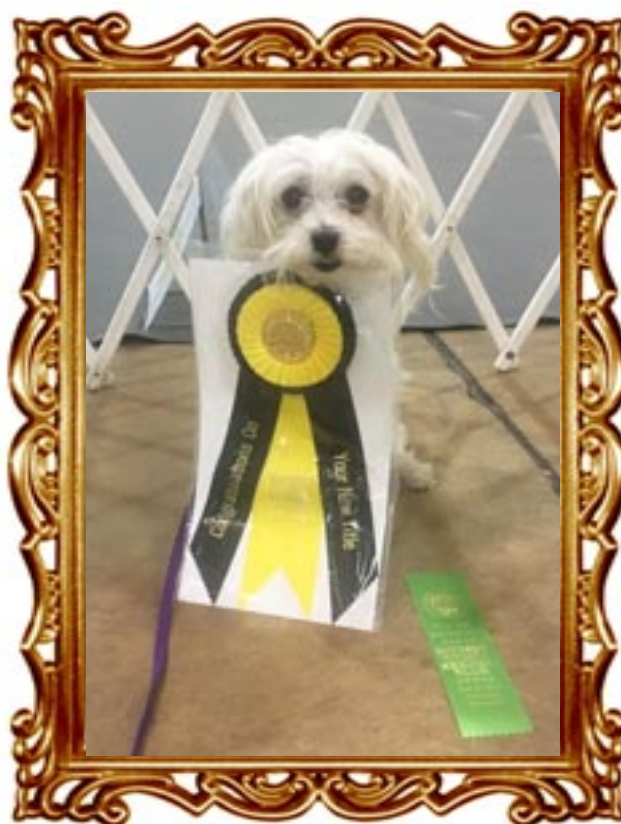
Brags—CDTC Members & Dogs Take To the Ring!

New Rally Master Title!

On Sunday April 21 in Timonium, MD, **Megan Hemmer's Nani** earned his Rally Master title!

To celebrate, they went hiking in New York and then snowshoeing in New Hampshire.

Well done and hearty congratulations to the bestest little white dog!



Scentwork Success and New Title!

Sandi Atkinson is happy to report that Fig qualified in 4 of his 6 searches yesterday in Centreville, MD on May 17.

He competed in Exterior Novice B (2nd & 1st), Exterior Advanced (4th), and Buried Excellent (3rd)—3 classes in 2 trials. He completed the SEA (Scent Work Exterior Advanced) title and now has all 4 of the Advanced titles in the Odor Search Division. Therefore, he is also given the SWA (Scent Work Advanced) title automatically, which supersedes the lower level titles.

You have got a mighty reliable sniffer Fig—big congratulations for all that work!

New Graduate Open Obedience Title!

Diane Harab's Bosco earned his Graduate Open Title at the Oriole Show on May 26, 2019 with a score of 196, 1st Place! "He was awesome!" a very happy Diane proclaims.

What an outstanding score Bosco! You have learned your lessons well and are ready for the Big Time!





Nationally Ranked in Obedience!

Front and Finish magazine announced that **Sue Faber's Stevie Ray** (Faber's Pride and Joy) is the #5 Miniature Schnauzer in the USA in for obedience!

Well done, Stevie—we are immensely proud of you and Sue!

New Intermediate Rally Title!

Amy Cook has another Rally title to brag about: **Robbie** earned his Intermediate Rally title in three straight shows with scores of 99, 98, 99 and all First Places! "Thanks goes to CDTC's wonderful Rally program and instructors!" says Amy.

Well done Team Robbie—we are very proud of you although you are blissfully unaware of your new title!



New Open Standard Agility Title!

Janine Castorina reports that happy **Hermes** earned his Open Standard title on June 9! "Yay him! And he triple qualified in Standard, Jumpers and FAST. He's officially an 'Excellent' dog!"

