



Lead Lines

A Newsletter for Members

May, 2017



Annual Club Picnic and General Meeting

Monday June 5 at **6:30PM**

NOTE TIME CHANGE

There will be a short meeting and then good food. OTC will supply the drinks, burgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, condiments & buns.

Members are to bring a side dish or dessert.

Contact coordinator Kelly McDonough @ kellmcd222@gmail.com and let her know what you plan to bring.



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From: Page Athan

RE: Resignation

Dear board member friends,

The good news is that my husband Harry is getting better ! He is stronger and able to drive. This means we are able to go to our cabin in the woods more often than anticipated. The bad news is that I am not able to help y'all run the club because I'm not in town enough. Therefore, please accept my resignation so that you may appoint someone who can do a better job on the board.
 Thank you all for doing such a great job for us.

With affection,
 Page and the poodles

To: Page Athan

I'm very happy to hear that Harry's health has improved! That's terrific. There is nothing worse than dealing with a very sick spouse. I've been there.

I'd like to thank you for all of your service to the club as well as the Board's you have served on over the years. You've been terrific!

I know you will continue to help out whenever you are in town & available!

I wish you & Harry the VERY best!

Thanks!

Betty

Proposed change to the Constitution and Bylaws

Proposal to add Scent Work as a sport, as indicated by adding the words “scent work” which is underlined. Section 2, a & e. **This proposed amendment will be voted on at the June 5, 2017 general meeting.**

ARTICLE I -NAME and OBJECTS

Section 1. **The Name** of the Club shall be: **Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County**
(Referred to as OTCPC or The Club).

Section 2. **The Object** of the Club is to:

- a. Promote the training of dogs;
- b. Advance the sport of obedience, rally agility, scent work, and tracking;
- c. Conduct classes for the training of dogs and their handlers;
- d. Encourage the training of judges;
- e. Hold and support obedience trials, rally trials, agility trials, scent work, and tracking tests under the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club;

Thank You

Well, another trial is in the books. I want to tank everyone who worked so hard to put this one on. You need a village to make light work. Even then it is hard work but also a lot of fun.

My first thank you is to the set up crew. It is a lot of work to come down to the club in the middle of Friday to set up the building for the trial but these guys made it fun. Charlotte and Marge set up the ribbon table and Peggy and Nancy set up the stewards tables. John set up the tables, cause I could not open them up. We all got the curtains, up the tape down, all the many of little things to do, so the trial goes smoothly. For me, it was a great group to work with and thank you.

Thank you to Steve Campbell and his stewards. I would go over to check, if everything was going OK and got shooed away. It was nice not to be needed. They did a beautiful professional job, making the trial run very smoothly. So thanks to Celeste Platte, Scott T Adams, Nancy Honchar, Mary Macchia, Tracey Gujeka and Erica, and Lynn and John Halpern.

Thank you to Betty and Jeff for the lunch on Saturday, her baked beans and slaw were delicious.

You can not have a trial without the Trial Secretary and Dianna is the best. There is so much paper work before , during and after the trial, our club is blessed to have someone like Dianna willing to do the work and with a smile.

Thank you to Charlotte Czermann and Marjorie Butcher for taking care of the ribbons and trophies. It is a big job to keep track of the number of ribbons used, getting each class prepared with placement gifts and title ribbons. So thank you, again.

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Thank you to Tricia Boychuk for helping me, both days, setting up lunch for the workers. Preparing the tables and cleaning up after.

And, after the trial is over and everyone else goes home.....the clean up crew. My thanks go to Charlotte Czermann, Nancy Honchar and Steve Campbell.

I have one more special thanks to Peggy De Minico. She is there at set up, she is there at take down, She is there all day for each trial. I am so appreciative that she will accept my plea, to help me with the trials. She knows the building, the rules and regs for everything. I know we are doing it right, if she says so.

I hope you all had a good time while we were putting on this trial, I know I did. I have already heard from others it was a great show, so thanks for the last time.

