# LEAD



# LINES

### Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County

February 2019

#### **OFFICERS**

President	Betty Gansky
Vice President	Steve Campbell
Treasurer	Fran Smith
Recording Secretary	Celeste Platte
Corresponding Secretary	Liese Hookey

#### **BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE**

Nancy Honchar ,Tracey Guiejka , Diane Sedberry

#### **COORDINATORS**

Puppy Coordinator Lindsey Smith
${\it Basic/Intermediate\ CoordinatorTracy\ Guiejka}$
Rally CoordinatorSteve Campbell
Competition Coordinator Diane Sedberry
CGC CoordinatorSusan Minix
Tracking CoordinatorLori Patterson
Agility CoordinatorBarbara Bounds,
Nose Work CoordinatorJudy McPartland

#### **CONTACT INFO**

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## DOCOF TRYOUTS

Tryouts will be June 23 and June 30th at the club from 2-4pm. Teams will then be selected; 3 dogs



and handlers for novice, open, and utility. We will then have monthly practices on Sundays at the club. DOCOF will be held Labor Day weekend, showing on Sunday. The best 2 scores from each division will tally up our total and our club is good and we need to show it!! If you would like to try out contact Karen Jones at karenjones418@gmail.com



#### **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

OTCPBC will be holding our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual cereal drive benefitting the Boys and Girls Club of Palm Beach County from April 15 through May 15, 2019. All cereal collected will be donated to the Max M Fisher Club in Riviera Beach with a total membership of 280 children. We are asking for cold cereal donations. The box is located in the entry way of the club. Be on the look for BOGO sales on cereal and please double check expiration dates on the boxes. Thank you!



## Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County General Membership Meeting Monday, April 1, 2019

Board Members Present: Betty Gansky, Steve Campbell, Fran Smith, Celeste Platte, Liese Hookey, Tracey Guziejka, Nancy Honchar, Diane Sedberry

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes of General Meeting of January 7, 2019 as printed in Lead Lines. Motion by Laura Rubin. Second by Angel Andrews. Motion approved.

#### Reports:

President: Betty Gansky presented the Volunteer of the Year 2018 plaque to Scott Adams. Scott was also given a scholarship award

**Corresponding Secretary:** Liese Hookey. The list of Honorary Members for 2019 was read. They are: Bobbie Blythe, Jeff Gansky, Mary Happersett, Ray Hookey, Ann Levy, Dick Mansell, Deena Strauss, Joe Wolak, Mirabelle Wrist, Erika Gueijka Made motion by Judy McPartland to approve the above list. Sandy Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Treasurer: Fran Smith. The club's Profit and Loss statement as of 04/01/19 was handed out.

Trials and Seminars: The Obedience Trial in January, Agility Trial in February and Scent Trial all made a profit.

Rally: Steve Campbell – having drop in rally classes for the next three Fridays. The Rally trial is April 27 & 28. Two trials per day. ACT Test: Barbara Bounds. There will be an ACT Test on April 20th. - inside the building with Air conditioning. This test is for dogs without agility titles. Email Lori Patterson if you want to enter. Volunteers are needed Friday evening and Sunday afternoon for set up and tear down. See the website under Trials and Seminars for more information and deadline on the ACT test.

Scent Work: Judy McPartland -

**Agility Director:** Barbara Bounds will be taking over the Agility class from Bridget Kennedy starting April 10. Bridget is going back up north. Any Agility classes scheduled by Bridget will be held on Wednesday and taught by Barbara.. Indoor classes for Agility will be held on Monday nights during the summer. The information should be up on the website for sign up shortly.

**June Obedience Trial:** Celeste Platte - Entries are coming in already. Trials in the area are hitting maximum judging time before the closing date. If you are planning on attending, don't wait until the last week to send in your entries.

**Show and Go:** Nancy Honchar – Obedience Show and Go April 7. It will be a full day of showing. The Rally Show and Go April 14 is going well. Not as many entries as Obedience.

