



Lead Lines

A Newsletter for Members

April, 2016

Suzi, Fran, & Kathleen



Jane and Sandy



Judy & Kenzie



Mary & Vera



Marti & Fiz



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Don't forget to check the Club website www.otcpbc.org For all club events



Volunteer Hours

SEND TO:
Bob Millar @

dogclubvolunteerhour@gmail.com

NOT his personal email



The soda & water in the fridge ARE NOT FREE! Based on the Honor System, when you take a bottle or can, put a dollar (\$1) in the cup. If shortages keep coming up, we will lose this convenience.

ALSO, if you bring jumps outside of the ring, please return them back inside the ring gates when you are done or back against the wall.

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Next General Meeting

Monday,
May 2, 2016
7:00 PM



Dear Members,

First, many thanks to our April judges, Jean Asaro and Celeste Platte! Their good humor, patience and sage advice set the tone for the whole event.

With another successful Show & Go under our belts, we are looking forward to the next three. The first, **May 22nd**, will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will be judged by Page Athan (Open and Utility) and Bob Becker (Beginner Novice and Novice). We'll begin with Beginner Novice and finish with Utility, going from small to large.

The next two dates are **June 5th** and **June 19th**. Details on both the June Show & Goes will be forwarded within a few weeks. Mark your calendars!! If you would like to participate in all three, simply indicate that on the May form (**next page**), BUT we will need **separate checks for each date**. Too confusing otherwise.

I'll be sending out the preliminary roster for May to those who have signed up. There are already 7 Utility, 14 Open, 7 Novice and 1 Beginner Novice scheduled participants. If you DO NOT receive a confirmation and thought you were registered, just let me know and I'll add you. Conversely, if I have you registered in error, also let me know.

A final thought. With summer rapidly approaching [trips, vacations, surgeries, etc. being planned] the Show & Go Team will be needing volunteers to help with ring stewarding, setting up and breaking down. Please contact any one of us if you would be willing to help. Thanks,

The Show & Go Team,

Tracey Guiejka

Maryann Lannon

Nancy Honchar

I am ready to go to the Show and Go.



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OTCPBC
1250 Gateway Road
Lake Park, FL 33403

Sunday, May 22, 2016, 11:00 To 4:00 p.m.
We will be starting with Beginner Novice and ending with Utility.

Working from low to high.

Entries:

\$8 for first entry,

Second entry **of same dog** is \$5.00

First Come, First Served. When the time period is full – no additional entries will be accepted!!!!

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED AND PAID PRIOR TO May 22nd IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE

Email entries to: nshonchar@gmail.com

Make checks payable to OTCPBC and mail to:

Mrs. Maryann Lannon
8440 Palomino Drive
Lake Worth, FL 33467-1184

Handler's Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Dog's Name: _____ Classes: _____

Jumps: _____ Total Enclosed: _____

Show & Go Committee:

Tracey Guiejka traceygoo8@yahoo.com

Nancy Honchar nshonchar@gmail.com

Maryann Lannon mlannon@bellsouth.net



A long term club member died earlier this month. Jesse Dickerson was 83 and a lifelong resident in West Palm Beach. He trained and showed German Shorthair Pointers (GSPs) and I remember him with two U.D. males who (I believe) were also breed champions. I saw the obit in the P.B.Post and went to his memorial service on Tuesday. I spoke to his wife (of 60 years) Carolyn, but don't think there were any other club members there, although I could be wrong because I sure many don't know most of them any more ! I signed the book and added (OTCPBC) after my name. The eulogy included reference to his membership in the club. He was a great guy and I remember competing with him and believe he was also one of our good instructors

Mary Jane Kelly, OTC Gold Medalist

Jesse Dickerson

All I Need To Know About Life I Learned From My Dog

Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joy ride.
 Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
 When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
 Run, romp, and play daily.
 Be loyal.
 Never pretend to be something you're not.
 Eat with gusto and enthusiasm.
 If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
 When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.
 Thrive on affection and let people touch you - enjoy back rubs and pats on your neck.
 When you leave your yard, make it an adventure.
 Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
 No matter how often you're scolded, don't pout - run right back and make friends.
 Bond with your pack.
 On cold nights, curl up in front of a crackling fire.
 When you're excited, speak up.
 When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
 Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
 If you stare at someone long enough, eventually you'll get what you want.
 Don't go out without ID.
 Leave room in your schedule for a good nap.
 Always give people a friendly greeting.
 If it's not wet and sloppy, it's not a real kiss.

