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Get to Ready— New AKC Obedience Regulations Effective May 1, 2018

—Sandi Atkinson, CDTC Member and AKC Judge and Pam Coblyn, Obichaff Editor

The Sit Stay–Get Your Leash and the Group Exercise–Sit and Down Stay, will be performed in the AKC Novice A and B Classes beginning May 1, 2018. These two new exercises will replace the current Novice Group Exercises. The Sit Stay–Get Your Leash will be added to the Preferred Novice class.

If you gave up on obedience, you and your dog might now be able to earn a CD! The Novice stays will be on 6' leash.

New Novice and Open Exercise: Stay—Get Your Leash

Prior to the start of judging, the judge will decide where the leash will be placed and post this information at the ring approximately 45 minutes or earlier before the start of the class.

For the first part of this exercise, the handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order the handler will command and/or signal the dog

to sit or down without touching the dog or the dog’s collar. On further order to “Leave your dog,” the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward immediately to a place designated by the judge, turn, and face the dog.

After one minute from the time the judge ordered the handler to leave the dog, the judge will give the order “Back to your dog.” The handler must return directly, walking around and in back of the dog to heel position. The dog must not move from the required position until after the judge has said “Exercise finished.”

Before starting the second part of this exercise, the judge will ask “Are you ready?” On the judge’s order, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to sit or down without touching either the dog or the dog’s collar. On further order to “Leave your dog to get your leash,” the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward directly to the place outside the gate entrance designated by the judge for the leash. The handler will pick up the leash, re-enter the ring, stop at the gate entrance facing the dog, and wait

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From the Editor

— by Pam Coblyn, Editor, Obichaff

Silence!

*"When the dog's mouth is open
his ears are closed!"*

—Brenda Aloff



Despite being a border collie, my Fenway is fairly chill. However, there are certain things that set him off and make him frustrated, which results in a barking tirade. I've discovered—or Fenway has taught me—that if I follow some simple rules, he is able to think and respond accordingly.

Keep it simple, Stupid! Or, don't say commands with too many words.

We all chat with our dogs—and that's okay! But our close bonds make it easy to forget that they don't understand most of what we're saying. This is most important when it comes to giving commands. For instance, trying to reason with them ("I'll give you a treat if you're good!") is a futile effort. They may pick up on the words "treat" and "good," then wonder why you haven't given them a snack!

Eliminate confusion—keep it simple and in the present when giving commands. Use key words your dog knows (good, treat, walk, play etc.). Tone, and body language matter—you'll have a better chance at being understood.

No yelling—just calm down! Or, use your indoor voice.

Sure, dogs need limits—but you'll be more successful by encouraging *good* behaviors rather than scolding them when they're bad. Yelling will likely make them anxious or scared—or maybe they're completely desensitized to it. And, most of the time, they have no idea what you're saying.

An example of positive reinforcement: when your dog steals your socks, rather than scolding him, teach him to drop it, then reward her once he does.

Lighten up! Or, don't take your bad mood out on me.

Whether you're angry, sad, or stressed, your dog, with his amazing empathy, knows how you're feeling! Everybody has bad days, but if negative emotions have you in a slump, your dog may start to get affected and adopt your feelings.

Focus on the unconditional love from your dog—you owe him your peace.



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From the President—March-April 2018

Dear Friends,

Tribalism: an Old term with new meanings. Our politics have become so polarized that we are now divided by “tribes.” It’s the Blue states vs. the Red states. It’s Liberals vs. Conservatives. It’s Left Wing vs. Right Wing, etc.

You may know that in college I was a Philosophy major. I am still prone to thinking a lot about things that perhaps have little meaning to most folks. I have been thinking about how Tribalism seems to be getting a little close to home lately. Yes, I mean right here in our very own club. We have the Agility faction, the Obedience faction, the Rally folks, the Freestyle folks. We also have Scent work folks and Flyball folks. But what we *REALLY* have is Dog Training folks. We are *ALL* of us interested in Dog Training. That interest takes many forms. But what *UNITES* us is dogs and training. We can all learn from each other, in whatever form that training takes, and with whatever type of dog you train.

