



Lead Lines

A Newsletter for Members

January 2018



Volunteers Needed

February 2-4, 2018

Agility Trial

St Lucie County Fairgrounds

Ft Pierce

We need your help! A GREAT way to earn volunteer hours!
Volunteer for a few hours or all day. We will train! Setting jumps, leash running, scribe sheet running very easy jobs.

Volunteer at: <http://tinyurl.com/OTCPBC-Feb2018>



Calling all titles for 2017. Dig out your certificates and send me your accomplishments – TITLES ONLY (or similar achievements).

Name, owner/handler and dog name (full name) and new titles earned in 2017, AKC and otherwise.

SEND TO: Otcpcb.djf@outlook.com

Thank you Diana Johnson-Ford



Judy McPartland has agreed to keep a running total of your volunteers hours. They will be published monthly in Lead Lines. Please send your hours only to the email below.

otcvolunteerhours@gmail.com

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Mark you calendars now for future meeting dates:

April 2, 2018
 June 4, 2018
 August 6, 2018
 September - mid to end of month. Date to be announced
 November 5, 2018

2018 Club Officers

President - Betty Gansky
 Vice President - Diane Sedbury
 Treasurer - Fran Smith
 Recording Secretary - Celeste Platte
 Corresponding Secretary - Liese Hookey
 Board Members at Large: Nancy Honchar ,
 Tracey Guiejka ,Steve Campbell
 Puppy Coordinator—Lindsey Smith
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The American Kennel Club Announces Achiever Dog Certificate Pilot Program

Samantha Seymour | November 15, 2017

The American Kennel Club is excited to announce the launch of its new Achiever Dog certificate program. The AKC Achiever Dog certificate program is designed to recognize those exhibitors and dogs who participate in multiple sports. A dog will receive an AKC Achiever Dog certificate when they have been awarded a placement or earned a qualifying score in three different sports. Dogs can start earning AKC Achiever Dog certificates December 1, 2017.

“Many exhibitors are interested in participating in different sports,” said Dr. Carmen Battaglia, AKC Board Member. “The AKC Achiever Dog program is designed to encourage owners to try a variety of sports, finding those they enjoy and realizing success. Both are winners!”

AKC is launching the Achiever Dog as a pilot program. At the end of one year, all owners who have received a certificate will be surveyed to determine the success of the program. Opportunities for improvement will be identified and could lead to a more refined program which recognizes these versatile dogs. The survey finding will help to shape the future of the AKC Achiever Dog certificate program. For more information on this program, visit <http://www.akc.org/events/achiever-dog/> or email achieverdog@akc.org.

FDA Warning: Store-Bought ‘Bone Treats’ Could Kill Your Dog

PUBLISHED BY: DogFoodAdvisor

November 28, 2017 — The [U.S. Food and Drug Administration](#) has issued a [warning](#) regarding the purchase and use of store-bought “bone treats”. The FDA claims the danger **goes beyond the risk of regular bones**.



What’s a ‘Bone Treat’?

The FDA reports it has received about 68 reports of pet illnesses related to “bone treats”.

Bone treats differ from regular uncooked butcher-type bones because they’re processed and packaged for sale as “dog treats”.

Which Products?

A **variety** of commercially-available bone treats for dogs were listed in the reports including **items described as:**

“Ham Bones”

“Pork Femur Bones”

“Rib Bones”

“Smokey Knuckle Bones”

No specific brands are mentioned in the FDA bulletin.

The processed products may be dried through a smoking process or by baking. They may also contain other ingredients such as:

Preservatives
Seasonings
Smoke flavorings

According to Dr. Carmela Stamper, a veterinarian in the Center for Veterinary Medicine at the FDA...

“Giving your dog a bone treat might lead to an unexpected trip to your veterinarian, a possible emergency surgery, or even death for your pet.”

So, if you’re planning to give your dog a stocking full of bone treats this holiday season, you may want to reconsider.