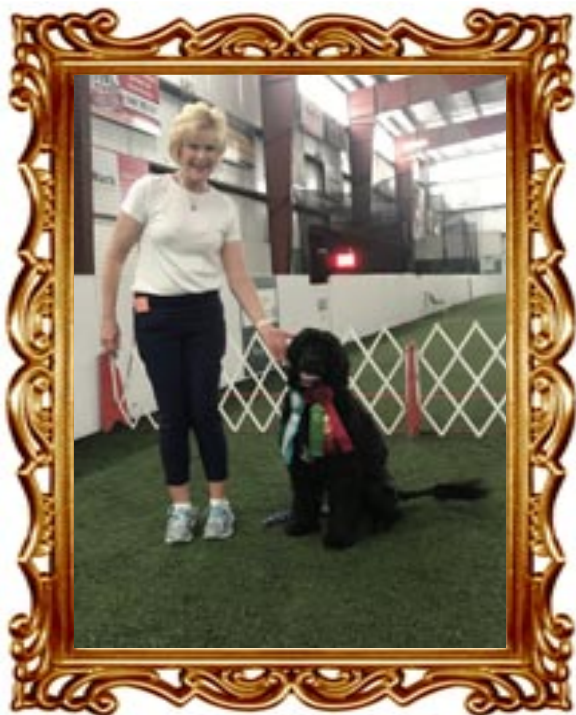
Wow Team Hermes—what a perfect day and a perfect way to earn that new title and a lot of satin ribbons. Welcome to the Big Time!

Brags—CDTC Members & Dogs Take To the Ring!

New Novice FAST Agility Title!

Janine Castorina is thrilled to announce that **Hermes** earned his Novice FAST title at the Potomac Golden Retriever trial on June 22nd with a first place rosette!

Wow Team Hermes—you are on a roll. We suspect that you will get a new toy to add to that box in the photo. Congratulations!



New Agility Open FAST Title!

Benita Bottom is very proud of **Sabato**! He earned his Open FAST Title at Mataponi on Sunday, June 16. He is now CH TagAlong's Roman Holiday CD BN RE OA OAJ OF CGC WWD GROM. "It's back to work for some clean runs in the Excellent class!"

Congratulations Team Sabato for all your amazing accomplishments. You can do anything!

Agility Beginnings—Team Mandy Gets A High Five!

A gracious, happy and proud **Linda Cornell** posted this wonderful Brag. "I want to thank Westmoreland County Obedience Training club for putting on a nice Agility AKC Act 1* and Act 2* Trial on June 26. **Mandy** got **FOUR** 1st placements. And, even more exciting, she earned **TWO** titles (Act 1 and Act 2). Additionally, Mandy went on the very high teeter today for the first time! I was so proud of her. She has been running Teacup but now I'm feeling confident enough to try to tackle an AKC agility course. Stay tuned!"

Congratulations Team Mandy! This is what agility is all about—fun, patience and faith in your dog. Well done!

*The Agility Course Test (ACT) is an entry level agility event designed to introduce and welcome beginning dogs and their handlers to the AKC sport of agility.

There are two levels of ACT events—ACT1 and ACT2. ACT1 is designed for the beginning level dog to show beginning sequencing and performance skills. ACT2 requires an increased skill level shown by the additional obstacles to be performed.



New Trick Dog Titles and NADAC Title!

Pam Coblyn's over achieving **Fenway** earned two new AKC Trick Dog titles! On May 21, he earned the Trick Dog Intermediate title and had a lot of fun doing 10 tricks. He enjoyed himself so much (because teaching tricks means lots of cookies!) that he performed 10 new approved tricks on June 15 for his Trick Dog Advanced title. Along the way, Team Fenway went to a NADAC trial to nab his final Q for his Elite Touch N' Go title on June 9, — not easy for a dog who likes to fly off contacts! And just for more fun, Fen went to another NADAC trial on June 22 and earned a 1st Place ribbon in Elite Standard—because he was the only dog who qualified in his jump height!

That'll do, collie!



