



Lead Lines

A Newsletter for Members

March, 2017



Fun and Games Day at OTC **Sunday April 2, from 1 to 4 pm**

Members and family with well-behaved dogs on leash. (No flexi leads, please)

Bring your crate, chair, dog treats and sense of humor. We will have a crating area, a ring for fun and games, and light refreshments.

The ring will have games and skills for beginner dogs alternating with more advanced dogs. Show us your skills, learn new ones! Come and go as you please during the afternoon, or stay the whole time. Come out with your dog and socialize, even if you don't want to participate in the games. Retired dogs encouraged to attend and get in on the fun.

RSVP to lorenetaylor@comcast.net so we can plan food. Even if you don't RSVP, we would like to see you. This is a chance for us to socialize and spend time together with each other and our dogs.

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Next General Meeting

Monday, April 3, 2017

7:00 PM

GUEST SPEAKER!

Learn how to take your pet's vitals and know what is normal for them. Be prepared for an emergency before it happens. Learn Pet CPR.

Taught by: Cathy Mauser B.S. Ed.
 American Red Cross Pet First Aid 2007
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**ACT Agility Trial
Saturday March 4, 2017**



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Benadryl for Dogs

Anna Burke | August 10, 2016

The temptation to reach into our medicine cabinets to treat our pets can be very dangerous. Humans and dogs react very differently to medications, which is why veterinarians caution dog owners against making independent decisions about how to medicate their animals. However, some human medications are safe for use with dogs, as long as they are used appropriately.

Veterinarians use Benadryl for dogs on a regular basis to [treat allergies](#), [travel anxiety](#), and motion sickness. While you should always consult with your veterinarian before giving your dog a human medication, here is what you need to know about using Benadryl for dogs.

What is Benadryl?

Benadryl is the brand name for the [active ingredient diphenhydramine HCL](#). Diphenhydramine is a first-generation ethanolamine-derivative antihistamine, which is the scientific way of classifying antihistamines that can cross the blood-brain barrier from those that cannot. The ability to cross the blood-brain barrier makes them very effective, but also increases the risk of adverse effects when compared to less effective second-generation antihistamines. While [Benadryl is not yet FDA-approved for veterinary use](#), it is considered safe for use in dogs and cats and is commonly used in veterinary practices across the U.S.

How Does Benadryl Work?

Diphenhydramine is a receptor antagonist, which means that the drug works by blocking the receptors that receive histamines in the body. This relieves many of the symptoms associated with allergies, like itching, sneezing, and hives. The body still produces histamines, but the receptor antagonist blocks the receptors from registering the histamines. It is a bit like the mail-person trying to deliver mail to an already full mailbox. The letter arrives, but there is no room for it.

What Does Benadryl Treat in Dogs?

Benadryl is a great medication for use in dogs with mild-to-moderate allergies. Seasonal allergies, food allergies, environmental allergies, and [allergic reactions to snake and insect bites](#) all respond to Benadryl in most cases. Benadryl is commonly used to treat itchiness in dogs caused by [skin allergies](#), and it also reduces many of the other [symptoms of allergies](#), including:

- Itching
- Hives
- Swelling and inflammation
- Redness
- Runny nose and eyes
- Coughing
- Sneezing
- Anaphylactic reaction

One of the side effects of Benadryl is drowsiness, which helps to calm anxious dogs. The Merck Veterinary Manual states that diphenhydramine may relieve symptoms of mild-to-moderate [anxiety in pets associated with travel](#). It also may help [relieve motion sickness](#) during car rides and plane rides.

Veterinarians prescribe [Benadryl for dogs with mast cell tumors](#) to help mitigate the effects of the massive histamine release caused by mast cell degranulation. Benadryl is also used as adjunct therapy for other conditions. Veterinarians sometimes prescribe diphenhydramine during heartworm treatment, as it helps prevent allergic reactions associated with [heartworm treatment therapy](#).

Benadryl makes an excellent addition to your pet emergency kit. If you don't already have a [pet emergency kit or pet travel kit](#), consider putting one together today.

For the complete article above, go to: <http://www.akc.org/content/health/articles/benadryl-for-dogs/>

If the link does not work, go to www.AKC.org and search for Benadryl for dogs

Board of Directors Meeting Thursday, March 2, 2017

The meeting was called to order 6:20 PM by President Betty Gansky.