#### **Maintenance Report:**

- Upstairs Storage Tracey Guziejka. All the upstairs storage work is now completed. The club has received the Certificate of Occupancy from the City of Lake Park and approval from the Fire Department.
- The club is having problems with the weeds growing in the potty area. If you are out walking your dog, just reach down and pull a couple of weeds. If everyone pitches in, we would not have any weed problem. The weeds have been sprayed so they are easy to pull.
- Lawn Maintenance The club is in the market for a new lawn maintenance crew to cut the lawn once a week, some weeding and occasionally do a little extra work at a charge such as moving equipment out of the shed or putting down sand bags if a storm is coming. Contact Tracey Guziejka at traceyg008@yahoo.com or Betty Gansky at jgansky@prodigy.net.
- The property behind the club has been growing out of control and pushing against our fence. Research will be done to determine who owns the property and try and get it cleaned up.
- Farmer & Irwin (F & I) The club's five-year inspection is now due. F & I suggested that the fire sprinkler under the ceiling be moved, as it would not go off in a fire. An architect would be required as well as fees, etc. As the City of Lake Park and the Fire Department have signed off on the storage construction, we will not be moving the sprinkler head. There are enough other heads that will go off in a fire.

**Annual Club Picnic -** Monday June 3rd after a quick General Meeting. The Club pays for the hot dogs, hamburgers, rolls, and the club members each bring a dish. Laura Rubin made a motion to hold the picnic on June 3rd. Linda Wood seconded the motion. All approved.

**DOCOF** – Karen Jones – Obedience – One team – tryouts will be held. Practice for the obedience competition will be on Saturday and the event held on Sunday. Tryouts for the obedience DOCOF will be June 23 and 30th.. As of now, it appears the rally competition will be held on Saturday. Lodge Weber will be heading the Rally Team. There will be one person in each discipline – Master, Excellent, Advance, Beginner to make up the team. There will be rally tryouts, that will be announced via email. Volunteers will also be needed for steward and set up and take down.

**Craniosacral Seminar** – Diana Johnston Ford: The seminar held at the club in January 2019 was very successful. The teacher and participants were very impressed by our building. There will be another seminar in February 2020 with the same instructor. Participants must be licensed physical therapists. Attendees come from all over the country and some from out of the country as well.

Website update - Judy McPartland - The website is being updated. It will look a bit different, but not by much. After update, pic-

tures will be requested to put on the website.

Ribbon Order for 2019 was received on December 27, 2018.

Canine Cancer Foundation: Total collected including April 1, 2019 is \$493.00

**Pictures around the Club:** Members are invited to submit framed pictures, 8 x 10 only, of themselves with their dogs earning titles. NO EARLIER THAN 2018 PLEASE. The frames may be of any design the member chooses, it just must be 8 x 10 for continuity. **Bollards** have been placed on front lawn to deter trucks from driving onto our lawn and possibly running into our monument sign. **Annual Cereal Drive:** OTC will once again sponsor a cereal drive for the Boys and Girls Club of Palm Beach County. There will be a collection box set up in the lobby. Please only cold cereals. This enables children to continue to have breakfast throughout the summer months when they are not in school.

**New A/C vendor – Jerrahian** Heating & Cooling –The Board was not happy with the service received from our former vendor. Jerrahian will be replacing three capacitors on April 4.

**Farmer & Irwin** will be updating some of our sprinkler system as required every five years by the fire department. Membership will be advised when this work is to take place.

**New Membership** – Second Reading: The below applications were read, and all were voted into membership – OTCPBC. Steve Campbell made the motion to approved. Diane Wolak seconded the motion. All approved.