CDTC Field Trip to the AKC Museum of the Dog

Our CDTC AKC Representative Joyce Dandridge is planning a wonderful field trip to visit the new AKC Museum of the Dog in NYC. This will probably take place this Fall. It will be a one-day trip leaving from a Park-and-Ride parking lot in Montgomery County. We will be on a chartered bus.

While in New York City, we will have a private tour of the museum. AKC will provide a list of restaurants in the area for those interested. We will have four to five hours of free time in the city (includes tour) and the bus will pick up our group at Museum for the return trip home.



The cost will be under \$90 round-trip and includes discounted admission to museum.

Dr. Dandridge will be starting a list of CDTC members who are interested in participating. Please contact Joyce Dandridge to be put on the list.



An Especially Exciting Puppy Kindergarten Class!

—by Mary Carson, member CDTC



Between the cuteness, exuberance, and unpredictability, all Puppy Kindergarten classes are exciting. So what makes one especially exciting? A gas leak!

At the beginning of Eileen Freedman and Julie Rovner's 9 am Sunday morning class, some of the students noticed the smell of gas in the clubhouse. One sensitive person actually developed an instant headache. 911 was called, but the class continued as many of us did not detect the odor. The emergency responders arrived within 10 minutes and verified that there was indeed a gas leak.

Eileen and Julie calmly had us evacuate the building using polite leash walking and continued the class in the parking lot. We did timed puppy sit-ups (Sit, Down, Stand) with distractions! We continued polite leash walking exercises. In the meantime, the gas was turned off at the various sources and the building aired out.



One puppy, Holly Carson, got to meet the strangers in the weird costumes. OK, one of the firemen recognized her breed because he is hoping to retire soon and raise puppies for the Air Force, so maybe he wasn't so strange after all since he really enjoyed playing with Holly. Holly also got to inspect their vehicle before rejoining the class. Once the building was sufficiently safe, we got to go back inside and wrap up the class with Recalls and chase recalls. What an exciting class!

Bravo to our CDTC instructors for their calm response to an interruption! Eileen and Julie were quick to make sure their students had the opportunity to continue learning and react positively to a real-life situation!





From the AKC—

We Are Pleased to Announce the 2019 AKC Trick Dog National Competition



It's Virtual!!!

All AKC Trick Dogs who have earned the Elite Performer title by September 3, 2019 can enter this exciting inaugural event for trick dogs. Because the competition is virtual (*i.e., the judging will be done via video*), trick dogs everywhere can participate.

How It Works

Submit a video to AKC of your dog's trick dog routine. The routine must be no longer than 6 minutes and may include props and music.

You may use a new video, a video previously submitted to AKC for review, or a video of a past trick dog performance. The dog must be living at the time of your submission.

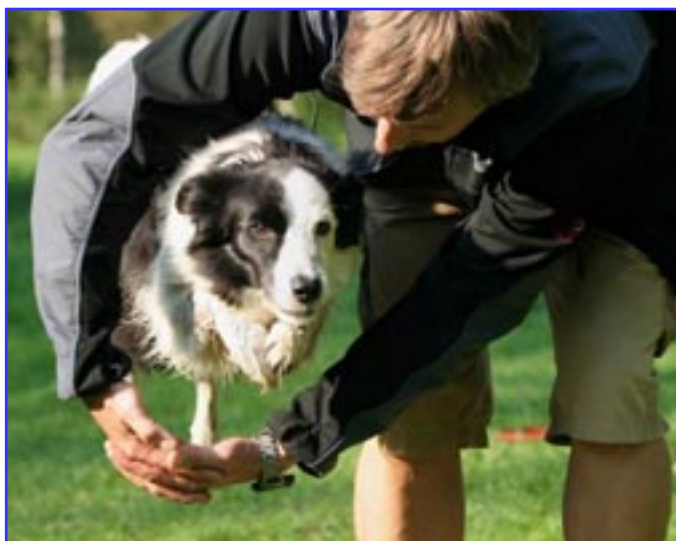
As is the case with all Elite Performer routines, there must be a theme or story. For this virtual competition, you may, but are not required to, include an audience in the video.