Sometimes we must compromise about where we put the furniture, or how to schedule classes. Sometimes we have to compromise on who will do what in the club house on a given weekend. The important thing to remember is that everybody gets a turn. Every dog has his day, as the old adage says. We cannot always get what we want, unless it is that some dogs are going to get trained on most days in our building. Take a moment and go read the CDTC Constitution. Our purpose, our mission “shall be to promote interest in the training of the dog for general utility and for show competition, by conducting classes offering instructions in the work.”

So, Friends, please be catholic in your appreciation of our shared mission, our shared endeavor and our shared resources. Be generous and considerate to your friends. And be cautious lest your karma run over your dogma.

Donna Cleverdon
President, CDTC



ALERT! There will be no obedience run-thrus during April and May. The next run-thru is June 3. Due to unforeseen conflicts in scheduling, the clubhouse, there will be NO JULY RUN THRU!

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!

Go Green—Obichaff Print Edition Opt-Out

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Delegates Corner

— by Joyce Dandridge, CDTC AKC Delegate



The chart below is the most recent update of Companion Events Statistics*

Companion Events Statistics
January - December 2016 vs. 2017

Jan-Dec	Entries	Entries	Growth	%	Events	Events	Growth	%
YEAR	2017	2016		Change	2017	2016		Change
Agility	1,215,476	1,223,676	-8,200	-0.7%	3,806	3,684	122	3.3%
Obedience	121,980	126,878	-4,898	-3.9%	2,567	2,627	-60	-2.3%
Rally	76,381	76,328	53	0.1%	2,325	2,365	-40	-1.7%
Tracking	1,836	1,950	-114	-5.8%	431	451	-20	-4.4%
Totals	1,415,673	1,428,832	-13,159	-0.9%	9,129	9,127	2	0.0%

*** Note the only growth is in Rally.**

■ Key Dates for AKC National Events

2018 National Agility Championship (March 23-25) in Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center) over 900 dogs entered and AKC TV will be filming the finals; 2018 National Obedience Championship and AKC Rally National Championship at Roberts Centre (June 29-July 1) in Wilmington, OH and Volunteers are needed; AKC Rally National Championship (June 29) Novice and Advanced are FULL and Excellent and RAE have some slots; National Obedience has 136 entries to date and no second round of invitations will be sent.

■ New Obedience Exercises Videos are published on the AKC Obedience/Rally YouTube Channel. The new exercises become effective May 1, 2018. AKC staff will monitor the changes to the classes and consider adjustments if they are needed. Please see feature article on page 1.

■ The two new rally classes, the Rally Intermediate Class and Rally Master Class were approved and became effective Nov. 1, 2017. In two months 212 Rally Intermediate titles and 33 Rally Master titles have been earned. AKC Rally signs videos and available on the AKC YouTube Channel. (Please see page 16 for more information.)

■ AKC Family Dog Program- In February, the AKC Board approved the launch of the AKC Family Dog Program. This new name captures AKC's continuing effort to develop activities of interest for companion dogs and their families. The program will provide activities through the CGC/Trick Dog program. The new name reflects AKC's mission to advocate for dogs "as a family companion" and more clearly conveys to dog owning public AKC's interest and intent. The new Family Dog web page should be launched around April 1.

Please note that I am now accepting nominations for the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award. The rules are printed on page 9.

The deadline for my acceptance is April 15, 2018. Please make sure the nominee is willing to accept the nomination before you submit the summary. You may email me at: justuschows@verizon.net or send your nomination summary by snail mail.

Mark Your Calendars— CDTC Dates To Remember

2018 CDTC Run-Thru Schedule

Doors open at 8:45 am.

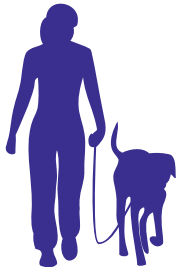
- **Utility/Open** registration until 9:30. Utility/Open Runs begin 9:30.
- **Novice/Beginners Novice** registration 9:30-10:30, runs begin no EARLIER than 11 am.

- \$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**

- **June 3, 2018- SUNDAY**

- NO RUNS in AUGUST**

- **September 1- SATURDAY**

NO RUN-THRU'S in APRIL or MAY or JULY

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!

Brags—CDTC Members & Dogs Take To the Ring!

New Beginner Novice Title—and More!

On February 11, in Indianapolis, **Megan Hemmer's Nani** finished his Beginner Novice (BN) obedience title with a 2nd Place. Later that day, Nani also earned his first Novice obedience leg! It was a very big show and the parking lot/nearby roads were icy—but we successfully braved the conditions!

