



Lead Lines

A Newsletter for Members

January, 2017

Members,

This is such a scary petition that I thought it warranted the front page. This synopsis comes from Dr. Kerrie Bryan, Australian Terrier Legislative Liaison to AKC *Editor*

“Stay aware and alert. This online petition has the target of banning dog shows and agility trails on the grounds of prevention of animal cruelty.

This is an excerpt from the petition:

DOG SHOWS promote the practice of inbreeding as an effort to breed dogs with specific physical attributes. this practice can lead to dogs with weaker immune systems and birth defects. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) have also held issue with aspects of the Westminster show. Particularly, they object to the practice of tail docking, or amputation, which is done to adhere to some breeds standards.

DOG AGILITY COMPETITIONS are dangerous and force dogs to perform jumps and grueling obstacle courses. several dog rights groups have lodged complaints due the numerous injuries and long term damage suffered by dogs forced to compete in these cruel agility competitions. some examples: a small poodle and former AKC National Champion fell off the dogwalk and died from a broken neck; a sheltie broke her jaw because she turned abruptly and slammed her face into the side of a dogwalk ramp; an Australian shepherd received debilitating injuries from slamming into a weave pole during his run. a long-standing competitor Labrador retriever suffered long term back problems after years of running through the weave poles of the obstacle course. a multitude of dogs have ruined their shoulders by slamming against the A frame; a dog was suffocated when a tunnel collapsed during a competition. another common injury of agility competitions affect dogs with ear flaps are ruptured ear drums, due to the constant speed of running trials. <https://www.gopetition.com/petitions/stop-dog-competitions.html>”

If you are interested in supporting the efforts of AKC to fight petitions and legislation such as this or want more information as to this arm of AKC, go to:

<http://www.akc.org/government-relations/>



Just a Reminder

There is NO February meeting.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 6, 2017

The first Monday of the month

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2016 Club Officers

- President - Betty Gansky
- Vice President - Steve Campbell
- Treasurer - Fran Smith
- Recording Secretary - Celeste Platte
- Corresponding Secretary - Liese Hookey
- Board Members at Large: Diane Wolak, Nancy Honhchar , Page Athan
- Obedience Coordinator - Marti Hohmann
- Tracking Coordinator - Fran Smith
- Agility Coordinator - Barbara Bounds, Kim Carey, Assistant
- Lead Lines Editor - Celeste Platte -

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Agility Trial

Please paste this link into your browser to sign-up to volunteer at our Agility trials Feb. 3-5th in Ft. Pierce at the Adams Arena.

<http://tinyurl.com/OTCPBC-Feb17>

Goes to show that there is all kinds of devices for us to spend our money on. - Ed

This smart collar claims to be able to detect mood changes in your dog

It can also alert you to when they are eating, drinking or sleeping.

Wearable Tech



by **Dan Graziano** January 3, 2017 7:56 PM PST CNET
[@DanGraziano](#)

A new smart collar wants to help you better understand your dog by sensing changes in their mood. The Jagger & Lewis smart collar claims to measure the activity and welfare of your pet. Think of it like a Fitbit for your dog. The collar is equipped with an accelerometer and gyroscope to measure movements, including when your dog is eating, drinking or sleeping. The collar includes Wi-Fi and Bluetooth to upload the information to the company's mobile app. The data is then analyzed to determine if your dog is stressed (pacing back and forth), possibly ill (not drinking enough), or could have fleas or allergies (scratching a lot). You can check in on your dog's activities and well-being through a Fitbit-style daily dashboard.

Jagger & Lewis said the collar has been tested with dogs ranging from 5 pounds all the way up to 100 pounds. The app can also offer feedback based on your dog's activity data, such as feeding and drinking recommendations.

As a dog lover, it's an interesting product, although I probably wouldn't buy it. I can tell how my dog is feeling when I am home based on his behavior, and I own a **Nest Cam** to monitor him when I am away. The company made the case that this could help when my dog's with a dog sitter or in a kennel, but if there's no Wi-Fi available, I won't be able to see the data regardless.

There's also the price. The collar will cost about \$200 (that's about £165 and AU\$275) when it launches on Kickstarter on January 24.

Article by CNET Insider January 4, 2017



Photo by Josh Goldman/CNET

Thank You

Dear OTCPBC members,

I am very grateful to be given an honorary membership again this year. The club has changed a great deal from the days when we hauled out mats from the utility room at the Armory and rolled them out for class on Tuesdays and Thursdays...and then rolled them back up and put them away again at the end of run-throughs!

