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Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County

January 2020

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, Scott Adams Sr

COORDINATORS

Puppy Coordinator Lindsey Smith
Basic/Intermediate Coordinator..... Tracy Guiejka
Rally Coordinator.....Steve Campbell
Competition Coordinator..... Nancy Honchar
CGC Coordinator Susan Minix
Tracking Coordinator Lori Patterson
Agility Coordinator..... Barbara Bounds
Nose Work Coordinator.....Judy McPartland

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Policy & Procedures General Membership

15. Members are allowed ten (10) minutes per run-through or training time in the training rings when someone is waiting. There will be no classes or run thrus on the day prior to a trial at the club house, nor during the weekend of the trial.

Just a friendly reminder...

Any correspondence you would like passed on to the Membership please send to:

Liese Hookey who is
OTC's Corresponding
Secretary: liloudt@icloud.com

Crating in The Clubhouse

All dogs are to be crated along the wall behind the steward table or in the crate room. Crates are not allowed in the small ring. All students or observers must remain on the other side of the small ring.

The small ring is to be left open at ALL times to allow a member a training space in the building while someone else or a class is using the large ring.

The only exception being Scent classes on Tuesday evenings & on Saturdays while "Scent" is taking place.

Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County (OTCPBC)
General Membership Meeting
Monday, January 6, 2020

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2019 general as published in Lead Lines made by Angle Andrews. Lauren Walsh seconded.

Treasurer's Report – Fran Smith: Fran gave a report on the club's finances. She also reported on the income earned from the November Scent Trial.

Scent Work Coordinator – Judy McPartland. Gave a report of the upcoming scent classes.

There will be a NACSW Odor Recognition Test (ORT) test on January 18, 2020. All 100 runs are filled. It will be held at the OTCPBC clubhouse.

Nominating Committee: Steve Campbell, Chair restated the 2020 slate of officers for the Board of Directors.

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Vice President	Steve Campbell
Recording Secretary	Celeste Platte
Corresponding Secretary	Lieselotte Hookey
Treasurer	Fran Smith
Members at large	Scott Adams, Sr., Nancy Honchar, Tracey Guziejka

There were no nominations from the floor at the November 4, 2019 general meeting. The Recording Secretary cast the required vote to elect the above officers.

Obedience Coordinator – Nancy Honchar: All puppy, beginning and competition classes are scheduled through March 2020. There will be a Rally drop on Thursday nights for five weeks. OTCPBC will hold 12 rally trials in 2020.

Tracking: Fran Smith gave a report on the tracking test held on Sunday, January 5.

Toys for Tots: The club donated \$500 online this year. The dates for picking up boxes and completion of the toy drive changed for 2019. The dates will be closely monitored for 2020.

Field Light: A new light has been installed over the agility shed in the field.

Roll Up Door: The new roll up door has been installed. This door is insulated which should help with the electric bills in the summer.

DOCOF – still scheduled to be held over Labor Day. The site has been changed. Currently it is scheduled for St. Petersburg. Ron Seeley was elected president of DOCOF. Our club member Lodge Weber is the treasurer.

Overgrowth along the fence: Tracey Guziejka. The Town of Lake Park Code Enforcement has sent the new Landowners a notice of violation for the overgrowth. The owners have until the second week in January to respond. If they do not respond, there will be a hearing.

AC Thermostat and Outside Faucet: Both of these items were installed in January.

Honorary Members: The following members were voted in as honorary members for 2020.

Bobbie Blythe, Jeff Gansky, Mary Happersett, Ray Hookey, Ann Levy, Denna Strauss, Joe Wolak, Mirabelle Wrist, Erika Gueijka, Joan Bruno.

Motion to accept made by Celeste Platte. Seconded by Margi Lehnertz. Motion approved.

Available time for run thrus: Angel Andrews spoke about the lack of time available for working members to come to the club and train and do run thrus. Right now, only some time on weekends are available, if you are competing, you are frequently at shows during that time. She requested time be made available during the week. Proposed Wednesday as it breaks ups the training you might get in on the weekends. The Board will look at the proposal.

Award Plaques: The following members received plaques for their major accomplishments in 2019.