Author: Unknown

Is Correction a Dirty Word?

By Connie Cleveland, Dog Trainers Workshop

I began training dogs, tagging along with my mother to the local dog obedience club, sometime in the 1970's. The word correction was synonymous with "jerk the leash." My memory of obedience class was that we unrolled the mats, sometimes in concentric circles, and started heeling. The instructions were, "Say 'heel' and start walking, whenever your dog does anything wrong, correct him." In fact, there were signs up that said, "Correct and Praise." This instruction made us a bit mindless as we followed one another around the ring, saying "Good dog," every time we jerked the leash.

Fortunately, [dog training](#) has evolved tremendously since those memories were created. However, sometime in the 1990's, "Correction" became a dirty word. In fact, many started saying, "I don't correct my dog."

Now, with the advent of instant messaging and e-mails, I answer 100's of questions each month about dog training. The two questions that always makes me suspicious are "How would you correct that?" and "What correction would you use?"

What does correction mean?

What do we mean when we use the verb to correct? Do we mean negative reinforcement, punishment, or could the sentence be replaced with "How would you respond?"

If you have read "[How Dogs Learn](#)," you know that I believe dogs make two kinds of errors. Some are honest mistakes, representative of a dog that is confused about what he is being asked to do. Those are effort errors, and it is our responsibility to teach the dog the correct response. Sometimes a dog is distracted or uninterested, and that represents a lack of effort. When a dog is not trying, a correction is appropriate.

There it is! The word! Correction, what does it mean?

In the last decade I have been dragged into the language of the behaviorists. Admittedly, as I hear trainers discuss punishment and reinforcement, I have to stifle a yawn and try hard not to roll my eyes. However, what I have learned is that in my own training, correction is synonymous with Negative Reinforcement. A correction is something that the dog knows how to stop and knows how to prevent.

Alarm clocks and seat belt buzzers come to mind. We know how to stop and how to prevent the annoying sound they make. In the same way, if you are going to do anything that your dog perceives as negative, he should know how to stop it when it occurs and prevent it from occurring again. Most importantly, it is your job to teach him that.

"I don't correct my dog," says to me, "I don't use negative reinforcement in my dog's training."

Is that what you mean? Do you believe that a dog cannot learn to control something he perceives as negative or do you feel strongly that nothing negative should ever occur in his life? The latter seems a little unrealistic to me, but at least I know where you stand.

"How would you correct that?" says to me, "How would you use negative reinforcement in this situation?" However, be careful, if you mean "How would you fix it?" you are implying that the dog may be making an effort error, and in that instance, negative reinforcement would be inappropriate.

"What correction would you use?" says to me "What negative reinforcement would you use in this situation?" My obedience dogs are only taught how to control two negative reinforcers; one is for failing to pay attention, the second is for failing to retrieve. So, the question, "What correction would you use?" only has two possible answers. More than likely, this statement, "What correction would you use?" is asking, "How would you explain this to your dog?"

"Correction"

What do we do with this annoying word? Are we using it to refer to negative reinforcement? Are we trying to correct something like we would correct a misspelled word? Are we trying to correct a misunderstanding? I'm not sure how to resolve the mess we have created, except to say, abolish correction, the word, and our communication will be greatly improved.

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ARE YOU DOING IT RIGHT?

As many of you know, OTCPCB is having four rally trials in two days this coming weekend (April 30 & May 1). Diana Johnson-Ford is serving as our Trial Secretary again. As Diana and I have frequently “womened” this post, we have talked about the entries received for both Rally and Obedience and the errors we are seeing. Under normal circumstances, a trial secretary spends about 50 – 60 hours preparing for a trial, entering scores, and filling out the paperwork to satisfy AKC requirements. Errors add time to this total.