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Wendy Wingfield & Lou Richards Household Membership 525 NE 37th St Boca Raton, FL 33431 214-454-2592 wendywingfield@att.net richar982000@yahoo.com

Kim Corey 6854 Castleman Avenue Boynton Beach, FI 33437 802-379-6063 Kim vt@yahoo.com

Bouvier des Flanders

Agility-Nose Work, Herding

Nose Work Obedience, Tracking

Dale Bell 4747 Square Lake Drive W Palm Beach, FL 561-371-2351 Border Collie Dale@advancedair.net Agility & Nosework

**First Reading** 

Mary Carson 8704 159th Ct North Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418 561-307-7410 mary@darkwaterdanes.com Great Danes Obed, Rally, Agility, Scent Work

Barbara Didjurgis 18771 Still Lake Drive Jupiter, FL 33458 352-250-1763 Barb2357@yahoo.com Weimaraner Scent Work Bobbi Nettles P.O Box 14545 North Palm Beach, FL 33408 561-248-1097 Springer Spaniel waterlabs@att.net

Arlene Diamante 4515 Main St. #4078, Jupiter 33458 954-654-8417 Gianttracker@yahoo.com Lagotto Romagnolo

scent work



**BRAGS:** Lodge Weber, earned his RACH with his Mini Poodle. First poodle in the country. Linda Wood & Bo – Rally Excellent title **NEXT MEETINGS:** June 3rd 7 PM short meeting – picnic to follow. And August 5 at 7:00 PM

No further business, meeting adjourned: 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted, Celeste Platte, Recording Secretary

If you have any announcements to make or would like some info forwarded to the Membership please contact Liese Hookey.

She is our Corresponding Secretary.

liloudt@icloud.com

# Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County Board of Directors Meeting Monday, February 25, 2019

Members Present: Betty Gansky, Steve Campbell, Fran Smith, Celeste Platte, Nancy Honchar, Tracey Guziejka, Diane Sedberry Absent: Liese Hookey

Guests: Lori Patterson, Judy McPartland, Diana Johnson Ford,

Karen Jones

Craniosacral Seminar – Diana Johnson Ford: The small animal class was held to rave reviews. 15 states were represented by the students in attendance. There were three students from Florida. The Instructor would like to come back to the facility and offer back to back weekends. The dates are February 20 – 23, 2020 and February 27 – March 1, 2020. The instructor requested a reduced fee. The Board did not feel they could meet the instructor's request but did reduce the fee as follows: Motion to charge the Craniosacral Seminar instructor \$600 total for February 20 – 23, 2020 and February 27 – March 1, 2020.. First: Fran Smith. Second: Nancy Honchar. Motion passed.

**President Report** – Betty Gansky: The upstairs storage renovation is now complete. Thank you so much to Tracey for all her hours and hard work.

Treasurer Report – Fran Smith: Fran went over the treasurer's report. We are ahead of last year's revenue. MOTION: Celeste Platte made a motion to move access club money from the checking account to an interest-bearing CD. Fran will choose the best CD for the Club. Second Nancy Honchar. All approve. Rally Coordinator – Steve Campbell: All the Rally judges for 2019 are under contract.

**Tracking/Lead Lines** – Lori Patterson: The Introduction to Tracking class is filled.

Lead Lines will be published six times a year, following a General Meeting. If necessary, a special edition will be put out if club members need to be informed of something. MOTION: Lead Lines will be published six time a year with any Special Edition as needed. First: Celeste Platte. Second: Fran Smith. Motion approved.

#### **New Business**

Rental of Field or Building: Wayne Papciak, President of Tailwaggers approached President Betty Gansky about using a portion of the OTCPBC property for their classes. The building Tailwaggers was using a building at the Peggy Adams Humane Society is being demolished. The use of the club's building is out because of classes running five days a week. He asked about renting our Agility/Obedience Field. The Board felt that this created a conflict of interest. MOTION to decline Tailwagger's request to rent the club's field or building. First: Celeste Platte. Second: Steve Campbell. Motion passed unanimously.

**Air Condoning Contract:** The A/C contract is up for renewal for 2019. MOTION: To accept vendor Jerrahian for the club's air conditioner service to be performed three times a year. First: Celeste Platte. Second: Steve Campbell. All approved.

Dangerous Dog Seminar by Jess Feliciano: An additional semi-

nar has been scheduled for March 31, 2019. Diane Sedberry has contacted those instructors that were not able to attend the first seminar. The balance of the spaces will be opened to club members.