Congratulations to Team Nani—you are phenomenal and cute!

More Congratulations to the Hemmer Crew!

On February 26, **Megan Hemmer's Kai** passed the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) test and also earned his Novice Trick Dog (TKN) title. Those are titles #4 and 5 (others are RLP (rally puppy title), RLPX (rally puppy championship) & STAR PUPPY) and Kai is only 13 months old!

Well done, puppy—you are on your way!



Number 8 and Number 10 Miniature Schnauzer!

Sue Faber is so proud and excited to announce that her **Stevie** is the AKC #8 performance miniature schnauzer working dog and #10 RAE miniature schnauzer.

Hearty congratulations to Sue and Stevie!

Number One Field Spaniel!

The Delaney ratings came out for 2017 and **Dianne Harab's Bosco** (CH Evans' Bosco Boy CD BN GN RE CGC-A) is the #1 Field Spaniel in Open A obedience!

Congratulations on a stellar achievement!

New Obedience CD Title!

Judith Tabler is proud to announce that her **Friar** earned his Companion Dog (CD) title on February 3, 2018 at the PVSSC trial in Catoctin, MD under Judge Michael Mooney!

Well are so proud, Judith and Friar—what a big and important achievement!



New CDX Obedience Title!

Tom Tatum's Daisy earned her CDX at the Maryland Sporting Dog obedience trial held at the Howard County Fairgrounds. She took 3rd Place with a 192 on March 3 and earned her title on March 4 with a 2nd Place 190. Tom says, "It only took a total of 4 trials to earn the 3 qualifying legs for the title—faster than either of my "serious obedience dogs" Maggie and Nick! Little Daisy has been an unexpected pleasant surprise in the obedience ring. I didn't start training her until she was nearly 9 years old (she is now 10) and did not take her to any formal classes to learn heeling, recalls, etc. I trained her at home and then enrolled her in a novice competition class taught by Barbara Glass because I had an hour to kill between earlier and later classes in which Maggie and Nick were enrolled.

Daisy has been so much fun in the ring—even when she doesn't get things quite right she is so darn cute because she is so proud of herself and happy to be working. Two of the Open judges she has shown under have commented on how much she seems to enjoy it.

I am tempted to retire her from obedience (I only have so much time and entry-fee money to allocate among my dogs) and she doesn't learn as quickly as my Aussie and Mini American but I don't think I am capable of resisting training her in a low key way. I will probably start utility training at home and see how it goes. If it appears as though it will be too difficult with her then I will focus on Rally."

Well done, Daisy—you are the dark horse of the pack and the one to watch!



New Agility Title!

Benita Bottom's Sabato (CH Tagalong's Roman Holiday BN CD RE OA OAJ NF CGC WWD SROM) earned his Open Standard title and 1st Place in the 24 inch class as the only qualifier in his class on Saturday, March 3 at the Charlottesville KC trial on beautiful Walnut Hill Farm in Reva, VA.

Sabato also received his Achiever Dog certificate in January after earning his Novice Fast agility title in December. He is now a proud and smiling portie!

What a wonderful accomplishment, Sabato!



New CGC Title!

Robin Siegel's Taters is now officially Pennyroyal's Mr. Potato Head CGC. Robin now calls him *SIR* Pennyroyal's Mr. Potato Head CGC since he has a title! Taters passed the test on March 3 and then agreeably lay quietly in a cage for 90 minutes while Robin helped Diane and Shannon test another 18 dogs.

You are such a good boy, Taters, and now you have the title to prove it!



New CGC-A Title!

Pam Cobllyn reports, "I'm proud to announce that **Fenway** (CH Tartan Bay Green Monster, CDX, RE, AX MXJ XF, CGC-A) earned his Canine Good Citizen-Advanced title on February 18 at CTA. Taking the test was a fluke—I showed up on the wrong week for a run-thru and since they were giving the test I thought we should at least try. Fenway easily passed without any training—and had a good time. Fen expects his Achiever Dog certificate any day!

Well done, Fenway—now you have no excuses for your shenanigans!

CGC Testing at the CDTC!

The CDTC held our first 2018 Canine Good Citizen (CGC) test on March 3. A grand total of 17 dogs were tested and 16 passed!

