



# Lead Lines

*A Newsletter for Members*

*November/December 2017*



Happy Hanukkah



Happy  
Thanksgiving

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## *No December Meeting*



Next Meeting:

2nd Monday of January, 2018

January 8, 2018



## 2017 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, John Gorbas

Puppy Coordinator—Lindsey Smith

Basic/Intermediate Coordinator - Tracy Guiejka

Rally Coordinator - Steve Campbell

Competition Coordinator - Diane Sedbury

CGC Coordinator - Susan Minix

Tracking Coordinator - Lori Patterson

Agility Coordinator - Barbara Bounds,

Kim Carey, Assistant

Scent Work Coordinator—Judy McPartland

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OTCPBC Membership Application: Renewal 2018

**Renewal memberships are due on or before December 31, 2017.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ New? Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_, State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Memberships:**

Regular \$40      Household \$60      Associate \$30      Junior \$25      Honorary & Silver Medalist \$0

Dues Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Trophy Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle all that apply:** Agility, Breed, Barn Hunt, Herding, Hunting/Retrieving, Scent Work, Obedience, Pet Therapy, Rally, Schutzhund, Tracking

**Please volunteer for all that apply:** Instructors: Puppy, Basic, CGC/CGC-A, Beginner Novice, Novice, Open, Utility, Agility, Rally, Tracking, Scent Work, Therapy

**Committees:** Obedience Trials, Agility Trials, Tracking, Building Maintenance, Barn Hunt, Equipment, Training/Teaching Seminars.

Please enclose your check (NO CASH) along with this form and mail to: **Lieselotte Hookey, Corresponding Secretary, 8645 Square Lake Drive, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418** OR put your check and the form in an envelope and drop it into the designated basket on the desk in the lobby.

## Can Dogs Eat Garlic?

[AKC](#) › [Dog Health](#) › [Nutrition](#)

Anna Burke | April 05, 2017



The smell of roasting garlic is one of those scents that immediately make most of us hungry. It's featured in cuisines around the globe and is found in many of our favorite foods. [Scientific evidence](#) even suggests that garlic has medicinal benefits for humans, so it is perfectly natural for us to wonder if we can feed garlic to our dogs.

The answer, emphatically, is no.

### Is it safe for dogs to eat garlic?

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Garlic might be good for us, but dogs metabolize certain foods, including garlic, differently than we do. According to the [Merck Veterinary Manual](#), garlic and other members of the allium family, including onions, contain thiosulfate, which is toxic to dogs but not to humans.

Thiosulfate causes oxidative damage to red blood cells, resulting in hemolytic anemia. Symptoms of anemia include pale mucous membranes, rapid breathing, lethargy, weakness, jaundice, and dark colored urine. Garlic toxicity also causes symptoms of gastrointestinal upset, including [vomiting](#), [diarrhea](#), loss of appetite, abdominal pain, depression, and dehydration.

### How much garlic is toxic to dogs?

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[Studies](#) have found it takes approximately 15 to 30 grams of garlic per kilograms of body weight to produce harmful changes in a dog's blood. To put that into perspective, the average clove of supermarket garlic weighs between 3 and 7 grams, so your dog would have to eat a lot of garlic to get really sick. However, some dogs are more sensitive to garlic toxicity than others, and consumption of a toxic dose spread out over a few days can also cause problems.

This means that if your dog accidentally eats something with a little garlic in it, he will probably be okay, but intentionally feeding your dog garlic is a recipe for a veterinary visit.

### Can I feed my dog garlic bread?

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Garlic bread will almost certainly catch your dog's attention, but in addition to garlic, garlic bread also usually contains large amounts of butter, oils, cheese, and herbs that can upset your dog's stomach. This high-calorie food is also a source of unnecessary calories and fat, and offers no nutritional benefits to your pet.

Check out these [fruits and vegetables that are safe for dogs](#) instead for alternative healthy treats.

## Can I feed my dog garlic supplements?

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Despite garlic's known toxicity, some websites and well-meaning dog owners recommend garlic supplements for dogs as part of a natural wellness plan or as a flea and tick preventative. This contradiction can be very confusing for dog owners.