**Web-Site Update** - Judy McPartland: The current website can no longer be updated so a major update is needed. This is above what our normal maintenance fee. Also check if any free elements might become outdated within a short time so it makes more sense to go with a paid theme that does not have to be redesigned in a year or two. Motion for Judy McPartland to get pricing for the new website and the themes available and practical for OTCPBC's use. Keep the Board appraised of pricing and development. Celeste Platte – First. Steve Campbell – Second. Motion unanimously approved. Lori Patterson will assist with the process.

**Facebook:** Administrator Kelly McDonough has asked for guidance as to what should be posted on Facebook. The Board approved posting classes and events to the page. No brags. Motion made and approved.

Large Screen TV for the training area to record runs - Nancy Honchar. Nancy will research price of a TV and recording equipment, personnel to man the equipment and charges associated with giving the participant a copy of their run. She will bring the information back at a future Board meeting.

**DOCOF** – Karen Jones: Two different try out times were selected to choose a team for the 2019 DOCOF in Orlando over Labor Day weekend. Try out dates will be June 23 and June 30, 2019 from 2:00-4:00 PM. **Contact Karen Jones at karen**-

jones418@gmail.com if you would like to try out. Practice dates for the DOCOF team will be on July 7, August 4 between 3:00 – 5:00 PM. August- date to be announced- between 10:00 – 12:00 PM

**Rally Trial Premium** for the April trials are posted on the website. There will be additional Rally trial on July 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> as well as the November trials. The rally fee will reflect a discount for entries in Advanced, Excellent, and Master classes.

**Obedience Trial – June 2019** – The premium will be posted on the website shortly.

**Roof Sealing:** Tracey will get a quote from Rich Moore Roofing to seal the roof Proposal will be sent to the Board.

**Income Earned from January and February** Trials – Betty Gansky read the profit earned from the January Obedience and Scent trials and the February Agility Trials. A profit was made from all the trails.

**Pictures of Members:** Invite members to bring in pictures of themselves with their dog receiving an award in their class of choice. Pictures must be no earlier than 2018. Please put your name, dog name and location of award on the back of the pictures. The pictures must be framed. Bring the framed picture to the clubhouse and it will be put up.

Scent Work Judges: AKC has decided that all judges for Scent Work need to be recertified. The judges must attend a two-day seminar sponsored by AKC before June 2020. AKC charges the hosting club \$2,000+. The club has four scent trial judges that teach classes for OTC. People in the sport will be encouraged to attend these seminars. AKC has said they will discussion who the AKC presenter would be at this seminar. The clubhouse is not appropriate in size to host this seminar, so the club would

have to rent a building.

Motion: OTCPBC not participate in the AKC required Seminar at this time. Celeste Platte – First. Tracey Guiejka – Second. Motion passed. Fran Smith voted no.

**Protective Bollards:** Large car transport trucks come to the end of the street to turn around. More than once, these trucks have backed onto the lawn. The last time this happened, the truck took out part of one of the bushes. In order to keep the trucks from possibly backing into our sign monument, Shellco will in-

stall two four-foot bollards in front of the sign. Cost: \$1,282 inclusive (posts and installation). Fran Smith made the motion. Steve Campbell seconded. Motion passed.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Celeste Platte, Recording Secretary

## February — Another Successful Agility Trial -Thank You!

Hi All.

Another successful set of Agility trials are now behind us. I'd like to thank everyone for their help & support in running this huge event!

Starting with:

Our two judges: Lisa Rieves & Oksana Syrkin - your courses were great. Proving my point we had SEVEN MACH'S over the 3 day trial. It is always my pleasure to work with both of you!

Jen Young & all of the members of Treasure Coast Kennel Club. Jen you were wonderful! Your entire team was efficient & on top of everything including set-up & tear-down! A BIG THANKS to all of you!

Our Trial Secretary: Lori Patterson & her helper Tracy Hanna - You two were at the top of your game as usual!

Our Chief Course Builders: Carol Perrella, Bob Gale, Barbara Bounds & her husband Mike! All of you did a GREAT job!

