



Lead Lines

A Newsletter for Members

October, 2017

AKC Scent Work Trial A first for OTCPBC

Some of you might know that OTCPBC will be offering our first AKC Scent Work trial on November 25 & 26. I personally am very excited that AKC is offering this performance sport and that we are going to be holding a trial so soon.

Like all trials, scent work trials are not possible without volunteers. However, unlike most trials there are many volunteer positions that cannot be filled with people participating in the trial since those searching cannot know where the odor is hidden before their turn to run.

Volunteering for a scent work trial is a great way to get introduced to the sport and see what it is all about. No experience with nose work or tracking is needed to volunteer. Plus it a great opportunity to get your volunteer hours in before the end of 2017.

Some of the positions that will need to be filled are run order number flipper, gate stewards, judges stewards, timer, floating stewards, hide stewards, cold box setters, hot box setters, setup and breakdown.

If you are interested in volunteering, please let me know. If you are entered in the trial please and wish to volunteer please let me know so I can put you in an appropriate position.

Thanks again,
Lauren Walsh
Trial Chief Ring Steward & Volunteer Coordinator



OTCPBC General Meeting
Monday, November 6, 2017
7:00 PM

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Big Announcement!

Effective immediately, Diane Sedberry has agreed to take over the position of Chief Obedience Coordinator. This position was recently vacated by Steve Campbell who is dealing with a lot of personal issues at this time.

I want to welcome Diane to this position! I know she'll do a terrific job!

I'd also like to thank Steve for all of his help in making the transition from a one coordinator job to one for each segment of our Obedience program.

Betty Gansky, President

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The following are volunteer hours as of 10/1/17 as
reported to Bob Millar at:
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Name	Total Number of Volunteer as of 10/10/17
Ackley	10.25
Adams, B	1.5
Adams, S	15.5
Andrews	7.5
Arnold	8
Auer	5
Bounds, B	16
Bounds, H	10.5
Boychuck	7
Brooks	4
Brousell	52.5
Brown	10.5
Butcher	37.25
Campbell	17.25
Carey	23.5
Carlson	6.25
Carr	8.25
Contreras	4.25
Cooper	3
Craig	57
Czermann	39.5
DeMinico	61.5
Forgach	3.5
Gorbas	54.5
Grosso, B	11.75
Grosso, K	17.75
Guziejka	20.75
Halperin, J	7.5
Halperin, L	7.5
Honchar, N	50.0
Hookey, L	5.5

Johnson-Ford	52.5
Jones, K.	5
Kornmeyer, D	11
Kryla, K	5
Landon	1
Landorff	10
Lannon	10.5
Macchia	4
McDonough	45.5
McPartland	19.75
Millar	17
Minix	28.25
Moore	54.25
Munn	50
Norton	14
O'Hara	12.5
Patterson	20.5
Petrone	3.25
Platte	9.25
Ponga	27
Porter, C.	28
Richard, R	4.5
Roche	9
Sedberry	17.75
Smith, Fran	13
Smith, J	10.5
Smith, Lindsey	7.25
Smith, Lorraine	3.5
Taylor, L	22
Vasiliou	1
Vence	22.25
Walsh	32.75
Whalen	4
Wheeler	9.5
White	10
Wood	9.25
Zaniewski	4

Begin with the End in Mind: Five Step Plan for Teaching Behaviors

Connie Cleveland, Dog Trainers Workshop

How do you teach your dog a new exercise? Do you have a plan? Is there a logical sequence? I believe there is. I teach new behaviors by following a five-step plan. I decide what I am trying to achieve and visualize what I want it to look like when I'm done before I start training. In other words, I begin with the end in mind.

Five Step Plan

Step 1, Shaping Behavior: Begin training behaviors by simply having your dog "chase food." Another way to describe this step is to "lure" your dog.

Step 2, Rewarding Behavior: The sooner you move from shaping to rewarding, the easier it will be to make progress. For example, holding a cookie over a dog's head to encourage him to heel attentively is luring, and from the dog's point of view, he is chasing food. If you move the food further from him, praise him for performing the behavior -- looking at you, and then offer the food, you are rewarding behavior instead of bribing.

Any time your dog moves away from what he wants (a reward) or performs with the reward at a distance, you are no longer bribing. For example, your dog is moving away from what he wants when you send him to "Go-Out" and then deliver the reward to him rather than placing a cookie at "Go-Out" and then sending him to get it. In the first example you are rewarding and in the second, you are bribing.