If you have more than one great routine, you may submit up to two videos (per dog) to the competition.

When

To enter, submit your video between September 3 and November 1, 2019. Three judges will judge the submissions and the winner will be announced December 2, 2019.

The winner of the 2019 AKC Trick Dog Competition will receive a cash prize of \$500 and two semi-finalists will each receive \$250. The winners will be featured in AKC media, their videos will be on the AKC Trick Dog web page, and they will receive a commemorative plaque.



Training Corner

Gain Some Distance Advantage for Agility

Lots of people think that the goal of **distance work** is for the handler not to have to move much on course. But handler **movement** is very important when you're working your dog at a distance, no matter how far away you are! Every step you take—even just one more step—puts pressure on your dog and gives important information. It can be a clear signal to keep going, turn left or turn right.

It's all about the power of movement and pressure. It's important for a handler to keep moving—even if it's moving slowly or just a step or two. Methodical practice and trial-and-error can help a handler determine the right amount of movement to keep your dog on course at a distance. It can be the key to success when running a fast dog that you will never keep up with. And, for events like FAST, Gamblers or Chances where a handler must stay behind a line and direct their dog from a distance that can vary from 5 to 15 feet.

Set up some training and start with small baby steps. Teach your dog to respond to just one forward footstep and praise, praise praise. You can add in verbal cues like "Go out", "left" and "right" to reinforce your forward steps. And don't try to do too much distance too soon. Patience is key!

Situational Awareness— Where and Why Are Dogs Repeatedly Having Problems in the Ring?

I spent the spring assisting Sue Faber teach her Beginner Rally and Beginner Novice Classes.

One of our teams, Ted deBremond and his sort of new rescue schip Ben had repeated problems on one of the Beginner Novice exercises.

Ben came with some "history" and had some issues. His sweet nature prevailed and he was a joy to work with. However, he would not—or could not—let Ted or any other person stand behind him without getting up and turning around to see what was going on. This was on the Sit For Exam.

In spite of this one problem, Ben was a terrific and attentive heeler. Up to that point, he could easily complete all the other required tests. Ted and I tried repeatedly to get Ben to sit in place *and not move*—with no luck!

Rather than stress Ben out, we moved on to try the final required exercise. That was the Sit Stay and I thought, "No way!" and fully expected Ben to "do his thing"—get up and move around so that he could monitor what was going on behind him. Ted put Ben in a Sit-Stay in the middle of the ring and proceeded to walk around the perimeter next to the ring gating. And guess what happened? Ben stayed in place and did not even turn his head!

I immediately thought of the concept of **PRESSURE**. Ben clearly feels pressure when anyone is moving around him in **CLOSE PROXIMITY**. Ted and I did some impromptu testing to see how close and how far away Ben felt at ease during the walk around. Within 3 feet he moved and got up to look. However, 5-6 feet away was comfortable for Ben and he didn't feel pressure.

It was a marvelous training breakthrough accomplished through observation, analysis and a bit of testing to prove the result. I firmly believe that with patience—and I mean an inch at a time—Ben can be trained to accept Ted or anyone else close by and behind him.

Of course, treats are going to play a big part of Ben's "rehab"!

Why Can Dogs Look Sad

Dogs' Eyes Have Changed Since Humans Befriended Them

Did You Know? Two specialized muscles give dogs a range of expression that wolves' eyes lack.

A paper published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* found that dogs' faces are structured for complex expression in a way that wolves' are not—thanks to a special pair of muscles that frame their eyes. These muscles are responsible for that pleading “adopt me” or “feed me” look that dogs can pull by raising their inner eyebrows. It's the first biological evidence scientists have found that domesticated dogs might have evolved a specialized ability used expressly to communicate better with humans.