Illnesses Reported

Illnesses reported to FDA by owners and veterinarians in dogs that have eaten bone treats have included:

Gastrointestinal obstruction (blockage in the digestive tract)

Choking

Cuts and wounds in the mouth or on the tonsils

Vomiting

Diarrhea

Bleeding from the rectum

Death

According to FDA, approximately 15 dogs **have reportedly died** after eating a bone treat.

How Widespread Is the Problem?

To date, reports submitted by pet owners and veterinarians have included about 90 dogs. Some reports included more than one dog.

In addition, FDA has received **7 reports of product problems** such as...

Moldy-appearing bones

Treats splintering when chewed by the pet

How to Keep Your Dog Safe

FDA has included the following tips to help keep your dog safe:

Chicken bones and other bones from the kitchen table can cause injury when chewed by pets, too. So be careful to keep platters out of reach when you’re cooking or the family is eating.

Be careful what you put in the trash can. Dogs are notorious for helping themselves to the turkey carcass or steak bones disposed of there.

Talk with your veterinarian about other toys or treats that are most appropriate for your dog. There are many available products made with different materials for dogs to chew on.

What to Do?

Dr. Stamper adds the following advice...

“We recommend supervising your dog with any chew toy or treat, especially one she hasn’t had before. And if she ‘just isn’t acting right,’ call your veterinarian right away!”

U.S. citizens can report complaints about FDA-regulated pet food products by calling the [consumer complaint coordinator](#) in your area.

Or go to <http://www.fda.gov/petfoodcomplaints>.

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www.dogfoodadvisor.com

[AKC Obedience Videos on YouTube](#)

By Diane Schultz on January 12, 2018

Videos of the two new Novice exercises are available on the AKC Obedience & Rally YouTube channel. The Sit Stay – Get Your Leash and the Group Exercise – Sit and Down Stay, will be performed in the AKC Novice A and B Classes beginning May 1, 2018. These two new exercises will replace the current Novice Group Exercises. The Sit Stay – Get Your Leash will be added to the Preferred Novice class.

[Novice Obedience Exercises](#)

Videos of the two new Open exercises are available on the AKC Obedience & Rally YouTube channel. The Command Discrimination and Stay – Get Your Leash, will be performed in the AKC Open A, Open B and Preferred Open Classes beginning May 1, 2018. These two new exercises will replace the current Open Group Exercises. The Stay – Get Your Leash will be added to the Graduate Novice class.

[Open Obedience Exercises](#)

The approved obedience regulation changes may be viewed [here](#).

If you hold down your CTRL key and then click the word “here” it will take you to a PDF file by AKC with all the new regulations.

If you go to You Tube and type in “AKC Obedience & Rally” the first option should be the AKC sponsored exercises- Editor

[Command Discrimination Scoring Questions](#)

by [Diane Schultz](#)

The first change of position is the down. What if the dog stands, and then downs?

If the dog clearly stands, and then downs, he has added a position change that is not according to the Regulations and this would be penalized as an NQ. The first position change for this exercise requires the dog to stand or down from the sit position. The dog is not required to go down in a certain "style." Many dogs raise their hindquarters from a sit to a down, and this would be considered acceptable without penalty. If the movement is continuous, and clearly not an added position, the dog would not be penalized.

Is the dog required to be remain in the same heel position after it changes position?

No. A dog changing position, (i.e. sit to a stand, sit to a down) while remaining in place, may end up somewhat out of the starting heel position. The Regulations do not require the dog to remain in heel position. If the dog walked forward, the dog would be penalized for walking forward.

Is the handler required to move to heel position before leaving the dog?

No. The Regulations do not require the handler to be in heel position to leave the dog. If the dog walked forward, the dog would be penalized for walking forward.

What if, when the dog changes position it doesn't remain in heel position, and the handler moves to heel position prior to leaving the dog. Should the handler be penalized?

Not necessarily, it depends. If the handler moves prior to the judge ordering, "Leave your dog," a penalty is not necessary. If the handler moves and then stops in heel position after the judge orders, "Leave your dog," and then leaves the dog, the judge would consider this an additional command/signal to stay which would result in an NQ. (Chapter 2, Section 20 and 21)

[Diane Schultz](#) | December 28, 2017 at 1:43 pm | Categories: [Command Discrimination](#), [Obedience](#) | URL: <https://wp.me/p6Ckol-gl>

RALLY CLOVERLEAF #314

BY: Diane Schultz, AKC Representative

In an effort to provide judges a better understanding of how the Cloverleaf should be used and performed, the description has been revised and will be included in the next printing.