Three were member dogs. Dianne Harab and Shannon Hall were the evaluators and it was Shannon's first time! Pam Ayers and Suki were the neutral dog team, Charma Le Edmonds, Luanne Korona, Robin Siegel and Martha Perkins were the crowd, dog holders and paperwork administrators. Shannon sends out a big thanks to all who helped with the event.

Our next Canine Good Citizen or CGC-Advanced test is now scheduled for April 29, 2:15pm. Please let Shannon know if you want to register.

A Correction—With Big Congratulations

In the last issue of *Obichaff* I posited that earning 13 titles in a year "might be a club record." It's not. In 2017, Sandi Atkinson's Danny earned 24 titles—25 if you count the new AKC Achiever Dog certificate. He now has 34 titles! Danny has competed and been successful in a bunch of venues: Rally, WCRL, Barn Hunt, CDSP, Lure Coursing for all breeds, Scent Work, etc. WCRL in particular has a number of titles that can be earned—individual level championships as well as combination titles. They all count as "titles" and the owner gets a certificate.

Figaro earned 14 titles in 2016 for a total of 26 titles.

On the CDTC Website *

*** Please see page 8 to learn how to log in to our cdtc.org 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

Important Dates to Note!

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- The annual 3-day **CDTC Agility trial** will take place
- CDTC is hosting a **Connie Cleveland obedience seminar** on July 7-8

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!*

Call For Nominations!

CDTC 2018 Outstanding Sportsmanship Award

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

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

- Making always his/her chief responsibility the welfare of his or her dogs.
- Refusing to embarrass the sport, himself/herself, or CDTC while taking part in activities.

The Selection Process

1. Nominations from the membership will 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.

Our Beloved CDTC Dogs



Joan Danzansky's Biscuit is just plain cute holding the carcass of her stuffed Subaru toy!



Anita Rawn' Mason (CH Acadia's Independence Day) dreaming of getting a Rally Novice leg—hopefully this Spring!



Shannon Hall and puppy Connor appear to be joined at the hip!



"I'm ready for my close up!" declares Fenway on the set of a US Postal Service commercial. Fenway had to hold a 25 minute out-of-sight sit-stay while the crew blocked the scene and tweaked the lighting. Well done, Fen!



Brad Smith and Blue excelled in the Puppy Cuddling class!



Mariah Stover, Jensen and puppy Tenley have a bit o' Irish luck to share!



At the March Run Thru...

Our run-thru for March were well attended and I'd like to thank our list of volunteers:



Hall Wright
Dianne Harab
Amy Cook
Sandy Swinburne
Lois Kietur
Charma leEdmonds
Lisa Marie Daniel
Sandi Atkinson
Leslie Derr
Julia Rovner
Thanks, everyone!



We want to thank our CDTC members who have taken on small tasks to help keep our clubhouse running smoothly:

Bulletin Boards: Sandi Atkinson
Jumps maintenance: Ted deBremond
Gates maintenance: Brooke Holt
Hand soap: Holly Wright
Paper goods: Ted and April deBremond
Crate cleaner bottles filled: Sandy Swinburne
Grounds tidying: Betsy Harringer
Entry tidying: Nan Marks
Club forms supply: Eva Pryzgodski



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!**

Where in the World is Megan?

Shenandoah Park!

*By Megan Hemmer,
Member CDTC*

Little Devil Stairs

On February 27, I took the Hemmer Crew out to Shenandoah Park in Virginia. We did the big loop of Little Devil's Stairs!

The first couple miles are steep with tons of water crossings and little waterfalls. The website said not recommended for out of shape people or backtracking!

It can be a short loop or a longer loop that goes along a creek for a while.

Kai fell off the log and had to swim to shore but otherwise all had fun!



Things That Make Me Sad... and Some That Make Me Glad

by Milly B Welsh, Member, CDTC

I have Labradors, and I run field trials with them. The combination of those two things should make me broke, tired, and not in need of anything else to do in my spare time. The glory of a beautiful day spent outside watching dogs do what they were bred to do with good friends and training partners is a joy. But then winter with its cold weather, wind, and short days comes along. The dogs seem to enjoy watching TV and eating snacks, but they too begin to look for something with more challenge.

Each fall I look at the dogs and decide which one will be The Obedience Dog for the winter. I've had many dogs with CDs, a few CDXs, one UD and more recently some Rally titles. It's fun to train the chosen dog to do something different. I only show in two dog show clusters: Maryland Sporting Dog Specialty and Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac's Specialty. After that it's back to the field trials.