Here are the most frequent errors we see:

Entering the wrong Division (A/B). This is a big one and seen more frequently in Rally. If you have ANY obedience title (including a Beginner Novice) you MUST enter the “B” Division of the class. The American Kennel Club (AKC) Rally Regulations amended through January 1, 2016 state as follows:

Chapter 4, Section 1. The Rally Novice A Class. *To be eligible for entry in this class, dogs may not have won an AKC Rally Novice (RN) title or any AKC Obedience title (including optional class titles) prior to the close of entries. A handler must own the dog entered or be a member of the owner’s household or immediate family.*

Section 2. The Rally Advanced A Class. *To be eligible for this class, dogs shall have won the Rally Novice (RN) title but have not won the Rally Advanced (RA) title or any AKC Obedience title (including optional class titles) prior to the close of entries. A handler must own the dog entered or be a member of the owner’s household or immediate family.*

Section 3. The Rally Excellent A Class. *To be eligible for entry into this class, competing dogs shall have won the Rally Advanced (RA) title, but have not won the Rally Excellent (RE) title or any AKC Obedience title (including optional class titles) prior to the close of entries. A handler must own the dog entered or be a member of the owner’s household or immediate family.*

If you were to show in the “A” Division and you were not qualified to do so, your qualifying score will not count, and trust me, AKC will flag it. If in doubt, enter the “B” division. You can never go wrong there. The courses are the same.

When you enter any show, the Agreement you sign acknowledges that you understand and agree to follow AKC rules as stated in the rulebook and the local club rules stated in the premium list. The only obligation the Trial Secretary has is to enter your information as printed on your entry form to the best of the secretary’s ability to read questionable handwriting. The issue with handwriting is becoming more and more of a problem. You can go on line and get an AKC approved entry form that you can type your information into and print out. There is no charge for these forms. I have used www.akc.org/pdfs/AEN999.pdf. Sending a typed entry form results in far less mistakes.

Sending the wrong entry fees. If you do not send the correct fee, and it is less than the amount due, the trial secretary can reject your entries and send them back to you. Trial secretaries of obedience clubs usually will make an effort to contact you and get the correct fee, but **it is not a requirement**. If you send the wrong fee to a licensed Superintendent, believe me, they will send back your entries.

Incorrect fee entries usually occur when there are multiple trials. In the case of the upcoming Rally trials, each trial is a separate fee. (i.e., AM Sat-one trial, PM SAT – one trial. Same for Sunday.) In other words, if you are entered in Novice all four trials, SAT AM & PM and SUN AM & PM, you would send in a check for \$100. \$25 per trial x 4 = \$100.00

If you entered Advanced B and Excellent B all four trials, your entries would be \$160. \$25 first entry (Ex B) plus \$15 for second entry (Adv B) equaling \$40 per trial. \$40 per trial x 4 trials = \$160.00

Entry Form Agreement. Under Instructions #4 *Full registered name of dog including AKC recognized titles.* We are getting a lot of names without their AKC titles. These titles are now part of the dog’s name. We don’t know if you don’t tell us.

Written by Celeste Platte with assistance from Diana Johnson-Ford

SAVE THE DATE - WE ARE HAVING A PICNIC MONDAY, JUNE 27 @ 6:30 PM



The Club's annual picnic/meeting will be held on Monday, June 27th instead of the first Monday in July which is the 4th. The membership voted on this change many months ago. Whatever meeting we have will be short then FOOD and CONVERSATION!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR. More details to follow next month.

BRAGS



Vera got her CDX at the Orlando trial - proud to say that she had all first place qualifying scores - 190.5 - 192 and a 192.5 . She also came out of Racing retirement to win the Recall class for the 2nd year in a row ! Here she is in her racing jacket, ever the crowd pleaser ! We did have some fun!

Mary Macchia

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BRAGS

Jane Craig hosted a practice "search" at her home April 3.



Jane Craig & Sandy



Suzi, Fran and Kathleen



Fizz earned UKC nose work titles in Novice Containers and Interiors in Ocala on April 2, 2016.

Marti Hohmann



Over the April 1-2 weekend OTCPCB members competed in the first UKC Nosework trial in Florida hosted by the Nosework and Rally Club of North Florida.

Marti Hohmann's Fizz earned his Novice Containers and Novice Interiors titles.



Judy McPartland's girls each earned a title:

Woodbine High Stepping Kenzie RN earned Novice Containers

UR01 NC Woodbine High Stepping Callie CD BN RAE CGC NW1 earned Advanced Containers

AC NI Woodbine High Stepping Only Make Believe (Maggie) CGC NW2 earned Advanced Interiors

Helen Savill and Honey who took Nosework classes at OTCPCB earned Novice Containers and Novice Interiors.

Exciting to be part of a new and growing sport.

Judy McPartland