For the study, a team at the University of Portsmouth's Dog Cognition Centre looked at two muscles that work together to widen and open a dog's eyes, causing them to appear bigger, droopier, and frankly cuter. The *retractor anguli oculi lateralis muscle* and the *levator anguli oculi medialis muscle* (known as RAOL and LAOM) form two short, straight lines, which connect the ring of muscle around a dog's eye to either end of the brow above.

These researchers have long been interested in the ways dogs make eye contact with humans and, in particular, how they move their eyebrows. Researchers found that dogs moved their eyebrows more often while a human paid attention to them, and less often when they were ignored or given food. That suggested the movement is to some degree voluntary. Research has also shown that when dogs work these muscles, humans respond more positively. And both man and dog benefit from a jolt of oxytocin when their eyes are locked in on each other. It's a win-win situation!

To test the theory that dogs developed their skill for eyebrow manipulation because of their connection to humans, one way to tell would be to look for the same capacity in wolves. Because dogs split off from their wolf relatives—specifically, gray wolves—about 33,000 years ago, studying the two animals can yield clues. Divergence between the two species marked the start of dogs' domestication—a long evolutionary process influenced and often directly driven by humans. Today, researchers can identify and study differences between the species to gain an understanding of exactly how dogs have changed over time.

The eyebrow-raising muscles appear to be an addition to dogs' anatomy. In the four gray wolves the researchers looked at, neither muscle was present. (They did find bundles of fibers that could be the precursors to the RAOL and LAOM.) In five of the six breeds of dogs the researchers looked at, both muscles were fully formed and strong. Interestingly, in the Siberian husky, the wolflike, oldest breed of the group, the researchers were unable to locate a RAOL!

About Those Puppy Dog Eyes!

By evolutionary standards, the time since this wolf-dog split has been remarkably short for two new facial muscles to have developed. For a species to change that quickly, a pretty powerful force must be acting on it—and that's where humans come in. We connect profoundly with animals capable of exaggerating the size and width of their eyes, which makes them look like our own human babies and speaks to our nurturing instincts. Research has already demonstrated that humans prefer pets with more infantlike facial features, and it's been proven that dogs who made the facial movement enabled by the RAOL and LAOM muscles—an expression we read as distinctly humanlike—were more likely to be selected for adoption from a shelter than those who didn't.

We might not have intentionally bred dogs for this trait, but dogs gained so much from having it that it became a widespread facial feature. These muscles evolved almost certainly due to an advantage they gave dogs during interactions with humans: love, protection, food and treats!

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 CDTC Membership Renewal Form

Annual membership renewals are due by **July 1, 2019**. If dues are not received by July 31, 2019 *your membership will expire.*

Please mark your membership payment category below and make your check for the appropriate amount **payable to CDTC**. Please note – you must return:

- (1) **this form** (or copy);
- (2) **your check or indication of payment through Paypal**

Instructors and assistant instructors who wish to use points towards their membership dues need to attach an accounting of their points earned with their membership renewal and provide a copy of this accounting to the Training Director, too. (One point = \$1 of credit)

- (3) a copy of a **current rabies certificate** for each dog you train at CDTC, or participate in CDTC activities with, even if this has been submitted previously.
- (4) Obichaff delivery method: while email/website is preferred for environmental reasons we know a paper copy is important to some of you. If you want a paper copy mailed to you please check at end of form and **include a fee of \$10** to cover the additional costs of printing and mailing.

☐ Active Member: \$125.00 ☐ Junior Member: \$65.00
☐ Family (Active) Member: \$125.00 ☐ Associate Member*: \$65.00
☐ Plus \$65.00 for each additional family member

*Members who have not been training or attending club meetings may want to consider Associate (inactive) Membership. You will still receive club publications and may attend meetings and participate in Club events; however, you cannot take a training class, hold office or vote at club meetings. You can convert back to full membership status at any time by informing the Club Secretary and paying the additional dues required of Active Members (\$65.00).

Please fill in your name and other information below. Please write legibly. Please indicate if any of this information is a change from last year's info. Please make certain to sign the membership renewal form on page 2.