I'm reminded of some of the things I like about obedience trials: visiting with old friends, making new friends, watching some amazing dog work, showing dogs indoors in bad weather (I do miss the outdoor shows!), flush toilets and hot running water, having a somewhat predictable time schedule. It's also wonderful to be with so many people who are willing to help with training problems, giving good advice and helpful hints. People are generally friendly and smile, hold doors, and applaud class placements. The stewards give their time and energy hour after long hour. The judges walk miles and never seem to say "left turn" when they meant to say "right turn".

Number one on my list of things that make me angry is paying for parking. Really! Just raise the entry fee or charge the people without dogs. Without us, the exhibitors, there would be no dog show. Next are the few people who take up an inordinate amount of space with crates, chairs, coolers, and blankets when the rest of us are stacked on top of each other. Last on my list are the bad tempered dogs whose handlers seem oblivious to the danger they pose and allow them to stroll around on long leashes. Recently, I watched a woman pet and coo over her dog after he lunged with fangs bared at another dog who was entering the ring to show—I desperately wanted a few minutes alone with the dog and the woman. Last on my list of gripes is Sporting Dog Specialty allowing all breeds in obedience.

Now you know how to make me glad and sad.

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The Novice group stays will take place after all individual judging has been completed. If a dog fails to qualify in one or more of the individual exercises, the judge MUST release it from the group exercises.

Open Exercises— Command Discrimination

The principal features of this exercise are the dog's correct response to the handler's commands and/or signals and that the dog stays until the handler returns to heel position.

The orders are: "Leave your dog" and "Back to your dog." The judge must use signals for directing the handler to command and/or signal the dog to change position except for the first position and that order is: "Stand your dog" or "Down your dog."

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order to "Stand your dog" or "Down your dog." The handler will give a command and/or signal for the dog to change position. On further order to "Leave your dog," the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will immediately walk forward 15 feet, turn, and face the dog. On the judge's signal, the handler will give a command and/or signal for the dog to change to the second position. The judge will then order "Leave your dog." The handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will immediately turn around and walk forward an additional 15 feet, turn, and face the dog. On the judge's signal, the handler will give a command and/or signal for the dog to change to the third position. The judge will then order "Back to your dog." The handler may give a command and/or signal to stay, and then must return directly, walking around and in back of the dog to heel position. The dog must stay in position without additional commands or signals until the handler has returned to heel position.

Judging Procedure:

This exercise must be performed on a long dimension of the ring. The 15 foot distances must be clearly marked. The judge must be positioned so that both the dog and handler are under continuous observation during the entire exercise. An excellent position for

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Command Discrimination Scoring Questions

The first change of position is the down. What if the dog stands, and then downs?

If the dog clearly stands, and then downs, he has added a position change that is not according to the Regulations and this would be penalized as an NQ. The first position change for this exercise requires the dog to stand or down from the sit position. The dog is not required to go down in a certain "style." Many dogs raise their hindquarters from a sit to a down, and this would be considered acceptable without penalty. If the movement is continuous, and clearly not an added position, the dog would not be penalized.

Is the dog required to be remain in the same heel position after it changes position?

No. A dog changing position, (i.e. sit to a stand, sit to a down) while remaining in place, may end up somewhat out of the starting heel position. The Regulations do not require the dog to remain in heel position. If the dog walked forward, the dog would be penalized for walking forward.

Is the handler required to move to heel position before leaving the dog?

No. The Regulations do not require the handler to be in heel position to leave the dog. If the dog walked forward, the dog would be penalized for walking forward.

What if, when the dog changes position it doesn't remain in heel position, and the handler moves to heel position prior to leaving the dog. Should the handler be penalized?

Not necessarily, it depends. If the handler moves prior to the judge ordering, "Leave your dog," a penalty is not necessary. If the handler moves and then stops in heel position after the judge orders, "Leave your dog," and then leaves the dog, the judge would consider this an additional command/signal to stay which would result in an NQ. (Chapter 2, Section 20 and 21)

judging this exercise is at an adequate distance to the side and slightly to the rear of the dog.

Command Discrimination, Scoring.

A dog that fails to obey the handler's first command and/or signal for each position or that does not stay until the handler returns to heel position must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score.