Joanna Brousell

Sent: Sunday, April 30, 2017 5:57 PM

Subject: Thanks

Hi Betty:

I would like to thank you and your club for inviting me to judge your Rally Trials this past Sat. I enjoyed my time judging for you and everybody was very cordial and helpful. Quite a friendly atmosphere, nice building, very much appreciated.

Please pass the word along to all in your club. A BIG Thank You So Much for good stewards and all your help.

Aline Brisendine

(Rally Judge Saturday, April 29)

I was OUR pleasure having you! I received all glowing comments about your judging! Looking forward to seeing you & having you judge for us again in the future!

THANK YOU!

Betty

DOCOF

Hello fellow club members,

It is getting close to that time of year when we need to start thinking about putting together team(s) for DOCOF.

For those of you that are new to obedience and may not know much about this event, DOCOF stands for the Dog Obedience Clubs of Florida. DOCOF is an association of clubs and training schools from across the State who gather together annually in friendly competition. The organization's goals are to promote humane dog obedience training through the cooperation of all member organizations throughout Florida, and encourage sportsmanlike competition.

Competing clubs belong to the DOCOF organization. Qualifying scores received in the DOCOF competition do not count towards any legs or titles, instead, club teams compete for high scores.

Clubs that are competing in this event may send up to three teams. The club's first team consists of three dogs & handlers competing at each of the three levels of obedience (Novice, Open and Utility). If there are additional teams competing, Novice must be filled first and then Open and Utility. Teams two and three, if the club is sending that many teams, do not need to be complete teams.

Of the three dogs competing at each level, the scores of the two highest scoring dogs are tallied. The score of the third team is not counted. The scores for the six highest scoring dogs are then compared to other teams and places are announced and awarded. If the team is not complete at nine dogs and handlers the scores of the applicable dogs are added.

In 2016 OTCPCB sent one team to the competition. The team placed 12th out of 35 teams that were competing. The team earned 1044.5 points. The highest scoring team had 1168.5 points.

The DOCOF competition is held the Sunday before Labor Day, which this year will be on September 3. On the Saturday before the competition there usually is a training seminar given by a judge, AKC representative or an obedience competitor that has done well. You also will be able to train in the ring where you will be competing on that day.

DOCOF judges are regular AKC judges from outside the state of Florida.

Further announcements and information will be coming at club meetings about DOCOF. This really is a lot of fun.

Bob Millar

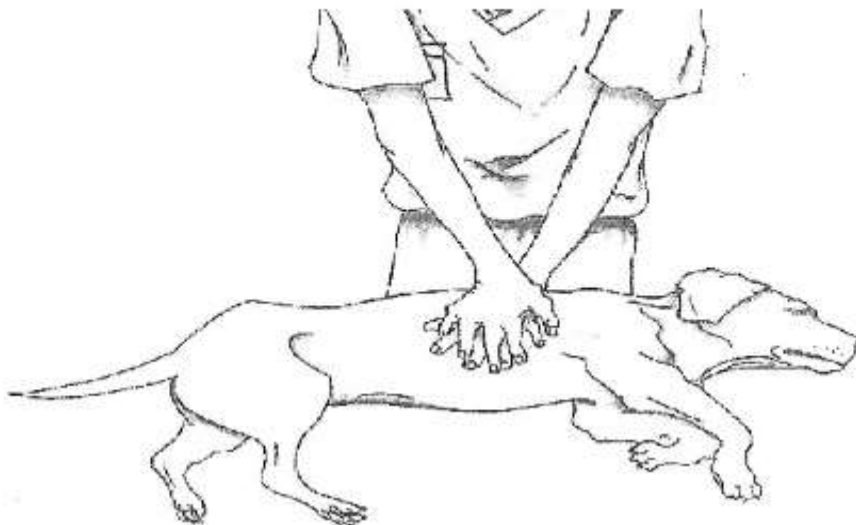
Brandywine VIII UD, RE

Rocketman of Brentwood, CDX, RE CGC

KnightDrmz Aberdeen's Moonlight CDX, RAE2, CGC

Lycinan's Summer Rain, RA, CD, HIT

The following are handouts from Cathy Mauser B.S. Ed., American Red Cross Pet First Aid 2007 when she spoke to OTC in April about CPR for Dogs.