Our Volunteer Coordinator's: Kathy Brown & Jane Tutton. Thanks to both of you the rings both ran like clockwork!

Our RV Coordinator: Nancy Atkins: We FINALLY completed the RV FORM! YEAH!!! Thanks for your perseverance.

My Trial Committee: John Gorbas, Kim Carey, Linda Wood, Sandra Gates & my husband Jeff. Thank you to all of you for your help & support.

Thanks to club member: Bob Vence who was there from dawn to dusk all three days! You were there as much as me & Jeff!

Also a BIG thanks to club members: Bob Becker, Rosemarie Siebeneck, Steve Campbell, Michelle Trummer, June Feigenblatt, Dianne Parker, Mary Wright, Patsy Clouser, Diana Johnson-Ford & Sandy Crechiolo.

Once again it takes a village to run an event this size & once again the village showed up!

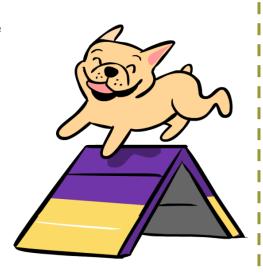
Until next time!

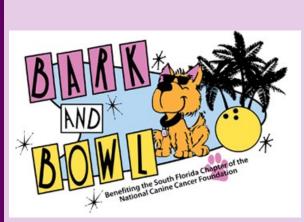
Betty

Dear Betty,

Please thank the members of OTCPBC for their kind expressions of sympathy. Jonathan loved training William & Alex at OTCPBC but most of all the members were so welcoming to us. I hope to continue training when things have settled down.

Sincerely, Lynn Halpern





Save the date and mark your calendars for the 10th Anniversary Bark n Bowl on Friday, September 6, 2019 supporting the National Canine Cancer Foundation.

Be a pawsome hero for your Canine best friend and help us strike out Canine Cancer. Stay tuned for additional details.











# PIGNIGII

Monday June 3rd is the date for the next GM meeting. OTCPBC will be holding our annual picnic at the club after the meeting. The club provides: Hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, buns & condiments. All the other food is provided by the Membership.

Stay tuned for more details!



#### **SOS!!!**

We have sold our home here and the buyer need us out by June 4, 2019. Since we have not found a home yet in northern Florida to buy, we would need a place to rent. We have 4 shelties. At this point any kind of living space would do. We would need a place for 4 months I would safely assume. If the place is available before June 4, that's even better.

John Gorbas fishnbones@att.net

#### WATCH OUT ... IT'S TOAD SEASON

## **Know Your Toads**

FIND OUT HOW TO KEEP YOUR DOG SAFE







#### RACH Starlit's Jacqueline Oh! Of Kashmir

Jacqui earned her Rally Obedience Champion title on March 31st in Orlando Florida. In doing so, she is:

- The First Poodle in the Nation
- The Second dog in Florida
- The 39th dog overall
- To achieve this title from the American Kennel Club.

In order to accomplish her RACH (pronounced "rock"), she had to earn Twenty, Triple Qualifying scores at the same trial / same day (that's 60 trials) and amass a minimum of 300 points (150 in Advanced and Excellent, and 150 in Masters). Jacqui qualified with 791 total points, including 163 in the Master class.

In addition to her Champion title, Jacqui made it into Front & Finish magazine, and for 2018 is listed in the Rally Excellent B class as the number 5 dog in the country with the most perfect scores, and in the Rally Advanced B class as the number 9 dog to achieve the greatest number of perfect scores.

Not bad for a little poodle! L. Lodge Weber

(photo courtesy of Sherry Cooper)

I was back into the camouflage clothes (Astro the Weimaraner is always wearing his :-) for another Hunting Retriever test last weekend. Astro now has finished his UKC Started title, to go along with his previous AKC Junior Hunter Retriever title.

Jane Craig & Astro
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JHR OJP SWA SIE SEE NW3





I am pleased to share that it was a good Spring for Miss Mimi. She completed her Novice JWW title and also got her Open Standard title in Agility. She is my little Superstar. Thanks to all the Instructors, Trial Staff and Volunteers who made this possible.