Substantial deductions will be made for a dog that changes position after the handler has returned to heel position and before the judge has said "Exercise finished."

Minor or substantial deductions, up to a non-qualifying (NQ) score, will be made for a dog that walks forward.

Open Exercises– Stay–Get Your Leash

A non-qualifying score (NQ) is required for the following: The dog moving a substantial distance away

from the place where it was left any time during either part of the exercise, not remaining in the required position until the handler has returned to heel position, and repeatedly barking or whining.

Scoring of the exercise for such things as rough treatment of a dog by its handler or resistance by a dog to sit or down starts with the first order, "Sit (or Down) your dog." These will be penalized substantially and in extreme cases the dog may be released.

Substantial deductions will be made for a dog that moves even a short distance from where it was left, that barks or whines only once or twice, or that changes from the required position after the handler has returned to heel position and before the judge has said, "Exercise finished." A substantial deduction, under Miscellaneous Penalties, must be made for a dog that does not remain under control while leaving the ring.

**Videos, demonstrating the new exercises,
are on the AKC Obedience/Rally YouTube Channel found here.**
**The new Obedience Regulations may be viewed in the online
regulation book found here.**

Rally Primer–Master Class Sign 303 Deconstructed

by Sandi Atkinson, AKC Rally Judge

For you rally enthusiasts: After watching the Rally Master class at a trial this weekend, I had some questions about sign #303: Halt, Recall Over Jump, Finish, About Turn, Forward. I emailed AKC and got answers!

If a handler does an about "U" turn (to the left) *instead* of an obedience about turn (to the right), this should be scored as IP.

Secondly, if the dog actually does sit (instead of Forward) when finishing, that should also be scored as IP.

And finally, if the dog gets to heel position or nearly heel position before the handler does the about turn and forward, a couple of points should be deducted. (*Note that this deduction should also apply to the other signs where the dog starts to finish but does not complete it and sit before the handler moves forward.*) That's because the handler is supposed to move forward as soon as the dog clears the handler's path and the handler can move without bumping into the dog!

This particular sign should not present any unusual training problems if you have done Novice obedience. You might need to come up with a different command since the dog will be returning to you over a jump rather than on the flat.

You are not required to set up your dog exactly 8' in front of the jump, nor are you required to stand exactly 8' on the other side of the jump. You decide through practice where your dog should be and where you should be to get the best results (i.e., no deduction). The judge is NOT required to mark 8' before & after the jump. It's a good idea to know just how many average steps you take to reach distances such as 6', 8', etc.



CDTC Annual Awards 2018 Application Form

This form is for titles earned in 2017. Awards will be presented at the CDTC Annual Awards Dinner. Scores and titles will be verified with the AKC. The Annual Awards Dinner will be held at the CDTC Clubhouse on July 10, 2018. Every member is invited to attend—you do not need to have completed a title.

Complete the form and return it by mail to Sandy Swinburne, Trophy Chair, 9514 Dragonclaw, Columbia, MD 21046 or email to sswinb3102@me.com. **This form *must be* returned by May 1, 2018 to allow time to purchase plaques and engrave plates in time for the dinner.**

Owner's Name _____ Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Dog's AKC Registered Name _____
(Do not include titles):

Dog's Call Name _____ Breed _____

Obedience Titles:

_____	Date _____
_____	Date _____
_____	Date _____
_____	Date _____

Highest Average Score *(First three qualifying scores only)*

CD/CDX/UD	Name of Show	Date	Class (A or B)	Score

Average Score _____

**UDX and OTCH: Provide a copy of the AKC certificate awarding the title.*

High Combined

Name of Show	Date	Class	Score
		OB/UB	
		OB/UB	
		OB/UB	

Tracking Titles

TD

TDX

VST

CT (Champion Tracker)

Rally Titles

RN

RA

RE

RAE

Agility Titles

_____	Date _____
_____	Date _____
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_____	Date _____

Other Titles

Please list any other conformation or performance titles earned in 2016 here.

Title Earned	Date
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Have you received a plaque from CDTC for this dog? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is this the first time you earned this title with any dog? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you earned a CGC with THIS DOG? ☐ Yes ☐ No Year _____

**Please Note: Plaques cannot be mailed.
Unclaimed plaques will be forfeited.**

July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 CDTC Membership Renewal Form

Annual membership renewals are due by **July 1, 2018**. If dues are not received by July 31, 2018 *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 that want 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 2018 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 2018 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: \$ _____

Marian Hardy
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July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 CDTC Membership Renewal Form

THE AGREEMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

I hereby apply for membership renewal for 2018-19 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"/>
		Check box <input type="checkbox"/>
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		Check box <input type="checkbox"/>
		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.