I'll never forget the moment when I walked into the building one evening after a weekend of trials. I had gotten my first legs in novice with my GSD Akela. It was either Vic Cobb or Buzz Taylor who yelled "hi, congratulations!" at me when I walked in that night. I looked around to see who they were talking to....it certainly couldn't be me...none of the "biggies" would say hello to the likes of a newbie like me? After months of rolling mats, training, taking a club job and finally going to trials, they were talking to ME!

I soon became friends with these people -- Mary Jane Kelley was my first instructor and helped me get that big, unruly Shepherd under control and on the way to my first UD. She and Vic Cobb and Buzz Taylor became co-trainers and friends.

I tell that story to newcomers who often feel like outsiders at first when they join a club. The trick to becoming a part of the group is easy -- show up, train your dog, volunteer, take on office or club position. You will meet interesting people. You will learn a lot. You will make lifelong friends.

Being much less active in OTCPBC now, I very much appreciate the gesture of the honorary membership as a "remembrance" of days past. Thank you.

Bobbie Blythe

This is a thank you from an exhibitor at the obedience trials January 20 and 21. - ED

Hi Betty,

Thank you (and your Club) so much for a fun obedience trial weekend. The trial setting was wonderful and the judge had kind words for everyone. Thanks for baking the tasty treats. My pups loved them!!

See you soon,
Cecilia and Zayne

Please extend my thank you to the club for the assignment. Great group of folks.

Nancy (Watson) January 21 & 22, 2017 Obedience Judge

To: The Officers and Board of
Directors of OTCPBC

I was so pleasantly surprised to receive the "Outstanding Club Service Award" My dedication and love of our club has been there since the 70's and as long as I am capable I will continue to be involved. It is always a great honor to be recognized for your hard work.

THANK YOU to all who chose me for this award!

Peggy DeMinico

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<i>Thank You - Continued</i>

Members of OTCPBC,

I am pleased to report that we held a successful NACSW Odor Recognition Test yesterday, January 21, 2017.

We were blessed with wonderful weather, but even more with generous and gracious volunteers who made things work like clock work and took excellent care of our visitors. A big thank you to all club members for the use of the building and grounds.

We welcomed 38 handlers, 47 dogs and completed 96 Odor Recognition Tests. We hosted folks from Bonita Springs, Ft Meyers, Jacksonville, Naples, Sarasota, Ponte Vedra Beach and Winter Springs as well as more local folks.

A special thank you to Lauren Walsh who was our volunteer coordinator. She assembled a wonderful, gracious and efficient group of volunteers. Another thank you to Marti Hohmann who worked with NACSW to get site and date approved and was always available to step in and do what needed to be done.

A big thank you to folks who got the building prepared on Fridayafternoon: Lauren Walsh, Judy Norton, Pat O'Hara, Cindy Ponga, Cindy Porter, Lorraine Smith and student Marjorie Arnold. Sue Carlson prepared our signs. Thanks also to Marti Hohmann and Betty Gansky for making sure we had a Porta Potty delivered and to Diana Johnson-Ford who made sure it was fully supplied throughout the day.

Thanks to those who helped on Saturday. Judy Norton, Marti Hohmann, Cindy Ponga, Cindy Porter, Marjorie Butcher, Angel Andrews, Lindsey Smith, Pat O'Hara, Diana Johnson-Ford, Alison Tanner, Barbara Zaniewski, Page Athan, Joanna Brousell and Lauren Walsh.

Folks came early to take care of those pre-trial tasks that could not be done on Friday: setting up outdoor equipment (pop-up, registration table, number flip device), working with CO and judge to mark out box placement.

During the day folks helped competitors park, check-in and be on deck on time. Our folks kept things moving efficiently, handled hot box and cold box tasks, served as judge's and gate stewards.

Everyone pitched in, watched out for things that needed to be done and then did them.

And then at the end of the event, everything was put back together so quickly.

I would also like to mention some folks not members of the club, but who also helped and who were warmly welcomed by our club members: Polly Jacobsen, Alison Chambers (trainer who works for our judge), Carol Bowling, and Lisa Brooks.

It was very nice to work again with our Certifying Official, Ann Waterbury from Clearwater and Judge, Jamie Diaz from Deerfield Beach. And both complimented us on a well-run trial.

Thank you,

Judy McPartland

Thank You—continued

I'd like to thank our judge Nancy Watson, Joanna Brousell, Diana Johnson-Ford & the entire crew who worked to make this trial a success. A special thanks to Beth a prospective member who helped me in the kitchen from start to finish on Sunday!