314. Cloverleaf - This sign requires the pylons be spaced approximately 6 feet apart. **The dog and handler must complete the cloverleaf by crossing the center line four times**. The four pylons will be numbered sequentially. The number "1" pylon will be placed to the handlers left, and indicates the entry and exit points for performance of this sign. This is a change of direction sign and upon exiting the team may go in any direction to the next sign.

Diane Schultz | December 7, 2017 at 9:47 am | Categories: [Rally](#), [Set Up](#), [Sign Clarifications](#), [Signs](#) | URL: <https://wp.me/p6Ckol-gs>

It is ALWAYS important to read the AKC Rules and Regulations from time to time to remind yourself what is and is not allowed. The regulations even extend to what you can wear in the ring. Also, it is important that you keep your dog under control at all times. Even an attempt by your dog to go after another dog can get you banned from all AKC shows. Know the rules! - Editor

Revisions to the Obedience Regulations

Effective September 1, 2017

This insert is issued as a supplement to the Obedience Regulations amended to January 1, 2016 and approved by the AKC Board of Directors August 8, 2017 Chapter 1. General Regulations Section 10.

"Identification. Club clothing, AKC event clothing, or breed clothing may be worn by anyone exhibiting a dog or by ring stewards. Clothing may display the person's name, the dog's call name and/or the dog's picture. Titles may not be displayed. Writing or graphics on the clothing must not be in poor taste or contain profanity. Clothing must not display any information that would be in conflict with a sponsor of the trial."

A supplement to the Obedience Regulations amended to January 1, 2016 Chapter 1.

General Regulations Section 17. Disqualification, Ineligibility, Excusal, and Change in Appearance of Dogs.

"The judge must excuse a dog that attacks another dog and fill out the required "Dog on Dog Attack" form (AEDSQ3). The owner of any dog that has been excused on two occasions for attacking or attempting to attack another dog will be notified that the dog is no longer eligible to be shown in any AKC event. Such dogs are ineligible to be on the grounds of an AKC event unless and until, following application for reinstatement by the owner to the American Kennel Club, the owner receives official notification in writing from the AKC that the dog's eligibility has been reinstated. The judge must excuse a dog that appears dangerous to other dogs."

The judge's authority now extends outside of the ring.

These are the volunteer hours for OTCPCB that were reported to the website via email message or sign in sheets from club events.

Bob Millar

Ackley	10.25	Kornmeyer D	67.5
Adams B	1.5	Kennedy	20
Adams S	38.5	Lryla	5
Andrews A	7.5	Landon	1
Arnold	8	Landoroff	10
Auer N	5	Lannon	10.5
Bounds B	16	Lenhertz	25
Bounds H	10.5	Macchia	39
Boychuck	22.5	McDonough	90.5
Brooks, L	76	McPartland	41.25
Brousell	52.5	Millar	30.5
Brown S	22.25	Minex	28.25
Butcher	73	Moore J	54.25
Campbell S	17.25	Munn C	50
Carey	29	Norton	31
Carlee, L	35	O'Hara	12.5
Carlson S	6.25	Patterson	20.5
Crechiolo S	2	Petrone	3.25
Carr L	26.25	Platte	9.25
Contreras	4.25	Ponga	27
Cooper S	3	Porter C	46.25
Craig	93.25	Richard R	4.5
Czermann C	55.75	Roche G	34.5
De Minico	81	Sedberry D	22.5
Forgach	13.5	Smith F	29
Gorbas J	64.25	Smith J	10.5
Grosso B	29	Smith L	7.25
Grosso K	35	Smith Lorraine	3.5
Guziejka T	20.75	Taylor L	22
Halperin J	34	Vasilou	2
Halperin L	30	Vence R	42
Hamzy J	22	Walsh	51.75
Hamzy M	21.5	Whalen	4
Honchar N	61	Wheeler	9.5
Hookey L	55	White M	10
Johnson-Ford	76.75	Wood	9.25
Jones K	5	Zaniewski	4

New volunteer hours email address: otcvolunteerhours@gmail.com

Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County

General Meeting January 8, 2018

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Betty Gansky at 7:00 PM.