The recommendations for CPR in dogs and cats include the following:

Perform 100 to 120 chest compressions per minute of one-third to one-half of the chest width, with the animal lying on its side. Ventilate dogs and cats at a rate of 10 breaths per minute. For mouth-to-snout ventilation, maintain a ratio of 30-2. As in humans the rate for compressions can be increased the smaller the animal is. Smaller dogs and cats can be 150 compressions. One hand can be utilized pressing down on the side of a smaller animal. For the cat or a very small dog place one hand on either side of the chest area and for compressions. Perform CPR in 2-minute cycles, switching the person performing the compressions with each cycle. Animal must be taken to Vet immediately. CPR may need to be done while heading to Vets.

Video @ www.youtube.com/watch?v=3JHdrojxzSw

http://ps://



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As the text above is hard to read, I have duplicated it below. - Ed

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(I needed to scroll down about 1/2 page to find video.—Ed)

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Pet In Distress

If your pet is ever in distress, it's helpful to be familiar with their vital signs. Knowing how to periodically check and record normal vital signs is a smart idea; not only will it give you and your furry family member some practice doing it, but you'll be able to use the numbers as a baseline of what's "normal" for your pet in case of an accident or illness. The three main vitals you want to measure are the heart rate, respiratory rate and body temperature.

heart rate

A normal heart rate for dogs is 60-140 beats per minute, and for cats is 160-240 beats per minute.

To determine your pet's heart rate, put your hand to their chest and count how many pulses you feel in 15 seconds, then multiply by four to get the number of beats per minute.

Don't be alarmed if your pet's heart skips a beat when they breathe. This is likely normal, as cats and dogs can have a sinus arrhythmia (a fancy way of saying their heart seems to skip a beat when they breathe). If you're concerned about the rhythm of your pet's heartbeat, ask your vet to take a listen and make sure everything is okay.

If you have trouble detecting heart beats in the chest area, try placing two fingers on the middle of your dog's thigh near where the leg joins the body. There, you should be able to feel the femoral artery pulsing each time the heart beats (this can be very difficult to feel in a cat).

respiratory rate

Determine your pet's rate of respiration at rest (in other words, not right after a game of Frisbee or chasing the laser pointer). A healthy dog takes between 12 and 24 breaths per minute, and a healthy cat takes between 20 and 30 breaths per minute.

To measure breathing rate, count the number of times the chest expands in 10 seconds and multiply by six. You can do this either by watching your pet or resting your hand on the ribs.

Normal respiration should not make any noise, and should require very little effort. Of course, if you have a brachycephalic breed like a Pug, **English Bulldog**, Himalayan or Persian, a little snort from time to time can be expected!

body temperature

A normal body temperature for dogs and cats is around 100.5 to 102.5°F. And yes, the best measure of true body temperature is taken rectally, so you might want to distract your pet with a treat or toy while you take the temperature. If you (or your pet) aren't comfortable with that particular method, the next best tool is an ear thermometer or "touch-free" infrared thermometer made for animals.

From PetPlan Pet Insurance, <https://www.gopetplan.com>

TRICKS TESTING

Hi All,

Just wanted to thank everyone involved for making our 1st AKC Tricks titling event such a huge success as well as a LOT of fun!

A VERY special thanks goes to: Marti Hohmann & Lauren Walsh for putting this event together. A big thank you as well to all of you who worked so hard to make this event a success:

Angel Andrews, Lindsey Smith, Kelly Contreras & her brother Tim, Kathleen & Brian Grosso, Cindy Porter, Judy McPartland, Marie Forgach, Donna Kornmeyer & Lorraine Smith.

We awarded 66 titles:

These dogs hit the Trifecta (Novice, Intermediate & Advanced):

Rosemary Badger and Otter
 Kim Carey and Gabe
 Kim Carey and Koko
 Kim Carey and Nadia
 Marie Forgach and Oz
 Betty Gansky and Angel
 Betty Gansky and Buttons
 Lisa Gardner and Shooter
 Lisa Hermann and Twister
 Liese Hookey and Kali
 Joann Smith and Flint

Congratulations to all!