Joe Hamzy and Will - Tracking Championship	Jane Craig and Astro – Tracking Championship
Lodge Weber and Jacqui - RACH	Sherry Cooper & Kayley – RACH
Sandra Gates & Raffy - RACH	John Gorbass and Dallas - PACH 3
Deb Nezgoda Squeeze – Obedience Trail Championship	

Judy McPartland – Outstanding Service

Scott Adams, President Award

Bridge Kennedy – Agility Coordinator's Award

Diane Sedberry – Unsung Hero

Sandy Crechiolo – Obedience Coordinator's Award

Joe Wolak – Scent Work Coordinator's Award

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Terrier Mix
Patty Armfield, Scott Adams, Sr.

SECONDED READING AND VOTED INTO MEMBERSHIP

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Regular Membership
Obedience
Sponsors: Betty Gansky, Lieselotte Hookey

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Platte, Recording Secretary*

Silver Members (25+ years)

Marge Butcher
Helen Bygel
Sherry Cooper
Jane Craig
Charlotte Czermann
Diane Davis
Marge Davis
Peggy DeMinico
Nancy Douse
David Holzman
Liese Hookey
Margi H. Lehnertz
Kathie Kryla
Peggy Manker
Celeste Platte
Carolyn Schneider
Rosemarie Siebeneck
Fran Smith
Debbie Louda
Blasé Pfefferkorn
Ellen Skelton

Gold Members (50+ years)

Mary Jane Kelly
Virginia Edwards
Wayne Smith
Jacquellyn Humphries

**These members have given
25+ years and 50+ years of
continuous service to the
Obedience Training Club of
Palm Beach County.**

Dates Available Jan/Feb for training in the building

There are no classes or events on
the club calendar for the following
dates.

Jan 19th Sun

Jan 24-25-26 Fri-Sat-Sun

Jan 31 Friday

Feb 2 - Sun

Feb 7 - Fri

Feb 9 Show & Go

Feb 14 Fri

Feb 16 Sun

Feb 21 Fri

Feb 23 Sun

Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, December 16, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM.

Members Present: Betty Gansky, Steve Campbell, Celeste Platte, Nancy Honchar, Diane Sedberry, Liese Hookey, Diane Sedberry, Tracey Guziejka. Absent: Fran Smith. Guests: Scott Adams, Judy McPartland

Reports: There were no reports by the Board members.

Training Times for Access Card Holders. Members should be notified by Corresponding Secretary of times available to come in and train, particularly weekends. Members should also check the calendar regularly. It is up to date for the next few months showing events and classes.

A discussion of open time needed for members to come into the club to do personal run throughs and training. A "gentlemen's agreement" was reached that no classes would be schedule beyond 3:00 PM on Saturday or anytime on Sunday. This precludes special events/trials.

Fill-ins for regular classes: In classes where each week's training does not build on the previous one, instructors have been approached by exhibitors that at any time a student was not going to attend a session, they would like to pay the pro-rated amount of the class and attend. This procedure is done at other training facilities. A lengthy discussion ensued discussing how the payment would be made and who had the authority to approve the exhibitor to attend.

A clear opinion could not be reached, and the subject was tabled for another time.

Toys for Tots: The club made a cash donation of \$500.00 to the program through the Marines website. The club missed the pick-up and drop off times for boxes. Box drop-off has been moved to October. Pickup of full boxes is now mid-November. In the future, President Betty Gansky will be notified of the applicable dates so the club can participate in future toy drives.

Rotted outside faucet: The plumber will be on-site Thursday December 19 to replace the faucet.

Award Plaques: The plaques have been ordered from Edco and will be delivered by the end of the year.

Holiday Baskets: Thank you baskets have been purchased by Betty Gansky for the lawn crew, cleaning crew, and Shellco.

Large roll up door replacement: The door has been ordered and a down payment made. Installation will be scheduled as soon as the vendor receives the door. Delivery date is December 20. Installation will only take a day and hopefully be done the week of the 23rd.

Agility Field Overdoor Shed Light: Has been purchased and installed.