Garlic as a health supplement for pets has not produced consistent positive results in studies. While very small doses might be safe for most dogs, the lack of conclusive evidence and the known risks are something for dog owners to seriously consider. If you do decide to feed a garlic supplement, always check with your veterinarian about what is appropriate for your dog. Feeding an incorrect dose of a garlic supplement could have toxic effects, so plan on working with a veterinarian to come up with the best treatment and prevention plan for your dog.

## Treating garlic toxicity in dogs

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If your dog does ingest a large amount of garlic, your best bet is to take him to the veterinarian. Garlic and onion poisoning are rarely fatal in dogs, but your dog may need supportive care to keep him comfortable. Your veterinarian may recommend intravenous fluids to keep your dog hydrated, and may prescribe a medication to control vomiting. In severe cases, blood transfusions might be necessary.

## Alternatives to garlic for dogs

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If you want to give your dog a healthy treat, consider feeding fruits and vegetables that are high in valuable nutrients, like [apples](#), [blueberries](#), [strawberries](#), [watermelon](#), [carrots](#), cucumbers, and sweet potatoes.

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OTCPBC Achieve Picture

This picture is from the OTCPBC achieve. Dogs used to jump a LOT higher than they do now. At one time, a dog was required to jump 1 1/2 times his height. Then it was lowered to 1 1/4. Then to our current standard of the dog's height. In some breeds, it is now 3/4 their height for obedience.





Our first meeting in the new building. Construction was about to start or had just started. No AC at the time. You will notice the roll up door on the right of the picture. That door is no longer operational.



Our building before construction started.

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## 9 Apps for Dog Owners That You Didn't Know You Needed

Jan Reisen | April 13, 2017



We do almost everything with apps these days, so naturally there are apps that make a dog owner's life easier, or at least more amusing. Some of these nine apps are must-haves, and some are would-be-nice-to-haves. We're sure at least a few are just what you've been looking for.

### BringFido

Find dog-friendly hotels, restaurants, parks, beaches, and dog events anywhere in the country and in Canada. Read their policies, pricing, amenities, and even guest reviews.

[iTunes](#) [BringFido.com](#) Free

### Pet First Aid by the American Red Cross

Get the advice you need for canine emergencies, and even find a nearby veterinary hospital or call a vet. Learn about symptoms, early-warning signs, and what to do in common first-aid situations.

[iTunes](#) Google Play Free

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**MapMyDogWalk**

Just like FitBit or other fitness trackers, this app lets you and your dog get the most out of your walks. Using GPS, it tracks speed, duration, and distance, and can help you change up that same-old, same-old route.

[Google Play](#), [iTunes](#) *Free*

**DogVacay**

Sometimes you just have to leave him home. Best described as Airbnb for dogs, the app helps you find a real home-away-from-home when you can't be there. Search, read reviews, and book reservations right on your phone. You can even get updates from your dog . . . well, from the sitter.

[iTunes](#), [Google Play](#) *Free*

**BarkCam**

Not a must-have, but a fun-to-have. Ever try getting the perfect photo of your dog? This basic app plays a sound to get your dog's attention, then lets you add filters, meme text, stickers, or quotes to the image.

[Google Play](#), [iTunes](#), *Free*

**BarkHappy**

New in town? Just need new dog-owning friends? This location-based app helps you find dogs nearby, dog-friendly places, local dog events, and even lost-and-found alerts. Find stuff to do and playmates — for you and your dog.

[BarkHappy.com](#), [Google Play](#), *Free*

**iKibble**

You're just about to give your dog a taste of what you're eating, when you wonder, "Is this safe for dogs?" iKibble will let you know. It includes hundreds of foods, and lets you search for a specific food. There's even info and advice about feeding your dog specific human foods.

App Store [iTunes](#), *Free*

**Dog Park Finder Plus**

If you take road trips with your dog or are just away from home, Dog Park Finder Plus locates nearby dog parks, dog-friendly beaches, and more. It's really useful for long car trips, helping you find places to stop along the way. [iTunes](#) \$1.99

**Pawprint -- Pet Health Tracker**

Preserve all important information about your dog in one place. You can even use the app to obtain and keep your dog's official medical records. It's great for tracking things such as vet appointments, vaccine schedules, even weight and feeding information.