Board Members Present: Paige Athan, Celeste Platte, Diane Wolak, Fran Smith, Betty Gansky, Steve Campbell, Liese Hookey, Nancy Honchar. Guest Presenter: Tracy Guiejka

- A profit was made for the following trials of 2017: Agility – February; Obedience – January; Nose Work ORT, Nose Work Seminar.
- The premium is now available for the Rally Trials of April 29 & 30, 2017
- The Dusk to Dawn lighting has been completed on building and potty area.
- The Blue Book project - Status of Membership Portal is still ongoing, but near completion.
- Membership applications via Website: Potential members will be able to download a membership application. However, they still must obtain signatures from two members who have known them for at least six months. The potential member will also have to bring the application to a general meeting for it to be accepted.
- Membership renewal will be accepted through the OTC website. After discussion by the Board, it was decided that the club would absorb the processing fee for membership renewals ONLY. Fran Smith made the above motion. Diane Wolak seconded. Unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Kitchen remodeling project: Tracy Guiejka obtained three bids from contractors for the remodeling project. She gave a presentation of each of the bids she had researched. After much discussion, the Board asked Tracy to contact one contractor and find out where the cabinets he proposed in his bid were made. Tracy will also contact another contractor and determine if the price quoted could be lowered by using alternative materials than those that were proposed.
- Appliances will be purchased by the club, not the contractor.
- Based on the information Tracy obtains about the cabinets and possible estimate modification, the Board will make a recommendation to the general membership for final approval of the kitchen remodeling.
- The project is expected to last three weeks, but to build in unexpected delays, the project will commence, if approved, after the obedience trial in June.
- Maximum cost would be \$25,000 which includes cabinets, appliances, electrical, sink, granite.
- New letterhead for OTC. Suzie Carlson presented some options for the Board's consideration. Recommendations were made on one of the samples and will be returned to Suzie for modification.
- Event Plans for 2017. Kelly McDonough has agreed to chair the following drives this year. The cereal drive, Canine Cancer, and Toys for Tots.
- Obedience Judges are needed for 2018. Also, if we are going to offer half day of Rally on Friday, we need to make sure the judge will do the classes. Celeste Platte will research available judges with cost efficiency in mind and return the findings to the Board for consideration.
- OTC Fun Day proposed for April by Peggy DeMinico and Lorene Taylor: Betty will contact Peggy and Lorene and ask them for a scenario of what they envision for the fun day. If they want to have the fun day, they must coordinate everything.

Betty made a motion to adjourn. Steve Campbell seconded. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Platte
Recording Secretary

General Meeting Monday, March 6, 2017

Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County (OTCPBC)

Board members present: Betty Gansky, Liese Hookey, Celeste Platte, Fran Smith, Nancy Honchar, Absent: Page Athan, Steve Campbell, Diane Wolak

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by President Betty Gansky

Approval of the minutes of the January 9, 2017 General Meeting: Motion moved by Judy McPartland, Seconded by Marti Hohmann. Minutes Approved.

Corresponding Secretary – Liese Hookey. Per the Dog Obedience Clubs of Florida (DOCOF) rules, a membership roster was sent to DOCOF president Ken Kincaid.

Ken Cox was sent a contract to judge the OTCPBC Obedience trial in January 2019.

Treasurer - Fran Smith gave a report on the finances of OTCPBC,

Obedience Coordinator - Marti Hohmann gave a report of the upcoming classes. Visit www.otcpbc.org to view the classes being offered and upcoming classes. Marti talked at length about the new AKC title "Tricks." If you are interested in specific classes, contact Marti at www.otcpbc.org.

Agility Coordinator - Barbara Bounds: A lot of classes are being offered now and many are planned for the future. Kim Carey is assisting. Referred to the OTCPBC website for classes being offered and upcoming classes.

There are a lot of changes to the Agility Rules and Regulations taking affect soon such as table height, jumps, etc. Competitors need to be aware of these new rules.

ACT Agility event was held on Saturday, March 3 on the Agility/Obedience Field. The first ever trial held on this field. Very successful. Several titles and legs were achieved.

Nose Work Coordinator - Judy McPartland gave a report on Nosework. Trials and classes held and being held, seminars past and future. The Nose Work event in Ft. Pierce on May 23 & 14, 2017 is NACSW NW1 & NW2.

Judy is researching the AKC Scent Work titling sport title.

Show and Goes - Nancy Honchar. The next event is April 9 starting at 9:00 AM. OTC members will be given a chance to enter five days prior to the entries being open to the public.

Rally - Premiums April, 2017 are now available.

New Members – The following members were voted in after two readings of their applications.

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The following applications were received and acknowledged on March 5, 2017 (required two more meetings)

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Tracking Coordinator – Lori Patterson was appointed as Tracking Coordinator for OTCPCB.

Fund Raising Events – Kelly McDonough has agreed to chair various events through this year. The Cereal Drive event (yes, the kind you eat), will benefit the Boys and Girls Club. It assures the children of the club will have breakfast while they are out of school for the summer.

There will be no Bark and Bowl this year, but Kelly will still spearhead some sort of canine cancer fund raiser. More information to come in Lead Lines. She will also oversee the Toys for Tots again this year.

Kitchen Renovation - The Board has been working on the concept of renovating the kitchen. Three bids were acquired by Tracy Guiejka. Tracy gave a presentation to the members present at the meeting. The Board recommended that the club approved Carousel to remodel the kitchen.

Celeste Platte made a motion to accept the proposal by Carousel with a maximum of \$25,000.00 expenditure. Jonathan Halpern seconded the motion. A vote was taken with 22 members in favor and four opposed. The motion passed by majority. The demolition is scheduled to begin after the obedience trial in June this year.