Betty

Pictures from the Tricks Tests May 7 at OTCPCB



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Here are the Tricks titles awarded today.

N = Novice

I = Intermediate

A = Advanced

Congratulations, everyone!

Name	Dog Name	Level
Badger, Rosemary	Otter	N, I, A
Becker, Bob	Reve	N, I
Bowes, Carol	Joy	N
Bryson, Melanie	Molly	N
Bryson, Melanie	Ruby	N
Bryson, Melanie	Tansey	N
Carey, Kimberly	Gabe	N, I, A
Carey, Kimberly	Koko	N, I, A
Carey, Kimberly	Nadia	N, I, A
Carson, Mary	Freyja	N
DeMinico, Peggy	Rowdy	N, I
Forgach, Marie	Oz	N, I, A
Gansky, Betty	Angel	N, I, A
Gansky, Betty	Buttons	N, I, A
Gardner, Lisa	Shooter	N, I, A
Grosso, Brian	Susie	N
Grosso, Kathleen	Casey	N
Hermann, Lisa	Twister	N, I, A
Hohmann, Marti	Fizz	N
Hohmann, Marti	Lark	N, I
Hohmann, Marti	Marlee	N
Hohmann, Marti	Prue	N
Honchar, Nancy	Dewey	N
Hookey, Liese	Kali	N, I, A
Kornmeyer, Donna	Aston	N, I
Lewis, Karen	Remy	N
McDonough, Kelly	Rosie	N
McDonough, Kelly	Sean	N
McPartland, Judy	Maggie	N
Smith, Joann	Flint	N, I, A
Smith, Lorraine	Jack	N
Trummer, Michelle	Winter	N
Trummer, Michelle	Zoe	N
Trummer, Michelle	Corn	N
Vasiliou, Libby	Ajax	N
Vasiliou, Libby	Rocket	N
Walsh, Lauren	Raleigh	N
Walsh, Lauren	Cash	N
Wolak, Diane	Paris	N

This past weekend, May 13-14, OTCPCB hosted its first ever National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW) trial at the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds in Ft. Pierce. On Saturday the trial was a Nose Work 1 (NW1) trial and on Sunday a Nose Work 2 (NW2) trial.

Each trial required dog/handler teams to search for hides containing a target odor in each of four types of search areas: vehicles, exteriors, interiors and containers. To title, a team needed to find and call the hides in each of the four search areas. For the interior searches the women's bathroom, the concession stand and the unisex bathroom in Adams Arena were used.

Vehicle searches took place on the aprons of the Adams arena and included a tractor donated by the fairgrounds staff. Exterior searches were set up behind the livestock arena. One of the exhibit halls was used for container searches.

Teams crated in one of the air-conditioned exhibit halls and the third exhibit hall hosted the score room and volunteer hospitality. Our two Volunteer Coordinators, Lauren Walsh and Diana Johnson-Ford did an excellent job of coordinating the work of volunteers across all these areas of the fairgrounds. Volunteers set up pop-ups to provide shade, coolers for water for dogs and humans, flags to mark paths for teams moving to and from each search area. Volunteer coordinators worked with volunteers to keep the flow of dog/handler teams moving from the crating area to each search area.

On Friday afternoon volunteers brought supplies to the fairgrounds, marked pathways in the crate area and set up special areas for red bandana dogs (dogs needing extra space) by a creative use of pipe and drapes. Volunteers enjoyed healthy treats in individual goody bags and competitors received goody bags with nose work goodies.

Sunday, after the trial was complete, folks broke down the site very quickly.

Thanks to our Volunteer Coordinators and to our many volunteers for the success of the event. Since folks wore many hats, I will list names, but not their individual contributions below.