I had numerous people come up to me both days to tell me how much they loved our trials, our building, our Show & Go's etc. It really touched my heart!

Betty

Below is Joanna Brousell's Obedience up-date & thank you!

From Joanna:

The January obedience Trial is now history. We had a wonderful trial and many thank yous are required for all those who worked so hard to make it a success.

I think we will all agree, the selection of Nancy Watson was brilliant. She was of course very efficient and professional but also so encouraging and informative for the exhibitors. She had a wonderful way of welcoming you into the ring, making the ring experience less scary.

I have to thank my committee. As I told them I could not do the show without their help and knowledge. Peggy is my right hand, she is so knowledgeable of the building, the procedures and all that is needed for the show. I can count on her to fill in when I miss something. She was there for the set up and the take down, filled in as the table steward. What can I say, such an asset.

Then my Chief Ring Steward, Charlotte Czermann. She organized the ring crew and had everything moving so smoothly. She was there to set up and clean up and by my side during the show. Thank you for the memories, of cheering for the entrants, during the show. It makes things fun.

Then I have to compliment Janet Moore for handling the ribbons. It is a very big job to handle the awards, the placement ribbons and the Q's with toys and goodies. I do not know how many noticed but she decorated the ribbon table so beautifully. She too was there for set up and take down.

Diana Johnson-Ford. What can I say. She is building a distinguished reputation, as Trial Secretary.. It is an honor and privilege to have her as my Secretary. Perfection personified. Thank you so much.

I want to thank Judy McPartland and Bob Millar who worked as Table Steward. This is a complex job and they did a great job.

It was so nice to see Bob Vence again and he did a yeoman job as steward all day Saturday. Margorie Butcher, Katie Grosso, John Gorbas and Maryann Lannon were gate stewards, posts and did a great job. I have to thank Brian Grosso who helped video when asked. I have to compliment Katie, she learned so well as Utility steward.

I also have to thank Betty and Jeff. Not being a cook, I admire those who are good and Betty is excellent. The two lunches she put on for the workers were so delicious. Everyone was so appreciative of the variety and of course the desserts. I have to thank Betty for being a president who helps the Chairs and is always there for any questions. She does so much to support and insure the success, for the Chair.

Joanna Brousell

January 6, 2017 General Membership Meeting Minutes

Total of 47 members, 1 honorary member, 4 guests and approximately 9 prospective new members in attendance.

President Betty Gansky called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Motion to accept the November General Membership Meeting minutes as printed in Lead Lines by Robert Vence, seconded by Charlotte Czermann. Motion passed.

Motion to adopt the addition to the By-laws to reinstate the corresponding secretary as published in the November edition of Lead Lines by Judy McPartland, seconded by Lucy Carr. Motion passed.

Reports:

Joan Bruno announced the bank balances for checking and saving accounts.

Secretary, Kelly McDonough no report

Marti Hohmann, Obedience Coordinator gave an update on the upcoming classes please see the club website for schedule and class information.

Fran Smith, Tracking Coordinator Tracking test held the weekend of January 7/8 – Joe Hamzy passed the TDU with both of his dogs. Trial secretary was Lori Patterson.

Judy McPartland, Nose Work Coordinator – UKC Match was held on Dec 10th – awaiting word from UKC on our license to move forward with UKC Nose Work events. NACSW trial is January 21, 2017 – 100 runs scheduled. Weekend of May 13 & 14: NACSW Trial at the Ft. Pierce Fair Grounds

Kim Carey, Agility Coordinator Assistant gave an update on the revamped agility program. Barbara Bounds is the Agility Coordinator. Please see the club website for class information and schedules.

Nancy Honchar reported on the success of the January 8 show n go. Will be sending out an email to the membership with future schedule.

Reading of memberships:

2nd Readings – voted into membership

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Regular Membership

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Labrador & Malinois
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Household Membership

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Mini Schnauzers
Sponsored by Carol Munn & Marti Hohmann

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American Staffordshire Terrier
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1st readings:

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Irish Water Spaniels
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Lori Patterson
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 Regular Membership

Phone: 561/271-8868
 German Wirehaired Pointers
 Sponsored by Betty Gansky & Angel Andrews

Diane Sedberry
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 Regular Membership

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 Shetland Sheepdogs
 Sponsored by Kelly McDonough & Lucy Carr

Membership applications received these prospective members were present.