Board members present: President - Betty Gansky, Vice President - Diane Sedbury,

Treasurer - Fran Smith, Recording Secretary - Celeste Platte, Corresponding Secretary - Liese Hookey, Board Members at Large: Nancy Honchar, Tracey Guiejka, Steve Campbell

Motion to approve minutes of General Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2017 as printed in Lead Lines. Motion by Gary Roach. Second by Lori Patterson, Approved

Reports: President – Thank you John Gorbas & Diane Wolak for your service on the Board. Also thanks to the membership for their donations to Toy for Tots

Recording Secretary – Read slate of new Officers/Members at Large. As there was only one person per office, motion made by Luci Carr and seconded by Kelly McDonough to have the secretary cast the required vote to elect the officers.

Treasurer – Fran Smith handed out the treasurer report and answered any questions. The club basically broke even considering all the challenges of the year such as the Influenza and hurricane. Repairs from the hurricane impacted the bottom line.

Obedience Classes – Vice President/Obedience Coordinator Diane Sedberry gave a report on the upcoming classes and schedules. Check the website at OTCNBC.org for scheduled classes.

Show and Go – Nancy Honchar. The next show and go is February 11, 2018. The Show and Go on January 7th earned a nice profit.

Rally Trial – The next OTCNBC Rally trial is April 28 and 29, 2018.

Tracking – Lori Patterson gave a report on the tracking test this past weekend January 6 & 7, 2018.

Agility – Several Agility classes are starting. OTC Agility trial for February closes January 17. There is a link on the website to volunteer for the agility trial February 2 – 4, 2018. All are encouraged to do so. It is fun, and you can earn your volunteer hours. Link on website to volunteer.

The club has a new dog walk thanks to Bridgett Kennedy bringing it back to the club from Orlando and saving the club shipping costs. We were able to purchase the “used once” dog walk from the Eukinuba shows in Orlando in December for a considerable discount.

Scent Work – Judy McPartland – Gave financial report for November trials. 238 runs. 44 titles. There will be another scent trial at the club building on February 17 & 18, 2018.

Old Business:

Awning report: The awning over the walkway into the building will be installed this month (January). **Fence** damage from the hurricane has been fixed and the privacy slats, as required by the City of Lake Park, have been installed.

Roof leak and Drywall have been repaired. The opening at the top of the door cannot be covered as it would impede the roll up door from being opened.

January Obedience trials for January 13 & 14 have closed. Saturday-53 entries. Sunday- 55 entries

Rally trials April 28th and 29th have had judging change. New judges: Dr. Norine Noonan – Saturday; Susan Trotto Sunday April 29th. Trial Chair – Steve Campbell. Trial Secretary – Diana Johnson-Ford

June Obedience Trials June 9 & 10- Trial Chair Peggy DiMinico. Trial Secretary Diana Johnson Ford

Deb Neufeld our judge had a conflict and is unable to judge our June trials. Mrs. Helen Smith was hired as her replacement.

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General Meeting 01/08/18 Continued

Judge Frank Washabaugh will not be judging our trial in September 2019. He is resigning effective May 1, 2018. The club will need to find a replacement for this assignment.

Membership Applications – second reading. Corresponding Secretary Liese Hookey read the following membership applications.

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Labrador Retriever
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All three members were voted in by the membership.

New Business:

Volunteer Hours: Judy McPartland will now be recording the volunteer hours which will be reported in Lead Lines monthly. Send your hours to Judy at: otcvolunteerhours@gmail.com.