Patty Armfield	Pat O'Hara
Page Athan	Cindy Ponga
Lisa Brooks (applicant)	Cynthia Porter
Sandy Brown	Fran Smith
Steve Campbell	Lorraine Smith
Suzy Carlson	Lorene Taylor
Jane Craig	Lauren Walsh
Marti Hohmann	Sandy Walsh (Lauren's mom)
Nancy Honchar	Kay Wheeler
Diana Johnson-Ford	Barbara Zaniewski
Judy Norton	

We received many compliments from our visitors. A Facebook comment from one of our competitors, Carole Gruenewald: "A super duper ginormous THANK YOU to the Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County for organizing and hosting the NW1 and NW2 trials!! We waited 2 years for our first opportunity to compete. We had so much fun! The members of your club have been so friendly and supportive of Gracie and I when we venture over from the "other coast."

Thank you to all of the volunteers!!! Without this wonderful village, I would not have been able to share this accomplishment and experience with my dog!"

And from Judy Rivard: "Congratulations ...for having brought an NACSW trialing opportunity to South Florida. We've waited many years for this!"

Thank you Lindsey Smith for being the trial photographer.

Judy McPartland

Braggs



Rocket earns his Rally Novice B Title at the OTCPC Rally Trials on April 29-30. Very fun weekend it was!

Libby Vasiliou



Fizz, TKN, Lark TKI, and Marlee TKN
Griffin, a horse owned by Marlee's owner, Lnda Zane Fiebert.



Pru TKN



Marlee TKN

Bragg - Continued



On Sunday May 7th our club offered our 1st AKC Tricks titling event. I'm very proud to say that both Angel & Buttons earned all 3 of their titles. They were two of the 11 teams that qualified earning all three titles in one day.

I'm especially proud of Buttons who will be 11 on May 28th. He has been retired for 4 years! Who said that "an old dog can't learn new tricks?"! Evidently they didn't know a dog like Buttons!

Angel was outstanding as well. She did all 45 things outside in the field including Obedience. She has never worked outdoors in anything but Agility.

I'm very proud of both of my "kids"! *Betty Gansky*



Zoe, Corn and Winter received their AKC Novice Trick Dog title on 5/7/17 at OTCPCB

Michelle

Maya and I passed our CGC Urban Exam given by Susan Minix.

Scott Adams



My 15 month old German Wirehaired Pointer, Kitt earned her Tracking Dog (TD) title in April 23 on her first try! She found her glove in 8 minutes!

Lori Patterson

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Flint had an amazing Poodle National experience in Missouri at Purina Farms and surrounding areas on April 20-25.

On day one we did the WCX (Working Certificate Excellent) test which he passed.

The second day we did a Master Hunt test which he passed.

On the third day we did a tracking test and he passed earning his TD (Tracking Dog) title.

On the fourth day we did a Senior Upland Hunt Test which he passed.

On the fifth day, we rested, groomed and tried to settle down a bit.

On the sixth day we did obedience at which time he spoiled his perfect record by failing Utility. He did pass open with a score of 192.

All in all we had a wonderful time meeting Friends we see every year at PCA and making new friends. Flint and I met close to 15 of his relatives from the Tudorose family and their owners.

Merlin did some field work as a "by" dog and loved it. He also did the Veterans obedience class and nailed everything but the front and leaped into a lovely finish. He came in second with a 194 (5 points off for the no front and auto finish).

The beautiful photo below was taken by the very talented John Carelli. The grainy, not so clear photo, was taken by yours truly

Joann, Merlin and Flint





Sta-A-Bit Chasing the Dream, CD RE CGCA (Troy) earned RAE legs #6, #7, and #8 at the April 29th and 30th shows. On Saturday morning we were awarded, High Combined with a 199. On Sunday morning we were awarded, High Combined with a 198. It was a terrific event, well runner by our members and two Judges (Aline Brisendine & Norine Noonan) that made it a pleasure to show Troy.

Diane Sedberry



Paris earned her Novice and Intermediate Trick Dog Titles Sunday 5/7/17.