Dianne Parker





Fate & I earned our CD title with a 1st place ribbon on Feb. 24th at the Indian River Dog Club trial in Melbourne, FL.

**Betty Gansky** 



STA-A-BIT DREAMCHASER DENIM BLUE CD BN RE

Kody earned his CD (Companion Dog) Title on 3/16/19 at the Jupiter -Tequesta Obedience show. This little Blue Merle White & Tan guy came to me so shy of everything in the world, I feel like we have accomplished a great deal since I began showing him just over a year ago in February of 2018. First his Rally Novice, Rally Advanced, Beginner Novice, Rally Excellent and now six months later his CD. It is a work in progress and I am so grateful to be a part of OTCPBC that offers the great training classes to help us excel. Diane Sedberry





I was recently awarded the American Kennel Outstanding Sportsmanship Award from the Boca Raton Dog Club. Lane Carlée

 $\label{thm:continuous} \mbox{My sheltie Dallas now has 100 Q's in both preferred master jumpers} \\ \mbox{and in preferred master standard. He also has 85 double Qs} \\ \mbox{John Gorbas}$ 







Lane & Mike Carlee lost their 2 year old Doberman to genetic kidney disease. Very sad to lose such a young dog.

Lane is the person who handles our "dog phone."

Here is their address If you'd like to send Lane a card:

Lane Carlee 734 South Lake Avenue Delray Beach, FL 33483



# Volunteer Hours Aointeer Hours

Last Name	First Name	Earliest Ser- vice Date	Most Recent Service Date	Total Hours
Adams	Scott	4/7/2018	1/27/2019	181.5
Andrews	Angel	9/30/2018	2/13/2019	38
Asaro	Jean	4/8/2018	1/27/2019	36.5
Auer	Nancy	11/25/2018	4/7/2019	25
Becker	Robert	5/20/2018	2/3/2019	64
Bounds	Hailey	4/7/2018	4/7/2018	6
Boychuck	Tricia	11/17/2018	11/18/2018	8.25
Brown	Sandra	6/4/2018	2/3/2019	23.5
Butcher	Marjorie	4/29/2018	4/29/2018	12
Carey	Kim	6/17/2018	2/3/2019	28
Carlee	Lane	4/30/2018	3/31/2019	23.33
Carr	Lucy	4/29/2018	1/13/2019	67.5
Clouser	Patsy	4/7/2018	2/13/2019	29
Craig	Jane	11/17/2018	1/27/2019	46
Crechiolo	Joe	2/3/2019	2/3/2019	2
Crechiolo	Sandy	4/7/2018	2/13/2019	60.5
Czermann	Charlotte	4/18/2018	1/27/2019	61
Davis	Marge	6/24/2018	11/25/2018	33
DeMinico	Peggy	4/22/2018	3/3/2019	108
Feigenblatt	June	4/22/2018	2/3/2019	38.5
Feliciano	Jess	11/25/2018	11/25/2018	7.75
Forgach	Marie	6/24/2018	1/27/2019	27.25
Gates	Sandra	7/12/2018	2/3/2019	69.25
Gomez	Janet	3/3/2019	4/7/2019	8.5
Gorbas	John	6/10/2018	2/3/2019	62.85
Grosso	Brian	4/7/2018	1/27/2019	40.5
Grosso	Kathleen	4/7/2018	1/27/2019	47.5
Halpern	Lynn	4/2/2018	5/20/2018	32
Hamzy	Joe	6/3/2018	3/3/2019	11.25
Hamzy	MaryAnn	6/10/2018	11/25/2018	8.5
Hohmann	Marti	6/24/2018	1/27/2019	29
Johnson-Ford	Diana	4/29/2018	2/4/2019	152.5
Jones	Karen	6/10/2018	1/13/2019	66.5
Katzman	Andi	10/19/2018	10/19/2018	2
Kennedy	Bridget	12/19/2018	2/3/2019	22
Klein	Carol Ann	4/22/2018	11/4/2018	20