Brags: Carol Munn bragged about how well her Cavalier's did in the ACT Agility Trial. Kelly McDonough's sheltie, Rosie, earned her ACT1 title.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Platte
Recording Secretary

Braggs

We, as dog lovers, have always known how smart our dogs are. NOW scientists are getting in on the “know” and doing some research on the matter. The below is a 12 minute segment from 60 minutes. Just click on the link or copy the hyperlink into you browser and watch. Enjoy. - Editor

SMART DOG: <https://youtu.be/Lhseg979EQk>

Below are the results of ACT Agility Qualifiers held at OTCPCB field on February 25th, 2017.

ACT1 Qualifiers / *New Title:

*Spencer & Carol Munn
 *Tansey & Melanie Bryson
 *Pendleton & Suzanne Carlson
 *Rosie & Kelly McDonough
 *Twister & Lisa Herman
 *Rico & Stacey Tillberg
 Kalani & Lois Ronis
 Freyja & Mary Carson
 Shayla & Kimber Sobeck
 Mysha & Sue Muntz

ACT2 Qualifiers / *New Title:

*Twister & Lisa Herman
 Tansey & Melanie Bryson
 Kalani & Lois Ronis
 Spencer & Carol Munn



Congratulations to Rafa & Patti Clouser on a job well-done. Two 1st placements at the JTDC trials in Beginner Novice “A”

Patti and Rafa have been coming to the Monday night Proofing class. The hard work paid off for them.

Betty Gansky, Proud Teacher of the Proofing Class

Braggs - continued



Appraxin Jovani Ketch Me If You Can BN CD RN "ROWDY"
Earned his 2nd leg in Rally Advanced at the Everglades Golden Ret. Trial Friday at the SF Fairgrounds.

But the icing on the cake was his wins in the breed ring!

He was expertly handled by my good friend
Susan Halpin.

Palm Beach Dog Fanciers Association Shows

Saturday - Winners Dog, Best of Winners—
1 point
Sunday—Winners Dog, Best Opposite Sex—
1 point



His first show was 2 years ago at the Fairgrounds where he went reserve to the major.

Slowly we are on our way to a Championship!!

Peggy DeMinico



Shetland Sheepdog, Winter, achieved his BN title on March 9th. Thanks to great obedience instructors Mary and Betty!!

Michelle Trummer



Spencer CD, RE, (Carol Munn) received his first title in
Agility ACT1 and qualifying run in Agility ACT 2.

Carol Munn

Braggs - Continued



At the Florida East Coast Dachshund Club's specialty, March 10, 2017 Tim, a 10 month old mini smooth dachshund went Best of Winners (BOW) from the puppy class in both shows. Best Opposite of Sex (BOS) to Best of Variety (BOV) in first and also BOS to BOB in first specialty . Three varieties compete at Specialties for BOB.



In the second specialty he was BOV from classes and then BOB. Unfortunately he did not get majors, because even though there were seven specials in longs and two CH veteran bitches in smooths, they do not add to the point count, so he got two points in each show even though he beat 25 dachshunds in the second specialty. Only the one variety counted towards his points. He showed beautifully and both judges commented on his potential which made it nice.

His registered name is Armidachs Ultimatum, owned by Steve Campbell, and he was imported from Russia.

Steve Campbell



Astro the Weimaraner got his last two legs to earn his CD at Jupiter Tequesta's obedience trial!

Jane Craig and CH Bivins Sandolar Solar Astro-naut TD TDU JH RN BN CD NAP NJP



On Saturday March 4th at OTCPCB's first AKC ACT test Enclave Wild Irish Rose CD, BN, RN CGCA "Rosie" double q'd for her ACT 1 Title. I am extremely proud of Rosie's accomplishment, especially since we have not trained in agility since November 2016. Thank you to the club, Judge Barbara Bounds and Event Secretary Kim Carey for this great event.

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William got his third leg for his CDX at the Jupiter-Tequesta Dog Training Club trial this past Sunday, March 19th with five competitors he finished first. Now it's on to Utililty.

William is Overlook's Sutton Downpour, CDX, RE, CGC, CCA.

Lynn & Jonathan Halpern



On Sunday, March 19, 2017, OTCPCB hosted a Sniff'n Go in West Delray. We had fabulous weather (special thanks to Carol Bowling) and offered searches in Interiors, Exteriors, Speed, Containers, Distance, and Vehicles (special thanks to Marjorie Butcher). Great dog-and-handler teams came out to have fun and to prepare for upcoming Nosework trials. Handlers also pitched in as volunteers to make the day a success.

Liese Brooks



Dear Members,

Thank you for all the great brags AND PICTURES this month.

A couple of reminders:

- 1) *Please feel free to send me your brag as soon as you have it. Actually that makes it a little easier for me. You DO NOT have to WAIT until I request the brags.*
- 2) *If I do not acknowledge your brag (article, whatever) **within 48 hours**, email me and ask if I got it. Brags have been lost in the great cyberspace. I would rather get a poke or two than not get your brag in the Lead Lines because I did not know about it.*

Please send ALL Lead Lines information to: otcleadlines@gmail.com.

Thank you.

Celeste Platte

Lead Lines Editor



For all club events

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