Name: (First) _____ (Last) _____

Additional Family Member(s) _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (home) _____ (business) _____

E-mail address: _____

Dog Breed(s): _____

TROPHY FUND DONATIONS—Donations to the club's general trophy fund are always needed. This money will be used for this year's 2019 trial. Your help towards ribbons and trophies for our club events will be greatly appreciated!

OBEDIENCE TRIAL DONATIONS (NOT tax deductible)— This money will be used exclusively for 2019 trial operating expenses. Donors will be listed in the catalog as follows:

<i>Figure Eight Donors</i>	\$1 - \$25
<i>Drop on Recall Donors</i>	\$25 - \$50
<i>Broad Jump Donors</i>	\$51 - \$100
<i>Articles Donors</i>	\$101 - \$250
<i>Bar Jump Donors</i>	Over \$250

PAYMENT: INDICATE METHOD OF PAYMENT:

CHECK _____ (Make check payable to CDTC)

PAYPAL _____

SEND FORM, CHECK (OR INDICATION OF PAYPAL PAYMENT) & RABIES CERTIFICATE TO:

Dues (from above) \$ _____
 Obichaff print fee if applicable \$ _____
 Trophy Fund Donation \$ _____
 Trial Fund Donation \$ _____
PAYMENT TOTAL: \$ _____

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July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 CDTC Membership Renewal Form

THE AGREEMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

I hereby apply for membership renewal for 2019-20 in the Capital Dog Training Club of Washington, D.C., Inc., (hereinafter referred to as "the Club") and in consideration of the acceptance of this membership renewal in the Club, and in further consideration for the services rendered by and through the Club, I (we) agree to hold the Club, its members, directors, officers, volunteers and agents harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of any dog while in or upon the training site or grounds or the surrounding area thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of any dog by disappearance, theft, death, or otherwise, and from any claim for damage or injury to any dog, whether such loss, disappearance, theft, damage or injury be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the Club or any other person, or any other cause or causes. I (we) further agree that the Club may publish my name(s), address, telephone number(s), and email address in print or on the Club's Members' Only Section of its website. I (we) waive any claim related to the information dissemination by the Club related to my name(s). I (we) further agree to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, Policies and Procedures and to be bound by all the rules and regulations of the Club if accepted for membership renewal.

Member's Signature _____ Date: _____

Member's Signature _____ Date: _____

Dog's Call Name	Class	Rabies Certificate Attached
		Check box <input type="checkbox"/>
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		Check box <input type="checkbox"/>

Obichaff delivery method

The *Obichaff* Newsletter can be accessed at www.CDTC.org. If you would prefer to receive it by US Mail, please check this box

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In order to help us determine training class needs, please answer the following questions:

1. What classes have you taken with your dog(s) during the past 12 months (please list)?
2. What classes do you plan to attend with your dog(s) during the next 12 months?
3. Are there any classes that you are interested in attending with your dog(s) that are not currently offered at Capital?
4. Do you attend classes at other training clubs/venues with your dog(s) and, if yes, where and what classes?

Capital's Website (www.cdtc.org)— Member Login Demystified

By now I hope you have viewed Capital's new website at www.cdtc.org. If you haven't, I encourage you to check it out, poke around and see what's new.

One of the biggest changes is the **Members Only** section and **Members Login**. We are no longer using a generic member login—i.e., **member** and **4fido** are no longer in use and **will not** log you into the Members Only section. Each member will need to create their own member login. Here are the directions on how to do this:

To login as a member, use the web link listed below:

Login site: <http://cdtc.org/register-4/>

Once you register, you should receive a confirmation email to the email address you registered with and the password you registered. Once you receive your password, you will access the site at the usual address (www.cdtc.org). In the upper left of the main page is a **Login Button**—or you can go directly to <http://cdtc.org/login-3/>. You should see a form where you will be asked to fill in your email address and password. Fill in both fields and click to login. I have found that it tells me that I have logged in successfully right away and takes me directly to the Members Only page. The usual documents that we have displayed in the past will appear on that page, including the Membership Roster, Bylaws and P&P.