Diane Wolak



C-ATCH JUNE AND ARLO

June Feigenblatt



August's King Leo BN NW2

Leo earned the AKC Rally Novice title at the OTC PBC trial in April and the NACSW Nosework Level 2 title at the first OTC PBC nosework element trial in Ft Pierce on Mother's Day. Mom is very proud.

Diana Johnson-Ford

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His Nose Knows!
Pendleton sniffed his way to the NACSW title 1 at our club's trial in Ft. Pierce. Bravo! Between barn hunts and birch, his nose needs a rest. Happy Summer everyone!

Suzi Carlson

Tuukka, American Eskimo, passed the trial this weekend, earning her first NACSW title! Her times were slow but within the limits. SO proud of her.

Nancy Petrone



Jack (18 months old) earned his NACSW NW1 title this weekend in Ft Pierce. Last weekend he earned his akc Novice tricks title. Very proud of this young dog.

Lorraine Smith



Clementine passed her CGCU on May 1st AND on May 13th she earned her NW1 at the OTC Scent Work Trial.

Angel Andrews

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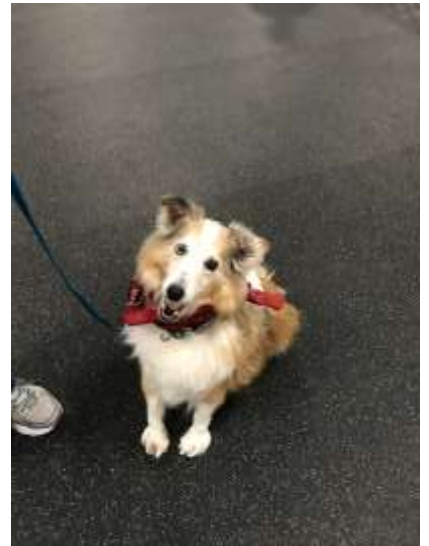
Brewster Beagle came back out of retirement to have a great time at the Club's Nosework Trial and came home with his NW2 title!

Jane Craig & CT Roirdan's Magic Brew VCD2 RE MX MXJ MJP NW2



I am pleased to announce that on Saturday, April 29th at the OTCPCB Rally Trial Rosie earned her Rally Advance Title under judge: Aline Brisendine. And on the following Sunday, May 7th she earned her tricks novice title.

And to show that old dogs can still learn my 13.5 year old sheltie Sean earned his tricks novice title on May 7th. So very proud of him, as that he has lost some of his sight and hearing due to a battle with vestibular disease earlier this year.

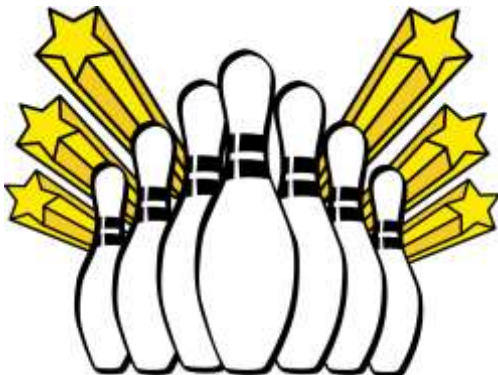


****Cereal Drive****



Our cereal drive with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County ended on May 15th. We collected nearly 150 boxes – the cereal was delivered to the Boys and Girls Club of Riviera Beach. The VP of Philanthropy for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County was amazed at how much we collected. Thank you to everyone who donated! We made a difference for some children in Palm Beach County.

Bark and Bowl



I am pleased to announce that the 8th Annual Bark and Bowl for South Florida is back on! We will be bowling to Strike out Canine Cancer on Friday, August 11th. So mark your calendars, dust off your bowling shoes or just come on out for a barking good time! More details to follow.

Kelly McDonough





Lark earned the NW2 title this weekend at the trial hosted by Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County. So many thanks to [Judy McPartland](#) and [Lauren Walsh](#) for their efforts in making this event possible. Prue came up one element short on NW1, but did place first in Interiors. Was proud and happy to be there with both of them and enjoyed seeing so many friends.

Marti Hohmann





Rosemary Badger and Otter performing their Tricks.





For all club events

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