Young Dog/Puppy Agility Workshop will be presented by Susan Salo Young Saturday and Sunday January 20 & 21. OTC is renting the Agility/Obedience field to her for these two days. You can sign up at her website: www.jumpdogs.com. audit spots are available. \$80.00

Class Payments: Payment for classes will only be accepted through on-line payment. This move was taken to reduce the amount of paperwork required when checks were accepted.

Building Rental: The Miami Obedience Club has rented the OTC building for their May obedience trials taking place May 26 and 27, 2018.

New Silver Mentalist 2018: Congratulations Debbie Louda.

The following people were voted in as Honorary Members for 2018:

Bobbi Blythe
Jeff Gansky
Mary Happersett
Ray Hookey
Barbie Keough
Ann Levy
Dick Mansell
Deena Strauss
Joe Wolak
Mirabelle Wrist
Erika Gueijka

Motion made by Fran Smith. Second by Angel Andrews. Motion approved.

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General Meeting 01/08/18 Continued

Awards for 2017 Service and Acknowledgement

Nose Work Coordinator Award - Lauren Walsh

Agility Coordinator Award – Kim Carey

Unsung Hero Award – Diane Worlak

Obedience Coordinator Award – Diane Sedberry

Novice to Utility Award - Donna Kornmeyer

Charity Award - Kelly McDonough

Outstanding Club Service Award– Diana Johnston Ford

Volunteer of the Year – Judy McPartland

President's Award – Tracey Guiejka

Kelly McDonough agreed to do the on-line Class Rosters

Next meeting Monday April 2nd 7 PM

Sandy Crechiolo made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Angel Andrews seconded the motion. All approved.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Platte

TWO NEW CLASS CRATES

There are two brand new extra large crates in the crate room as of today. There are several people I'd like to thank for getting this project completed. First I'd like to thank Scott Adams for taking time to meet Jeff & I at the club today to take them out of our vehicle and bringing them into the building. He brought a co-worker along which was also a big help! I'd also like to thank my husband for loading them into our vehicle, taking down the damaged crates & putting the new ones together. Last but not now least I'd like to thank Joe Wolak for hauling off the damaged crates..

These crates are for the use of dogs who need to be crated while a class is in progress. The dogs that use these crates should not be destroying the crates. They are not there to crate train unruly dogs. If your dog dislikes a crate and/or is not well-behaved in a crate, you need to supply your own crate. The instructors are being asked to monitor the crates. If your dog destroys a club crate you will need to replace it. Also, students using crates are also responsible for cleaning the crate if soiled by defecation or urination as well as treats that are crumbled on the floor of the crate.

Betty Gansky, President

“To the world you may be one person, but to one person, you may be the world.”

Brandi Snyder

Quotablenotes.com

Thank You

THANK YOU OTC for all your warm wishes. I appreciate it so much.

Best,
June Feigenblatt

As most you know, Aimee & Ken Kincaid judged our Rally trials Nov. 18th & 19th at the club-house. The Kincaid's sent us a very nice "thank you" card that I'd like to share with all of you:

"Aimee & I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for a great experience. We had a wonderful time at your trial. Let us know if we can help in the future."

Ken

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who worked so hard to make these trials a success. For the first time ever we had a "wait list" for Sunday.

Betty

Hi All,

As you know we held our very first AKC Scent Work trials Thanksgiving weekend. At first there was skepticism as whether to hold it on a holiday weekend. Well the old story holds true, "build it and they will come" was fitting for this very successful event. All four trials were full!

I was very proud that so many of our members stepped-up & helped out thru-out the entire weekend regardless of the fact that some of them did not participate in this venue. That's the spirit that's needed to keep our organization up & running!

A BIG THANKS to all!

Betty

Farewell

Dear Dog Club Friends,

The poodles and I have moved to Atlanta!

Several years ago, we bought a vacation home in the hills north of Atlanta. I was thrilled to be able to enjoy the change of seasons, and I convinced Harry to move out of the swamp of south Florida altogether. Congestive heart failure progressed faster than we anticipated, and Harry passed away at the end of October.

The poodles and I are settled into our new surroundings, getting to know the dog clubs here and preparing to go thru orientation at the Emory hospital complex so we can do pet therapy.