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

All working spots are filled but if you audit, you can be on the wait list for a working spot. Auditing is available: one-day \$75, both days \$125. Email Sue Faber, bobf1040@verizon.net for more information.

CLASS SCHEDULES

Day	Date	Time	Instructor	Time	Class	Instructor
PUPPY KINDERGARTEN				CONFORMATION		
Sun	9-9:50 am	3/11-5/6	Freedman	Tue	Training Group 8pm, alt. weeks	Harab
Sat	3:00-3:50	2/3-3/24, Star Puppy	Faber	Sat	Training Group 11 am	Kopp
BASIC, ADVANCED BASIC & SUB-NOVICE				AGILITY		
Mon	Sub-Novice	7:15-8:05 pm	Adler/Dwyer	Wed	8:00-9:15 pm	Hall
Tue	Adv. Basic	7:00-7:50 pm, 3/13-4/17	S. Miller	Sun	10:30-12: noon	deBremond
Wed	Basic, 5/2-6/6	7:00-7:50 pm	Hall	Sun	4:00-5:00 pm	Wohl
Thur	Sub-Novice	9:30-10:20 am	Adler/Dwyer	Sun	5:00-6:15	deBremond
Fri	Basic, 3/23-4/27	7:00-7:50	Reinhardt	Sun	6:15-7:30 pm	Various Instructors
Fri	Adv. Basic, 5/11-6/15	7:00-7:50	Reinhardt	Sun	7:30-8:45 (3/11-3/25)	Hall
Sat	Basic	10:00-10:50, 3/10-5/5	P. Miller	FLYBALL		
Sat	Basic	4:00-4:50 am, 3/17-5/12	Daniel	Sat	Beginning 6:30-7:30 pm	Dwyer
NOVICE				Sat	Intermediate 7:30-8:30 pm	Dwyer
Mon	C	7:15-8:05 pm	Glass	Sat	Competition 8:30-9:30 pm	Dwyer
Tue	C	6:00-6:50 pm	Cleverdon	TRAINING GROUPS		
Thurs	C	9:30-10:20 am	Holt	Mon	C 10:00-12:00 pm	Ely (Freestyle)
Thurs	C	6:00-6:50 pm	Dwyer	Tue	C 6:00-6:30	Cleverdon (Open & Util)
OPEN						On Hold
Mon	C	6:00-7:15 pm	LaDieu	Tue	C 8:00	Conformation
Tue	C	7:00-7:50 pm	Cleverdon	Wed	C 9:30-10:20 am	McCown
Thurs	C (Intermed.)	8:00-9:00 pm	Harry	Wed	C 11:30-12:00 pm	Spodak (Obedience TG)
UTILITY				Wed	C 12:00-1:00 pm	Spodak (Open Discussion)
Mon	C	8:15-9:05 pm	Adler	Wed	C 1:00 pm	Spodak (Freestyle TG)
Thurs	C	6:00-7:00 pm	Harry/Prep	Wed	C 4:30-5:30 pm	Cleverdon
Thurs	C	7:00-8:00 pm	Harry	Thurs	C 10:30-11:30 am	Holt
Fri	UDX TG	12:30-2:00	Faber	Thurs	C 12:30-2:20 pm	Goldstein
RALLY				Fri	C 12:3-2:00 pm	Faber
Thurs	Rally Class Set Up	11-11:30 am		Sat	C 10:00-11:00 pm	Harab
Thurs C	Competition Rally	11:30-12:15 pm	Daniel	Sat	C 1:00-3:00 pm	Faber
Thurs	Rally Take Down	12:15 to 12:30		Sun	C 9:00-10:15 am	Bob Reinhardt
Sat	Advanced Rally	12:00-12:50	Faber	CANINE GOOD CITIZEN-A & THERAPY DOG TESTS		
Sat	TG: Rally	1:00-3:00	Faber/Smith	Sun	TDI Test 2:30-4:30	5/6 Hertz
TRICKS				Sun	CGC-A TEST 2:15-4:30	4/29 Harab
Tue	Adv. Tricks	11:30-12:50 pm	Rosen	BUILDING CLEANING		
FREESTYLE				Tues	C 1:00 pm-3:30 pm	
Mon	C	10:00-12:00 pm	Ely			