I held a Webinar about "[Using Food Effectively](#) ." In that Webinar, I discussed progression from chasing food and luring to rewarding behaviors performed correctly. If you would like to watch a video of this Webinar, it is available for \$20.

Step 3, Requiring Behavior: At some point in training, your dog must come to understand that amidst all the fun he is having, that performing is not optional.

For example, your dog must be attentive to perform in the sport of obedience. A pop on the leash must mean "pay attention to me!" Does your dog understand that when he is not attentive, you will communicate that his attention is required with a pop on the leash. Your training will proceed quicker once you are able to communicate to your dog that his attention is required.

Step 4, Changing Location: Dogs are situational. This means there is no substitute for training in many different locations. Setting up your equipment in different locations (even changing the orientation in your yard) is crucial to your success.

Step 5, Proofing Behavior: Proofing involves teaching your dog what you will not allow. Avoid ever having to say, "my dog has never done that before," by learning how to set up reasonable situations that cause common mistakes so that you have opportunity to explain to your dog what you won't allow.

You need to be clear about where you are in this sequence -- on each and every exercise in the class in which you are planning to compete. If you try to show your dog before proofing all the exercises in your class (Step 5), you will be disappointed.

Don't skip a step or forget what you are trying to achieve. Hold on to the vision you had when you began and work through each of these steps.

Connie

Connie Cleveland, **Dog Trainers Workshop**

Did you read the AKC's notice about the exercises that will replace the group stays? The new open exercise looks fun, and as soon as the rules have been approved, I will include the steps necessary to learn it in my free digital obedience guide, **Tricks that Transition to Obedience Exercises** . Teaching the new exercise will be relatively simple if your dog knows how to stand on a platform. Get started by reviewing the Stand on a Platform module in Tricks that Transition to Obedience Exercises.

Pass this information along to your training partners so they can get started too! Invite them to access [Tricks that Transition to Obedience Exercises](#) .

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Are They Playing or Fighting? A Guide to Evaluating Rough Pup Play

Staff Writers | November 04, 2015

If two dogs are wrestling and it seems too rough to you, with all that growling and snarling, body-slamming, and biting of each other's necks, should you intervene? Can you tell the difference between playing and fighting?

This is normal dog play. Puppies play with their littermates constantly. From around two weeks, when their eyes open, until they go to their own homes, they spend almost all of their waking hours wrestling with each other. It's a critical time for [social development](#) because it is when they learn bite inhibition and good dog manners. It is good exercise and socialization for them and fun for us to watch. But you should learn how to tell the difference between playing and a [real fight](#) when adult dogs are involved.

Behaviors that say it's all good fun:

The play bow – front end down, back end in the air. Sometimes the dog trying to initiate play will slap his front legs down on the ground repeatedly.

A big, silly open-mouthed grin.

Exaggerated, bouncy movement. The dogs are acting silly.

Loud, continuous growling and snarling; again, exaggerated. [Play-growling](#) may sound scarier than serious fighting.

The dogs voluntarily make themselves vulnerable by "falling" down and exposing their bellies and allowing themselves to be caught when playing chase. They take turns chasing each other.

They keep going back for more. Even the dog that ends up on his back doesn't want to stop playing. They will probably take turns with most play-fighting behaviors.

Behaviors that tell you this is not a game:

The dogs' bodies get very stiff. Hackles (the hair on a dog's upper back) are raised. You may not be able to see this if the dog has long hair.

Closed mouth, curled lip, low warning growl.

Movements will be quick and efficient – no bouncing around, no taking turns.

Ears will be pinned flat and lips curled back and snarling. No big silly smiles.

If the dogs get into actual combat, hopefully it will be a short encounter, and the "loser" will try to leave the area. There won't be going back for more play.

The dog is trying to get away from the other one, and her [body language](#) is not happy and bouncy. Tail is tucked. She isn't having fun.

Tips to ensure safe dog-wrestling:

Not every dog is meant for the dog park, and that's OK. Some breeds are just quick to take offense. They may be better off [playing at home](#) with you or with a dog buddy they know well.

Don't allow a puppy or dog to be ganged up on by other dogs. Even if she doesn't get hurt, a bad experience with other dogs can traumatize her and cause fearfulness that will be hard to overcome.

Keep food and toys out of the picture. Most dogs are [possessive of their food](#) and their stuff. To them, it's worth fighting for.

Have a plan for home and away. If your dog does get into a real fight, do not attempt to separate the dogs by grabbing a collar or using any part of your body. You will likely get bitten. There are [safer ways](#) to break them up.