I want you all to know that I will remember my years among you with great fondness and affection. I extend a very serious invitation to any of you who may travel through Atlanta or who come here to compete. I have room for visitors. My e mail and phone are still the same.

With affection,
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Thank you - continued

I would like to thank all the people who gave up their entire week end for the club, by working the Obedience trial this past week end.

A special thanks goes out to Peggy DeMinico , Scott Adams, Sandy Crechieto, Kelly McDonough, Lucy Carr, Karen Jones and Nancy Honchar. They not only worked the two days of the show but were there to set up the show on Friday and taking down on Sunday. Many clubs have a hard time finding workers who will give up a few hours a day to work a show. OTCBPC is very lucky and I can only attribute this attitude to our president. Her example of hard work and dedication is transmitted to the members.

Thanks to Diane Sedberry for gathering a wonderful ring crew, Jonathon and Lynn Halpern, Sandy Crechieto, Robert Vence, Scott Adams, Peggy DeMinico, June Feigenblatt.

Kelly McDonough and Lucy Carr did a get job organizing the ribbons and toys. There is a lot of work setting up the table and tracking how many ribbons are used each day.

Of course, when you are workers the hospitality crew is very important. Betty and Karen did a get job providing the workers with a delicious lunch.

Lastly but probably the most important, is our secretary. Thank you Nancy for all the work you put into getting the show up and running, keeping the records during the show and finishing up with the final forms. It is a daunting job and you do it so well.

I say this last Thank you with a heavy heart. Bob Hope said it best, "thanks for the memories." I will miss all the friends I have made through the club.

Joanna Brousell, Trial Chair
Obedience Trial January 13 & 14, 2018

A thank you from Obedience Judges Rose and Harold Doan.

Hi Betty –

Thanks for inviting us to judge for your club this past weekend. You wound up with a very nice entry. Of course I remember the days when we had 50 dogs in one class, but sadly those days are long since gone!!

Please thank our stewards for the outstanding job they did changing the ring and never missing a beat on keeping everything moving quickly and smoothly. They were all great.

And my compliments to the chefs. Lunches were delicious each day.

Good luck with your rally trial in April. I'm glad you got replacements for us. But we will be there in November.

See you along the way.

Rose

" Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined. "

- Henry David Thoreau

QuotableNotes.com

Brags



Here is a picture of the latest addition to the Gansky clan:

"Silkwood's Destiny's Child" aka Fate. I purchased her from Robin Hutson who lives in Columbia, SC. I met her at the Agility trials this weekend in Concord, NC. I didn't even know she had a girl to sell. She gave me the privilege of purchasing her. I am thrilled!

She's a very small girl who is super smart! Her lineage of Silkwood is filled with Champion's as well as some of highest scoring Yorkie's in the performance world. Two of her relatives are invited to the Invitational in Orlando in December. Only 10 Toy dogs are invited and to have two of the only Yorkies invited in the 8" class is a real feat. She also has another relative who is the only Yorkie out of 10 dogs invited in the 4" class. She is already pad trained & walks on a leash.

I was going to name her Beyonce but there are too many syllables in Beyonce LOL! I went with one syllable Fate!

Betty Gansky



Astro the Weimaraner earned the last two legs for his Junior Hunter Retriever title in November. It's cool that he now has a JH for pointing dog hunt tests and a JHR for retrieving hunt tests. The gray dogs are versatile.

Jane Craig



Touch, inspire, matter and you will be remembered.

Katherine Divolis





Flint and I ventured to Orlando to show in the AKC Obedience Classic last week in hopes of having a good time doing what we love to do together.....obedience. We are proud and happy to announce that we wound up in Seventh place in the Utility class. 52 dogs were entered.

After two runs on Saturday we were surprised to find ourselves in second place. On Sunday morning Flint walked in on the signals and lost 40 points which pushed us down to tied for sixth place. Before the awards were given we had a runoff for the sixth place spot. It was my turn to mess up. The judge said right and I went left. Flint's heeling was beautiful, but we wound up in 7th place, because apparently, Mom couldn't take the pressure!