CLASS SCHEDULES

Time	Class	Instructor	Ring	Time	Class	Instructor	Ring
MONDAY				SATURDAY			
10-12 noon	Freestyle TG	Ely	Bldg	10-10:50	Basic 3/10-5/5	P. Miller	2-3
6:00-7:15	Open	LaDieu	2-3	11-11:50 pm	Conformation TG 11/18-1/20	Kopp	Bldg
7:15-8:05	Sub-Novice	Adler/Dwyer	3	1:00-3:00	Rally TG	Faber/Smith	Bldg
7:15-8:05	Novice	Glass	1-2	3:00-3:50	PK Star Puppy 2/3-3/24	Faber	2-3
8:15-9:05	Utility	Adler	2-3	4:00-4:50	Basic, 3/17-5/12	Daniel	1-2
TUESDAY				6:30-7:30	Beg. Flyball	Dwyer	Bldg
11:30-12:30	Advanced Tricks	Rosen	1-2	7:30-8:30	Intermediate Flyball	Dwyer	Bldg
1-3:30 pm	Building Cleaning			8:30-9:30	Competition Flyball	Dwyer	Bldg
7:00-7:50	Open Cleverdon		1-2	SUNDAY			
7:00-7:50	Adv. Basic	S. Miller, 3/13-4/17	3	9:00-9:50	Puppy K	Freedman	1-2
8:00	Conformation Training Group		1-2	10:30-12:00	Agility-Beginner 2/11-4/22	deBremond	Bldg.
(Alternate dates with TG and Member & Board meetings)				2:30-4:30	TDI Test, 5/6	Hertz	Bldg
8:00-10:00	CDTC Meetings, 3/13, 4/10		Bldg.	2:15-4:30	CGC-A Test, 4/29	Harab	Bldg
WEDNESDAY				4:00-5:00 pm	Agility-Handling B Full Courses! 2/11-4/22	Wohl	Bldg.
9:30-10:20 am	TG: Novice	McCown	1-2	5:00-6:15 pm	Intro to Agility 2/11-4/22	deBremond	Bldg.
11:30-noon	TG: Obed. Handling	Spodak	1-2	6:15-7:30	Agility Handling A 2/11-4/22	Various	Bldg.
12:00-1:00 pm	Discussion	Spodak		7:30-8:45	Agility Handling B Short courses, 3/4-3/25	Carter & Hall	Bldg
1:00	Freestyle Training	Spodak	Bldg.	More Doings At the Club!			
7:00-7:50	Basic, 5/2-6/6	Hall	1-2	Meetings			
8:00-9:15	Competition Agility 2/7-3/28	Hall	Bldg.	■ CDTC General Meeting: March 13, at 8 pm			
THURSDAY				■ CDTC General Meeting: April 10, at 8 pm			
9:30-10:20 am	Sub-Novice	Adler/Dwyer	3	■ CDTC Board Meeting: March 27 at 8 pm			
9:30-10:20	Novice	Holt	1-2	■ CDTC Board Meeting: April 24 at 8 pm			
11:00-11:30	Rally Set-up		2-3	■ Run Throughs: 1/6, 2/4, 3/4, 6/3, 9/1			
11:30-12:15pm	Competition Rally	Daniel	2-3	■ CDTC Agility Trial: 4/6-4/8			
12:15-12:30	Rally Take Down		2-3	■ Connie Cleveland Seminar, July 7-8			
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				
FRIDAY							
10:00-12:00	Freestyle	Ely	Bldg				
12:30-2:00 pm	TG: UDX	Faber	2-3				
7:00-7:50 pm	Basic, 5/11-6:15	Reinhardt	1-2				
7:00-7:50 pm	Adv. Basic, 5/11-6:15	Reinhardt	1-2				

March-April 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:
March 10 & 24 and April 7 & 21

Please check our club’s listserv for any cancellations.

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 8:00 pm

Tuesday, April 10, 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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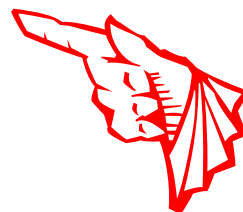
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