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A loud noise might distract the dogs. Keep a small air horn in your car. If a hose is available, spray their heads with water. At home, find something big and flat, like a piece of plywood or a baby gate, which can be put between the dogs.

The best way to avoid a fight is to recognize the [signs of potential conflict](#) and act quickly and calmly to separate the dogs before the situation escalates and everyone can continue having a good time.

The AKC GoodDog! Helpline training team is available seven days a week to answer your questions about your dog and help you develop an individualized training program that works for your dog and your situation. For more information visit www.akcgooddoghelpline.org

Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County

Board of Director's Meeting

September 18, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice President Steve Campbell

Present: Fran Smith, Steve Campbell, John Gorbias, Nancy Honchar, Liese Hookey, Celeste Platte

Absent: Betty Gansky, Diane Wolak

Lateral File Cabinet Purchase: The board discussed purchasing a matching lateral file cabinet to go along side of the newly purchased desk in the lobby. Cost is \$282 inclusive. Steve Campbell made the motion to purchase the file cabinet. Nancy Honchar seconded. Vote was three in favor, three opposed. Motion failed.

Awning in front of the building. Bids will be solicited to replace the awning damaged by the hurricane and presented to the membership for their vote.

Policy and Procedures: The P & P were divided up to the board members to review for consistency and grammatical correctness. The document will be reviewed at a later Board meeting.

Steve Campbell made a motion to close the regular Board meeting. Seconded by Fran Smith.

Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County

General Meeting

Monday September 25, 2017

Board members present: Betty Gansky, Steve Campbell, Fran Smith, Liesette Hookey, Celeste Platte, Diane Wolak and Nancy Honchar, Meeting was called to order at: 7:25 PM by Betty Gansky.

Sandy Crechiolo made a motion to approve the General Meeting minutes of August 7, 2017 as published in Lead Lines. Judy McPartland seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Betty Gansky thanked all those members that gave donations for needy dogs in Texas. The response was overwhelming. Betty also thanked Steve Campbell for overseeing things while she was on vacation.

Treasurer Report: Fran Smith handed out copies of the club's financial status and answered questions from the members present.

Vice President: Steve Campbell explained the cost of the club's liability insurance situation. The insurance company has charged the club a high rate based on our gross income. However, all the club's agility trials are held at a different location and covered by a different liability company. Since the revenue generated by the agility trials was not

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separated out from the revenue earned at events held at the clubhouse, the accountant was not able to verify the gross income that should have been used to determine the liability premium. Fran Smith and her sister Margi Lehnertz were able to modify the line entries of the accounting books so that revenue earned from each event can now be identified. After our taxes are done next year, the club should realize a significant savings on the club's liability insurance.

Corresponding Secretary - Liese Hookey – No new membership applications. A couple of snow bird applications are still pending.

Recording Secretary – Celeste Platte. The Board members are reviewing the club's Policy and Procedures for grammatical correctness and review any policies that are no longer active, i.e., Statistician.

Nosework Coordinator - Judy McPartland – The application to hold a scent work trial has been sent in to the American Kennel Club (AKC). They have promised to review it as soon as possible and get the approval to OTC. The trial is scheduled for Thanksgiving weekend. Spectators are welcome. Steve Campbell is Trial Chair and Diana Johnson-Ford is the Trial secretary.

Online Club calendar – Judy has been working hard to make sure all events are listed on the calendar, even those classes that have been rescheduled. All events and trials are on the calendar also.

Membership Book on line – Judy McPartland will be sending information to the membership on how to get into the membership blue book on line.

August Agility Trial – Betty Gansky – The Arcadia Agility trial date in August has been changed by one week. It will be a three-day trial. By changing the date, OTC will be back to back with Calusa and all the trial setup can be left in place. Also, any motor homes brought to the site can be left till the next weekend for a nominal fee of \$3.00 per night. The Agility trial in August brought in less money this year than in past years, but it still showed a nice profit.

The ACT trial and the Show and Go in September both brought in nice profits. .
We have obedience judges through 2019.

Door Awning – With the approach of Hurricane Irma and possible winds of 145+ mph, it was discovered that the awning could not be removed. To avoid damage to the building if the awning should be pulled off from the high winds, the cords holding the awning to the building were cut. Due to the construction of the awning, the cords cannot be repaired. Betty asked if the membership still wants an awning over the walkway or at least over the door. The preferred option would be to have an awning that is removable.

Lucy Carr made a motion to research the cost of putting an awning up over the door. Nancy Honchar seconded the motion. Motion passed. Estimates will be brought back to the membership for consideration at the November General Membership meeting.