App Store [iTunes](#) *Free*



## OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 30, 2017

Members Present: Betty Gansky, Lieselotte Hookey, Nancy Honchar, Fran Smith, Steve Campbell, John Gorbas.  
Absent: Diane Wolak

President: More drywall has come loose from the ceiling after the wind and rains last Saturday (October 28<sup>th</sup>). The drywall will be repaired with tape as it was originally attached.

Maintenance Issues: Tracy Guziejka gave a report on various maintenance issues.

Landscaping: The palm trees out front need to be trimmed. Also, the hedge around the fence area on the front east side of the property should be trimmed back. The Board felt the amount our landscaper Tommy quoted was too high. Tracy will go back to Tommy and ask for a better price.

Awning: Tracy got two quotes in writing and was trying to connect with a third company. Both quotes received would use the frame that is in place and install a new vinyl awning. The quotes were \$3,049 and \$2,654. The vinyl that would be used is comparable to each other. The third quote would be for a roll up shade. The Board did not think this would be a good fit because of the cost and the possibility of any hurricane pulling that type of awning off the building and doing more harm. Nancy Honchar had gotten a non-binding bid for the club awning from a contractor working on her house. It was less than the above, but might be a considerably lighter vinyl. She will get in touch with the company prior to the next general meeting. The bids will be presented to the General Membership on November 6<sup>th</sup>. If the membership approves the awning, installation will be scheduled for January after all the storms have passed through the area. Also, the awning companies are VERY busy right now after the storm and with all the snow birds coming back to South Florida.

Chain Link fence repair. Tracy got three bids from \$680 to \$3,100. Besides the repair that needs to be done to various parts of the fence, the capping on the fence posts have come off. Tracy will check with the low bidder to determine these can be reattached. The bids were: Budget: \$680.00; Martin Fence: \$3,100; Tri-County: \$1,290. Tracy will confirm that Budget has included reattaching the caps to the fence post in their bid. If so, the Board is in favor of going with Budget, the low bidder

Camouflage on the fencing as required by the City of Lake Park. The camouflage screening the club installed in the past proved to be no match for the winds blowing through the area. The Board solicited bids to have camouflage slats installed like the Shellco fencing. The low bidder is Budget Fencing at a bid of \$4,889.00. Tracy will have Budget supply some color samples.

Obedience Coordinator Report: Classes will continue to be six weeks long, but a seven-week block will be created to allow a class makeup if necessary before a new class starts in that time frame.

Nominating Committee: The 2018 Slate of Officers and Board Members for 2018 are as follows:

President: Betty Gansky; Vice President: Diane Sedberry; Corresponding Secretary: Lieselotte Hookey; Recording Secretary: Celeste Platte; Treasurer: Fran Smith; Members at Large: Steve Campbell – Insurance Supervisor, Rally Coordinator; Tracey Guziejka: Building Maintenance, Basic/Intermediate Coordinator; Nancy Honchar: Show and Go Chair, Trial Secretary when needed. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the November 2017 meeting.

Membership Application: The OTCPCB membership application is available on line at the Club's website. The club's Constitution and By Laws require a certain procedure to apply for membership which cannot be accommodated through an on-line application.

Celeste Plate made a motion to remove the membership application from the club's website. Steve Campbell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Clarification of class assistant pay: The Board discussed how many students should be enrolled in a class for an assistant in that class to be compensated.

Motion to amend the Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County Policy and Procedures. For assistants to qualify for compensation, the class must contain at least six students. This will apply to all disciplines of class instruction. Steve Campbell first. John Gorbas seconded. Motion approved.



*Board Meeting continued*

Steve Campbell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Fran Smith seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Board Meeting Monday, November 6, 2017.

The above motion for assistant pay was modified to read: Motion to amend the Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County Policy and Procedures. For assistants to qualify for compensation, the class must contain at least six students. This will apply to all disciplines of class instruction. Agility equipment moving assistant (not class assistant) will continue to receive \$50 per scheduled class as it is virtually impossible for an instructor to do the set-up of the Agility equipment by themselves. Approved: Celeste Platte, John Gorbas, Nancy Honchar, Fran Smith, Liesellotte Hookey.

Clarification to CGC Tests: The CGC test will be held on a separate date from the CGC class instruction. All CGC participants will pay a fee to take the test, including CGC students. The evaluator will receive 20% of the fee collected for the test. Any assistant to the CGC test will receive 10% of the collected fee. Motion made, seconded and approved by Celeste Platte, John Gorbas, Nancy Honchar, Fran Smith, Liesellotte Hookey.