Our current Web Master is Carolyn Henry. For postings to the website, please send them to Carolyn's email, caro.e.henry@gmail.com and put "CDTC New Posting" in the subject line.

Stay Informed—Sign Up for the CDTC Listserv!

Would you like to subscribe to the **CDTC Listserv** for announcements and messages? You can either send an email to the subscribe address at cdtc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com, or email Shannon Hall (shandavegh@gmail.com) directly so she can issue you an invitation. This is a closed group that is available to only CDTC members.

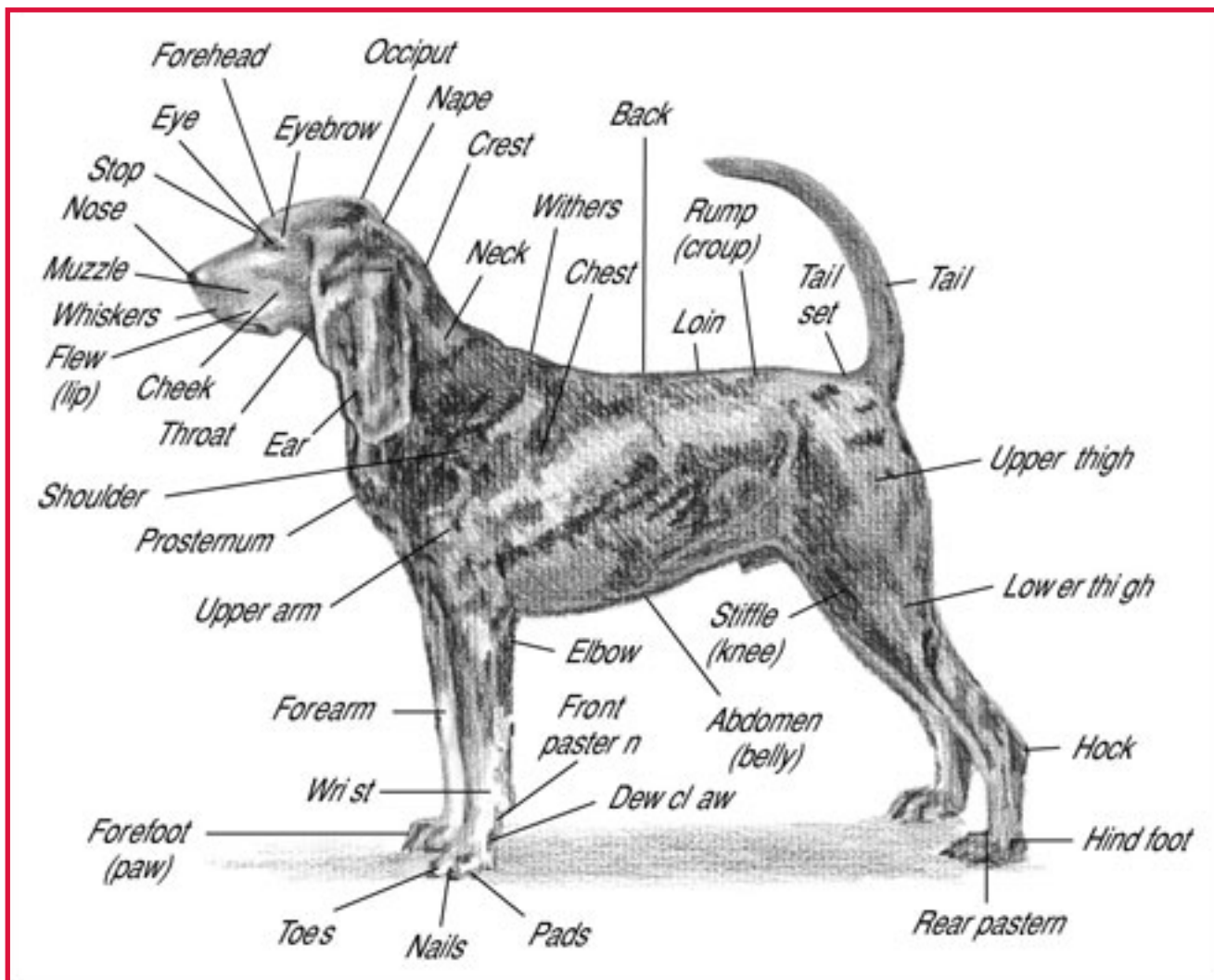
On the CDTC Website *

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, 2019)
- The Annual Awards Application Form for titles earned during 2018 and presented at our Annual Dinner in July
- The CDTC Handbook, Policies & Procedures Manual and the Constitution & Bylaws

Know Your Dog—A Guide

*Do you know the difference between a flew and a croup?
A stop, a stifle and a pastern?*



**The CDTC Online Calendar
is definitive and frequently updated.
Please check our class offerings
on a regular basis!
www.cdtc.org**

Obedience—Did You Know?

Handling Between Exercises

Obedience Regulations, Chapter 2, Section 23 states the handler may **gently guide the dog by the collar between exercises in the Beginner, Regular or Preferred Novice classes, and no other physical guidance is permitted without penalty. In all the other Regular, Optional and Preferred obedience classes, any time a dog is physically guided or not readily controllable there will be a substantial penalty of 3 or more points.**

AKC continues to encourage exhibitors to interact with their dogs between exercises in a playful way without penalty as long as the dog remains under reasonable control, and the physical contact is not constant. When the physical contact is guiding the dog, the regulations require a penalty.

Errors occurring before, between or after an exercise will be penalized under miscellaneous penalties in the judge's book.

Bake Some Love: Homemade Peanut Butter & Banana Dog Treats