Nominating Committee: As per OTC PBC constitution, a nominating committee needs to be appointed in the month of September. It shall consist of one Board member and at least two club members. Nancy Honchar from the Board; Diane Sedbury, and Donna Kornmeyer from the membership volunteered.

Volunteer Hours: As of January 1, 2018, Judy McPartland will be tracking all volunteer hours not just the first 20. She will create an email address to be published in Lead Lines for members to send in their time.

Steve Campbell made a motion to adjourn. Seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Platte, Recording Secretary

Thank You

THANK YOU to everyone involved in making our Obedience Trials this past weekend so successful.

A special thanks to Charlotte Czermann, Hospitality Chair and Beverly Cash for the scrumptious lunch they prepared for the judge, the trial committee and our stewards and workers on Saturday and Sunday!

A huge thank you to Celeste Platte, our Trial Secretary, who always does an outstanding job!

Thank you Nancy Honchar and Peggy DeMinico for doing a spectacular job with the trophies and ribbons. Our trophy table looked beautiful.:))

A HUGE thank you to our stewards, Bob Vence, Scott Adams, Tim Peppard, Liese Hookey, Peggy DeMinico, Judy McPartland and Tracy Guiejka. You guys did a super job! An extra shout out to Bob Vence for stewarding all day Saturday and Sunday and holding everything together for us.

Thank you Lucy Carr for being our Table Steward Saturday and Sunday. You are fantastic!

Last but not least, thank you Scott Adams, Marjorie Butcher, Sandy Crechiolo, Charlotte Czermann, Peggy DeMinico, Joe Hamzy, Nancy Honchar, Liese Hookey, Celeste Platte and Lorraine Smith for your help on Friday in setting up our building for the trial.

A special Thank You to my fabulous Trial Committee, Stephen Campbell, Lucy Carr, Charlotte Czermann, Peggy DeMinico, Nancy Honchar, Liese Hookey and Celeste Platte for all your hard work.

It's always a pleasure to work with such an awesome group of people.

Warmly,

Donna Kornmeyer

" Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened. "

- Dr. Seuss

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Braggs



Rory earned his MACH 4!!



Grady's winning's from the Labrador Retriever Nationals. Grady is the lab sitting on the far right with all his friends. Grady competed in agility and won Masters Fast, 3rd in Masters Standard & 2nd in Masters JWW.

Bridget Kennedy





At the first AKC scent work trial in the state of Florida, held at the Dog Training Club of St Petersburg on October 7-8, Fizz received qualifying scores in Handler Discrimination, Interiors, and Containers. He won first place in Containers on Sunday. We look forward to our Club's AKC scent work trial, the second in the state, on November 25-26, and I thank in advance the trial committee, Judy McPartland, Lauren Walsh, Lisa Brooks, Jane Craig, Fran Smith, and all others who have worked to make this event a reality.

Fizz was first and High in Trial for Superior Containers at two UKC nose work trials hosted by Nose Work and Rally Club of North Florida on Saturday, October 14, 2017.. Lark was second in Novice Containers. On Sunday, Fizz placed 2nd and 3rd in the Handler Discrimination classes. This trial was held in a beautiful location in Ocala and I extend many thanks to Lisa Russell for offering ongoing opportunities in UKC nose work.

Marti Hohmann

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Oz aka BISS GCHS Free-style The Wiz CDX BN RE THD TKA CGCA CWDX Won Best Veteran in Sweepstakes at our National Specialty. He also placed 3rd in Stud Dog and 4th in Veterans Obedience.

Marie Forgach





We travelled to Greensboro, North Carolina for a NACSW trial weekend. Raleigh earned her Nose Work 2; one of only seven titles that day! Cash competed in the Nose Work 1 trial and took 1st place in Exteriors and 2nd in Containers. So proud of my two little chocolate cockers and can't wait to enter another NACSW trial!

Lauren Walsh



At the OTCPCB trial on October 1, 2017 "Aston" CH. Buttonwood's Affair of the Heart (CDX PCDX GN BN CGC) earned the first leg of his Utility Dog title with a first placement and a score of 194 under esteemed Judge Robert Withers.

Way To Go little man:))

Donna Kornmeyer

Braggs Continued



Rocket gets his first and second legs Beginner Novice B at OTCPCB Obedience Trials Sept.30 and Oct 1st. Very proud of him and a wonderful fun event!

Rocket Titles in Beg Novice B at Jupiter Tequesta Dog Club Obed Trial Oct 21st! A fun halloween event!

Libby Vasiliou





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