Board Discussion via email – Clarification of assistant's fee. Class assistants will receive \$65.00 compensation when six or more students are enrolled in a class.

Respectfully submitted,  
Celeste Platte

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Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County  
General Membership Meeting  
Monday, November 6, 2017

Board Members Present: Betty Gansky, Lieselotte Hookey, Celeste Platte, Fran Smith, Nancy Honchar, Diane Wolak, John Gorbas. Absent: Steve Campbell

Call to order 7:00 by Betty Gansky.

Motion to approve minutes of the general meeting of 9/25/17 as printed in Lead Lines. Motion made by Angel Andrews, seconded by Bob Vance. Approved by membership.

Reports:

**President** – Betty Gansky: Lots of events this month at the Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County (OTC). The Dog Obedience Club of Hollywood Obedience trials of November 11 and 12 is being held at the clubhouse. The OTC Rally trials are on November 18 and 19. Highest entries ever: Saturday AM: 37 PM: 38; Sunday AM 45 with a wait list. Sunday PM 44

The Scent Trial is now full. There is a waiting list of 17. There will be 62 runs per trial. Two trials per day. Diane Sedberry has taken over the Chief Obedience Coordinator's position. Please welcome Diane aboard.

**Secretary** – Celeste Platte: Please send the membership renewal forms to Liese Hookey instead of Fran Smith. Liese's name is now on the renewal forms.

**Corresponding Secretary** – Lieselotte Hookey: No comments

**Treasurer** – Fran Smith: – Gave a report on the status of the club's finances. Breaking even with all that has happened this year.

**Obedience Coordinator** – Diane Sedberry: Working on getting the classes coordinated for 2018.

**Tracking** – Lori Patterson: There is a tracking test locally in two weeks. The Orlando tracking test was the weekend of November 4 and 5. An OTC student passed on her first time.

**Agility** – Barbara Bounds: A Beginner agility class started last week.

**Scent Work** – Judy McPartland. Classes are starting. See website for information.

**Show & Go** – Nancy Honchar: There was a show and go on November 5. Attendance was good, but not as much as months past. Probably due to other events occurring this past weekend. The next Show and go will be January 7 starting with Beginning Novice. See the website calendar. Plans be being made to add Show and Goes for Rally.

Old Business:

**Awning report:** Tracy Guziejka, Maintenance Coordinator

Tracy got two quotes in writing and had tried to connect with a third company. Both quotes received would use the frame that is in place and install a new vinyl awning. The quotes were \$3,049 and \$2,654. The vinyl that would be used is comparable to each other. The third quote would be for a roll up shade. The Board did not think this would be a good fit because of the cost and the possibility of any hurricane pulling that type of awning off the building and doing more harm.

If the general membership approves the recommendation, the awning installation will be scheduled for January after all the storms have passed through the area. Also, the awning companies are VERY busy right now after the storm and with all the snow birds coming back to South Florida.

Motion made by Judy McPartland to replace the awning using the contractor the Board recommends. Donna Kornmeyer seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

New Business:

**Chain Link fence repair.** Tracy Guziejka got three bids ranging from \$680 to \$3,100. Besides the repair that needs to be done to various parts of the fence due to damage by the hurricane, the capping on the fence posts have come off. Tracy will check with the low bidder to determine these can be reattached. The bids were: Budget: \$680.00; Martin Fence: \$3,100; Tri-County: \$1,290. Tracy will confirm that Budget has included reattaching the caps to the fence post in their bid. If so, the Board is in favor of going with Budget, the low bidder

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**Roof:** There is possible roof damage from the last storm a few weeks ago as the roof is leaking. Tracy Guziejka, will meet with the roofer on November 7<sup>th</sup> to look at the problem.

**Nominating Committee** – Nancy Honchar Chair: The 2018 Slate of Officers and Board Members for 2018 are as follows: President: Betty Gansky; Vice President: Diane Sedberry; Corresponding Secretary: Lieselotte Hookey; Recording Secretary: Celeste Platte; Treasurer: Fran Smith; Members at Large: Steve Campbell: Insurance Supervisor and Rally Coordinator; Tracey Guziejka: Building Maintenance, Basic/Intermediate Obedience Coordinator; Nancy Honchar: Show and Go Chair, Trial Secretary when needed. There were no nominations from the floor. The election of officers will take place at the next general meeting Monday, January 8, 2018. No meeting the first Monday in January as that is a holiday.