Makes 2 dozen. The parsley in these treats makes them a secret breath freshener for your pooch; substitute dried mint for half of the parsley, if you like. Don't hesitate to adjust the size of the treats to accommodate very small or very large dogs, baking them a few minutes less or a few minutes more, as needed.

Ingredients:

- 1 banana
- 1 cup oat flour
- 2/3 cup rolled oats
- 1/2 cup dried parsley
- 3 tablespoons peanut butter
- 1 egg, beaten



Method

Preheat the oven to 300°F. Put banana in a large bowl and mash it thoroughly with a spoon or masher. Add oat flour, oats, parsley, peanut butter and egg and stir well to combine. Set aside for 5 minutes.

Roll mixture into 24 balls, using about 1 tablespoon dough for each. Transfer to a large parchment paper-lined baking sheet. Use the back of a spoon or the heel of your hand to press each ball into a (1 1/2- to 2-inch) coin. Bake until firm and deep golden brown on the bottom, 40 to 45 minutes. Set aside to let cool completely.

Storage note: It's best to store these in an airtight container in the refrigerator. Or, freeze them to give to your dog later—just be sure to thaw the treats before handing them out.

Nutritional Info

Per Serving: Serving size: 1 each, 45 calories (15 from fat), 1.5g total fat, 10mg cholesterol, 10mg sodium, 6g carbohydrates, (1 g dietary fiber, 1g sugar), 2g protein.

CDTC Annual Dinner & Awards Ceremony Will Be Held on Tuesday, July 9.

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Website: www.cdte.org
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Obedience Run-Thru Sunday, July 7

July Rally Training Group Schedule

Rally Training Group Dates: Saturday, July 13 and Saturday, July 20
Time: 1:30-2:45 pm. **Contact:** Diane Harab

Format: ONE course (set up in rings 1&2), nested (like at a trial), beginning with
MASTERS •EXC • ADV • NOV. We may add a second ring if needed.

We will skip classes if no one is present for that level at the time we are setting up.

PARTICIPATION: This is a **TRAINING GROUP**, not a run-thru or class, which means that we all work to make it happen—please help set up and break down courses!



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