Beth & Scott T. Adams
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 Household Membership

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 Australian Shepherd & Australian Shep. Mix
 Sponsored by Charlotte Czermann & Peggy DeMinico

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 Associate Membership

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 Australian Shepherd & German Shepherd
 Sponsored by Celeste Platte & Charlotte Czermann

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 Regular Membership

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 Border Collies & Cavalier King Charles
 Sponsored by Bobbie Blythe & Liese Hookey

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 Regular Membership

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 Pembroke Welsh Corgies
 Sponsored by Angel Andrews & Marti Hohmann

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 Associate Membership

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 Chihuahua & Labrador
 Sponsored by Peggy DeMinico & Betty Gansky

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 Regular Membership

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 Rottweiler
 Sponsored by Charlotte Czermann & Beverly Cash

Betty Gansky thanked Tracey Guziejka regarding the pressure cleaning and striping of the parking lot.

January Obedience Trial: 43 entries

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February Agility Trials closes for entries on January 18, 2017. Still need volunteers to help.

April Rally Trials (4/29 & 4/30) Joanna Broussel Chair // Judges: Aline Brisendine & Dr. Norine Noonan.

June Obedience Trials (6/10 & 6/11) Peggy DeMinico Chair // Judge: Carol Ann Klein. Versatility will be offered.

September Obedience Trials (9/30 & 10/1) Donna Kornmeyer Chair // Judge: Bob Withers. Versatility will be offered.

November Rally Trials (11/17 & 11/18) Steve Campbell Chair // Judges: Kincaids

Toys for Tots: The club donated a total of 4 filled "toys for tots" donation boxes in addition to numerous large amazon boxes. Kelly McDonough thanked the membership for their generosity and thanked Celeste Platte for shopping with the \$500 donation from the club and Kathleen and Brian Grosso for their donation footballs, basketballs and soccer balls before they became members of the club. We will be participating again in the program for 2017.

Update to Policies and Procedures regarding Barn Hunt & NACSW regulations. Update will be sent to membership along with the updated Constitution and By-Laws.

Carol Munn volunteered to take over sending out cards to members for sickness etc (not birthdays.)

Need donations for gift baskets for agility trial – Mary Macchia to coordinate.

Silver Medalist for 2017: Charlotte Czermann

The following awards were presented to members.

Nose Work Award presented to Fran Smith by Judy McPartland.

Obedience Award presented to Charlotte Czermann by Marti Hohmann

Tracking Award presented to Jane Craig (Not present) by Fran Smith

Sportsmanship Award presented to Janet Moore by Betty Gansky and OTCPBC Officers & Board

Unsung Hero Award presented to Celeste Platte by Betty Gansky and OTCPBC Officers & Board

Hospitality Award presented to Kelly McDonough by Betty Gansky and OTCPBC Officers & Board

Innovation Award presented to Marti Hohmann by Betty Gansky and OTCPBC Officers & Board

Volunteer of the Year Award presented to Diana Johnson Ford by Betty Gansky and OTCPBC Officers & Board

Outstanding Club Service Award presented to Peggy DeMinico by Betty Gansky and OTCPBC Officers & Board

President's Award presented to Judy McPartland by Betty Gansky

The following individuals were voted into Honorary Membership:

Bobbi Blythe Denna Strauss

Mary & Paul Happersatt Ray Hookey

Barbie Keogh Joe Wolak

Carol Ann Klein Mirabelle Wrist

Ann Levy Erica Guziejka

Dick Mansell

Gift certificates were given to Joe Wolak, Jeff Gansky and Ray Hookey for their service to the club.

Kelly McDonough reported the results of the 2017 election:

President: Betty Gansky

Vice President: Stephen Campbell

Treasurer: Fran Smith

Recording Secretary: Celeste Platte

Corresponding Secretary: Lieselotte Hookey

MEMBERS AT LARGE:

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Nancy Honchar

Diane Wolak

The next meeting will be March 6th, no meeting in February due to the agility trials.

Motion to adjourn by Jonathan Halpern, seconded by Angel Andrews. Meeting Adjourned at 8:17pm.

Respectfully submitted

Kelly A McDonough

OTCPBC Secretary

By unanimous vote of the Board of Directors, the following verbiage has been added to the OTCPBC Policy and Procedures (P & P). I will be sending out the revised P & P at the end of this month.

The underlined portion is the addition to this policy.

Celeste Platte, Recording Secretary

POLICY AND PROCEDURES

ACTS OF AGRESSION

Members must follow the training director's, instructor's, or event coordinators' guidelines and directions with regard to the behavior and control of their dog(s) at all times.