		Earliest Ser-	Most Recent	Total
Last Name	First Name	vice Date	Service Date	Hours
Kornmeyer	Donna	7/22/2018	1/13/2019	66
Kryla	Kathie	9/29/2018	9/29/2018	5
Macchia	Mary	8/30/2018	2/13/2019	18.5
McDonough	Kelly	4/29/2018	1/13/2019	80.75
McKennan	David	4/8/2018	1/6/2019	46.5
McPartland	Judith	4/10/2018	4/13/2019	252.75
Millar	Robert	6/24/2018	2/10/2019	49
Minix	Susan	4/8/2018	4/7/2019	53.25
Moore	Janet	5/6/2018	4/7/2019	37.75
Munn	Carol	4/30/2018	9/9/2018	9
Norton	Judy	6/24/2018	1/27/2019	41.25
Parker	Dianne	6/17/2018	2/28/2019	34.75
Patterson	Lori	4/7/2018	1/6/2019	37
Pichette	Helen	1/27/2019	1/27/2019	8
Ponga	Cindylou	4/2/2018	1/7/2019	41
Porter	Cynthia	9/9/2018	11/25/2018	32
Richards	Lou	9/9/2018	1/27/2019	17.25
Roche	Gary	11/18/2018	1/6/2019	23
Rubin	Laura	11/3/2018	11/3/2018	8
Siebeneck	Rosemarie	7/22/2018	2/3/2019	44
Smith	Lindsey	5/1/2018	2/13/2019	35.75
Strumwasser	Steve	1/19/2019	1/19/2019	2.5
Taylor	Lorene	4/5/2018	10/19/2018	16
Taylor	Matthew	11/17/2018	1/6/2019	22.5
Trummer	Michelle	2/3/2019	3/3/2019	14.5
Vasiliou	Libby	6/24/2018	8/5/2018	15.75
Vence	Robert	5/6/2018	4/7/2019	142.75
Walsh	Lauren	9/9/2018	1/6/2019	9
Weber	Lodge	7/12/2018	1/13/2019	31.75
Wheeler	Kay	8/19/2018	1/27/2019	21
Wingfield	Wendy	9/9/2018	1/27/2019	13
Wolak	Diane	5/20/2018	1/27/2019	44
Wolak	Joe	5/20/2018	1/27/2019	59.5
Wood	Linda	8/19/2018	2/3/2019	77.25
Wright	Mary	9/17/2018	4/1/2019	67.3



# Can Senior Dogs Get Alzheimer's?

By Anna Burke Oct 09, 2018

One of the most common questions owners ask veterinarians about their <u>senior dogs</u> is "Can senior dogs get Alzheimer's?" You may have noticed that your senior dog has started slowing down, or that she seems disoriented and anxious. Some of this is normal aging, but your dog could also have the canine equivalent of Alzheimer's: Cognitive dysfunction syndrome (CDS).

### What Is Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome?

Cognitive dysfunction syndrome is a chronic and progressive disease that bears strong similarities to Alzheimer's in people. The defining characteristic of both CDS and Alzheimer's is a decline in cognitive function. CDS is also very common. Veterinarians estimate that 28 percent of dogs 11-to-12 years old have CDS, and almost 60 percent of dogs ages 15 to 16 present with signs of the disease.

Cognitive function, or a person's memory, learning, perception, and awareness capabilities, is easy to measure in people, but a little harder to measure in dogs. We can't exactly ask them to recite the alphabet or the day of the week, so veterinarians and owners rely on behavioral changes and symptoms to diagnose the condition.

### Symptoms of Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome in Dogs

Veterinarians use the acronym DISHAA to help them diagnose CDS.

- Disorientation
- Interaction with people and pets
- Sleep/wake cycles altered
- House soiling, learning, memory
- Activity altered
- Anxiety

Excerpt from AKC. Full article at: <a href="https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/health/do-dogs-get-alzheimers/?">https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/health/do-dogs-get-alzheimers/?</a>
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