Pavilion for the Agility field: Tracey Guziejka, Maintenance Coordinator, is waiting for the shed plans from the vendor. When received, she will take them to the City of Lake Park and get the criteria for the concrete slab that will go underneath the shed. This is a big project so it will probably be the end of the season before it is installed.

Foliage Growth on vacant property against the club's fence- Tracey Guziejka: The City of Lake Park has notified the new owners of the violation. The owners have until the middle of January to respond. If they do not, a magistrate meeting will be called.

Holiday Party: The holiday party coordinated by Cindy Ponga had 25 members attend. Everything was great and was enjoyed by all.

Corkboards in training room: Will be used to post events and request for volunteer sign-ups.

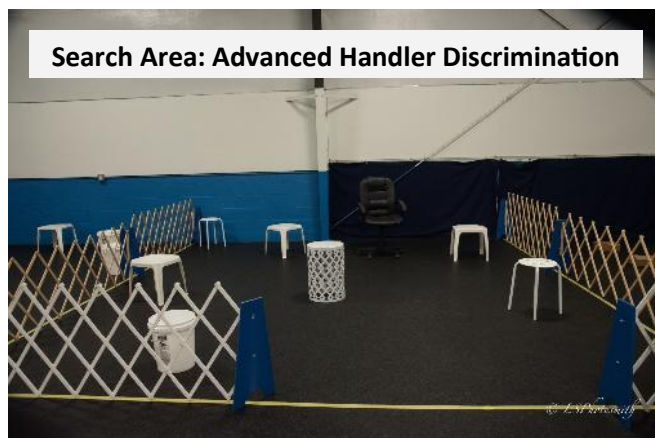
Ring Training Time: A notice will be posted in Lead Lines reminding members that when someone is waiting to get into the ring, the training time is 10 minutes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Platte, Recording Secretary

SCENT WORK THANK YOU

Thanks to the generous and enthusiastic support of so many other volunteers, OTCPCB hosted our fifth successful AKC Scent Work Trial the weekend after Thanksgiving.



Volunteers were warm and welcoming to our competitors. Outdoors volunteers helped competitors know when their turn was coming up and were encouraging as teams got ready to do their searches. Timers, scribes, box setters, gate stewards provided a calm atmosphere allowing competitors to focus on being a team doing a search. And after the classes, folks did a stellar job handling ribbons, displaying and warmly pinning competitors.

A very special thanks goes to those who helped set up and to those who got everything back in order after the trial. Furniture was moved out to the shed and then back into the building. Lattice panels for use in creating clearly defined paths, plus sandbags to hold them in place, involved considerable effort that was much appreciated by competitors.

Setting up a clear area in the shed for use as a scent preparation area required thought and effort and was highly successful. Since we had Novice Handler Discrimination, there were many, many boxes to fold and tape. To provide an out-of-site area for HD Trial 2, folks set up the tarp and then took it down at the end of the trial on Sunday. For the interior search volunteers put together furniture and then took it back apart at the end of the trial.

Our picnic lunch required moving tables and chairs, picking up food and setting up our picnic lunch. And of course, clean-up after lunch. Special kudos for collecting recyclables separate from trash.

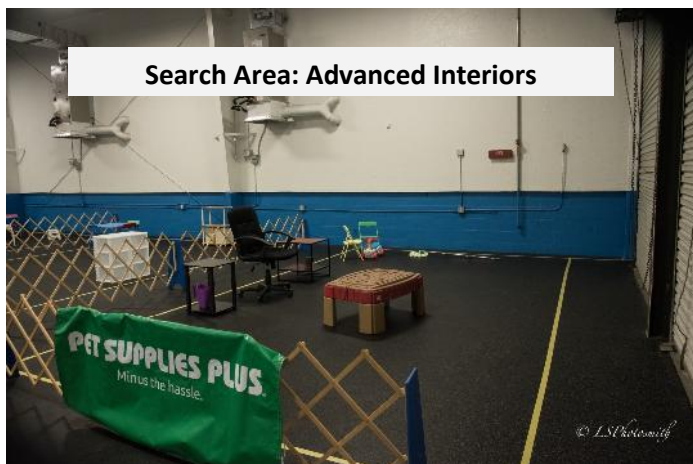
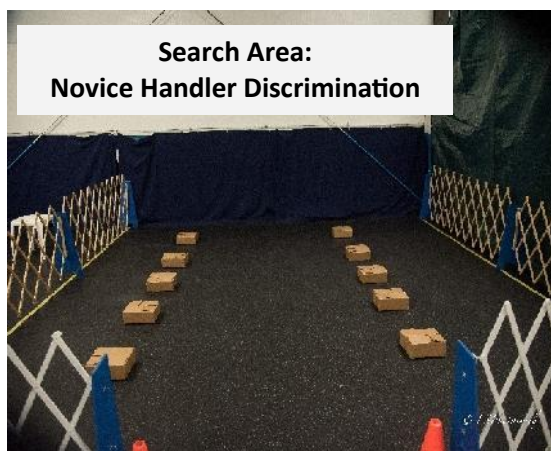
No trial is successful without the quiet careful work of the trial secretary, Diana Johnson-Ford. This starts well before the trial date and continues after the trial itself as results are provided to AKC.