1. Classes:

- a) Instructors or class members who observe a dog behaving aggressively in class may file an incident report with the Training Coordinator. Reports must be filed within 5 days of the occurrence. The Training Coordinator must report incident report filings to the Board.
- b) Subsequent to review, the Training Coordinator may decide to impose limitations upon the dog's participation in group classes. Limitations may include wearing a muzzle, remaining leashed at all times, maintaining a 30' distance from other dogs (the length of 3 stretched-out ring gates), or being denied participation in group classes altogether. Such limitations are imposed by the Training Director on a case by case basis.

2. Government Agency Suspension:

- a) Any member's dog(s) that has been classified as aggressive and/or dangerous by a government agency, including but not limited to the Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control, will not be allowed to participate in any classes, seminars and/or events, etc. sponsored by The Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County. The dog(s) also will not be allowed to come on to any property owned by OTCPBC. This policy shall only apply to the subject dog(s), not the owner.
- b) The refund of any monies paid by the member for the above will be evaluated by the Board of Directors.

Braggs

The Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County has been approved to host one day each of NW1 & NW2 on May 13th & 14th, 2017 at St. Lucie County Fairgrounds and Equestrian Center – 15601 West Midway Rd., Fort Pierce, FL.

Crating will be in an air-conditioned building. Premium and Entry will be available mid-February 2017.

Please Note: It is not appropriate to visit the trial location prior to the trial date, nor should training take place on the trial grounds once an event is approved/announced.

Both of these ladies were in Peggy & my Utility class for two sessions. I'm very proud & happy for both of them. See below. This is Diane's second leg. She earned her 1st leg before the holidays. This is June's 1st leg.

Betty

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: JEFF GANSKY <jgansky@prodigy.net>
To: June Feigenblatt <junefeigenblatt@gmail.com>; Diane Sedberry <dijised@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 2:39 PM
Subject: Congratulations!!!

I just heard the good news! Both of you qualified in Utility A on Sunday with very good scores!

CONGRATULATIONS!!! I've very proud of both of you!



Flash is a Staffordshire Terrier who is owned & loved by Jerry & Elissa Feig. She was trained by Jerry & Betty (who adores her) as well as handled by Betty. Flash earned her CD at the trial on Sunday January 15th.

Not only did Flash earn her CD she did it with 6 consecutive 1st places! Three in Beg Nov B as well as well three in Nov B! Her lowest score being 190 1/2!

What a GOOD girl Flash! I'm VERY proud of you! *Betty Gansky*

At the OTC VST/TDU test on January 8 there were two passes:

OakMeadow Beautiful Friendship CDX TDU JH WC, Bay
CH Wingmaster Our Side Will Win CDX TDU JH WC, Will

Joe and Mary Ann Hamzy

My dog Dallas at the recent tailwaggers agility trial had 8 Q's in 8 runs

John Corbus

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Astro the Weimaraner earned his Nosework 2 title in Jacksonville on Dec. 18. He passed all four of his searches---vehicles, interiors, exteriors & containers, and even ignored the tempting blueberry muffin distraction in the Tinkerbelle suitcase

Jane Craig and CH Bivins Sandolar Solar Astronaut BN, RN, NJP, NAP, TD, TDU, JH, & now NW2



Like all good students of OTCPBC, William (Overlook's Sutton Downpour RE, CD, CGC) achieved his first two legs toward his CDX title with a respectable showing. He had a brief "hiccup" on Sunday in the figure eight, but despite that, finished in second place in both of our January trials. We are looking forward to getting his next leg, and then we will move on to Utility.

Lynn & Jonathan Halpern

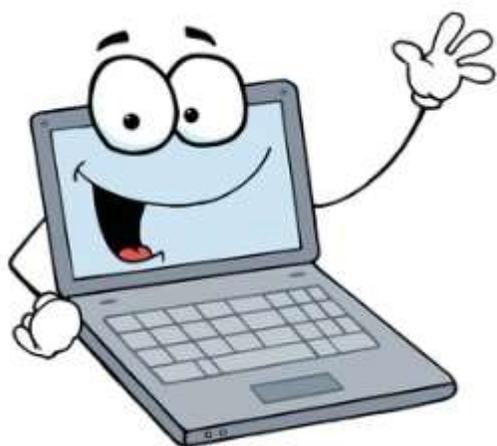


The next general meeting will be:

Monday—March 6, 2017

No meeting in February

Did you remember to pay your dues? There are about eight people that will be dropped from the membership on January 31, 2017.



For all club events

www.otcpbc.org



Volunteer Hours

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