Bottom line: We came home happy and exhausted.
Good boy Flint!

Joann Smith



I had the pleasure of teaching my first agility class for the club. I had six great students and dogs! Big shout out to them all!! (photo attached)

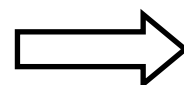
OTCPBC held their combined TDU/VST Tracking Test on January 7, 2018. Unfortunately we had no passes, but saw some awesome tracking. Thanks to our volunteers who spent two mornings out in the cold to make this happen: Fran Smith, Luci Seeley, Jane Craig, Gary Roche, Matt Taylor and Tricia Boychuck!!

Lori Patterson



Fizz earned the NACSW NW3 (nose work) title in Alpharetta, GA on 1/13/18. Seven of 30 dogs earned the title on that day. On Sunday, 1/14, he earned a Level 1 Element Specialty Trial title in Interiors.

Marti Hohmann



Braggs - continued



Dallas earned his PACH agility title at the recent Palm Bay trial.

John Gorbias



Astro the Weimaraner enjoyed indoor and outdoor sports in Nov./Dec. and picked up a few new titles. He earned his Junior Hunter Retriever, JHR, and Tracking Dog Excellent, TDX. He also earned three Novice Scent Work titles. He certainly has the drive and motivation :-), if I can just stay upright behind him.

CH Bivins Sandolar Solar Astronaut VCD1 RA TDX TDU JH JHR OJP SCN SBN SHDN NW2

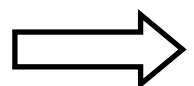
Jane Craig





Arlo earned his 3rd UDX leg at OTC. I'm so proud of him

June Feigenblatt





Rory made finals and came in 7th place out of 140 dogs at the 2017 AKC Agility Invationals. Also won #1 Chihuahua in the competition.

Rory is now the #1 AKC Top Agility Chihuahua for 2017!!
Just got the news!

Bridget Kennedy



Diane Sedberry and Patrick earned his 4th UDX leg on Saturday, January 13th.

My Golden Retriever Harry finished 5th in Utility at the 2017 AKC Obedience Classic in Orlando, FL, December 16 and 17 in a field of 50 dogs from around the country. The AKC awarded placements for 1 - 10 in each obedience category. Here he is proudly posing with his new 5th place Rosettes. Needless to say I am very proud of Harry's latest accomplishment. WTG Harry!



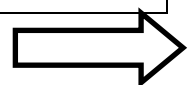
My Golden Retriever Harry began the new year with a flourish at OTCPCB's January obedience trial. Saturday he won Open B (197), was second in Utility B (197), and won a double runoff to win High Combined. He is pictured with Judge Rose

Doan with the HC Rosette and prize. On Sunday Harry won Open B (199) and Utility B (195.5+) and was both High in Trial and High Combined and is pictured with Judge Harold Doan



with his Rosettes and prizes. Of special note is the generosity of Dick Mansell in sponsoring an award for the highest scoring non-OTCH dog in the regular obedience classes both Saturday and Sunday. Harry was fortunate enough to win both days. Thank you Dick Mansell.

David McKenna





I'm usually not one to brag, but here goes.. Between June and Oct 2017, Our corgi, Keven has earned his BN, CD, RN, CGC and CGCA. This journey was our introduction to Obedience competition. We love Rally the best!

Our rescue corgi, Bobby earned his BN, CGC and is loving his Agility training....ACT in April, here we come!

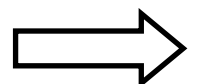
Sandy Crechiolo



Breeze earned the first leg of her CDX at the OTCPCB Trials January 13 & 14, 2018!

Susan Minix

“Follow your dreams. I am not saying it’s going to be easy, but I am saying it’s going to be worth it. – Moffat Machingura”





"Carol Munn's Wilson, CD, RE, CGC received his first title in AKC Scent Work Containers, with a 2nd, 3rd, and 4th placement. "

Carol Mumm



Winter got his 2nd leg towards his CD Obedience title with a 3rd Place at OTCPCB on Saturday, January 13, 2018.

Michelle Trummer