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Premiums are available for the OTCPCB Obedience Trial January 2018 at the clubhouse. Premiums are also available for the February Agility trial at the Pt St Lucie Fairgrounds.

**Next General Membership meeting: Monday, January 8, 2018.** No meeting the first Monday in January as that is a holiday.

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*General Membership Meeting—Continued***New Member:**

June Feigenblatt  
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[Junefeigenblatt@gmail.com](mailto:Junefeigenblatt@gmail.com)  
Mini Poodle

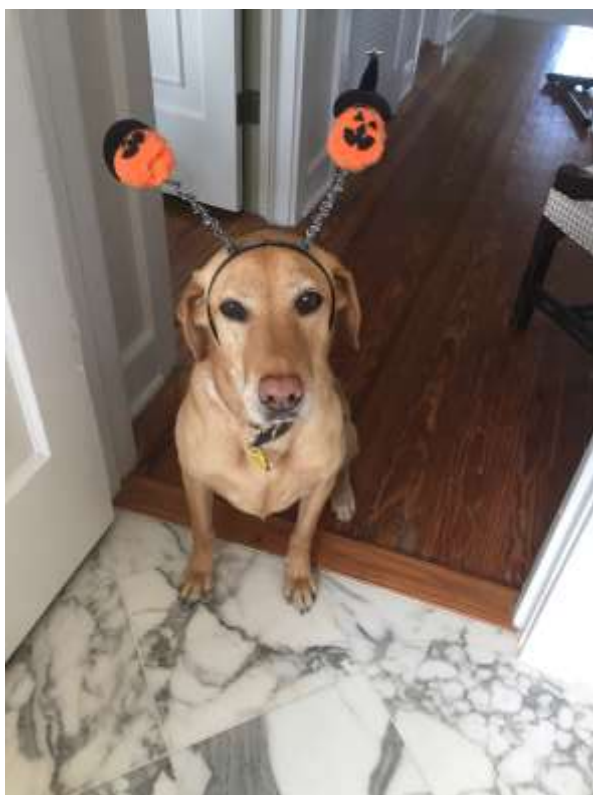
**First Reading for Membership:**

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Labrador Retriever  
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Jennifer Levites  
5355 Cougars Prowl  
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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

*Respectfully submitted,  
Celeste Platte, Recording Secretary*



Dewey ready for Halloween

## MEMBERSHIPS

### NEW MEMBERS

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## Braggs



Flash took 1st place on Sunday 10/22 at the JTDC trial in Open A. I'm very proud of her!

*Betty Gansky*

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RAFA arriving at the club with Mom Patsy Clousder in the Range Rover.



### “ASTON” EARNS HIS UTILITY TITLE!!!

I am overjoyed and proud to announce that Aston, CH Buttonwood's Affair of the Heart, CDX CD GN BN CGC can now add the initials UD behind his name!

Aston earned the first leg of his Utility title at OTC's Obedience Trial on October 1 with a first place win and a score of 194 under Judge Robert Withers. Two weeks later Aston earned his second and third legs with first place wins and scores of 187 ½ and 190 under Judge Carol Ann Klein at the Jupiter Tequesta Dog Club Obedience Trials. Thank you to all who were at ringside cheering for Team Aston.

And a very special THANK YOU to each of you who helped and supported me during this journey. Your willingness to share your knowledge and help this very “green” handler and her “green” dog was amazing! It's been quite a journey and one Aston and I have enjoyed.

*Donna Kornmeyer*





*Braggs - continued*



My Golden Retriever, Harry had a great Veteran's weekend at the DOCOH obedience trial at the OTCPCB facility. Here he is with Judge Rick Cox rocking his new rosettes - High Combined both Saturday and Sunday and High in Trial with a 199.0 from OB on Sunday. WTG Harry!

*David McKennan*



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Maya Dog Adams RN, BN, CGCA, CGCU and now CD earned today

*Scott Adams*





*For all club events*

*[www.otcpbc.org](http://www.otcpbc.org)*



## **Volunteer Hours**

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