Thanks also to Judge Fran Smith and her team for friendly and well-run Handler Discrimination classes. Thanks to timers, scent steward, scribes, cold prop movers and gate stewards for well-run Interiors classes.

We had enough volunteers to allow folks to get a chance to view searches and provide a supportive group of spectators.

I so appreciate the contribution of each volunteer. I appreciate everyone's positive attitude and willingness to see what needed to be done and to jump in and do it. Loved seeing how check-in space was incorporated into protecting the staging area with use of dog playpen panels. Use of social media to alert folks to class progress was a nice new tool and an improvement for use in upcoming trials and events.

Thank you for your effort in making this event an efficient and fun event and for contributing in ways beyond your "assigned tasks."



Angel Andrews, Nancy Auer, Tricia Boychuck, Lynne Brady, Marjorie Butcher, Kim Corey, Charlotte Czernann, Marge Davis, Arlene Diamonte, Mike Edmondson, Marie Forgach, Will Grabert, Brian Grosso, Kathleen Grosso, MaryAnn Hamzy, Allyn Harper, Donna Kornmeyer, Margi Lehnertz, Keith Musbach, Bobbie Nettles, Judy Norton, Jennifer Patti, Cynthia Porter, Lou Richards, Rosemarie Siebeneck, Laurie Volpe, Lauren Walsh, Judy Wetzel, Wendy Wingfield, Diane Wolak, Joe Wolak, Mary Wright.

Thank you also to Betty and the Board for their support of AKC Scent Work Trials. I hope I haven't forgotten anyone.

Judy McPartland
Trial Chair

January 11 & 12 Obedience Trial Thank You's

THANK YOU to everyone involved in making our Obedience Trial on January 11 and 12 so successful!!

A huge thank you to Marjorie Butcher, Charlotte Czermann, Nancy Honchar and Karen Jones for doing a spectacular job with the trophies and ribbons. Our trophy table looked beautiful!!

Thank you Karen Jones for the scrumptious lunch you prepared for the judge, the trial committee and our stewards and workers!

Thank you Diane Sedberry for taking on the responsibility of Chief Ring Steward and thank you to your awesome team of Stewards, Bob Vance, Scott Adams, Joe Hamzey, , Kim Corey, Kathie Kryla, Diane Ranaldo, Walter DeVault, Benjamin Probst, Marti Hohman and our awesome Table Stewards, Lucy Carr and Peggy DeMinico!

A big shout out of thanks to Diane Sedberry, Joe Hamsey, Scott Adams, Marjorie Butcher, Charlotte Czermann, Patsy Clauser, Karen Jones and Nancy Honchar for setting up on Friday.

Not to be forgotten thank you Michelle Trummer, Joe Hamsey, Peggy DeMinico, Scott Adams and Nancy Honchar for staying after the trial to clean the Clubhouse.

And last but not least a very special THANK YOU to Linda Wood, our Trial Secretary. There are no words to express our thanks to you for the phenomenal job you did as Trial Secretary!!

As you can see, it takes a village to run a trial and we had an awesome village.

It was my pleasure to work with everyone who helped make our Obedience Trial this past weekend a total success!

Warmly,
Donna Kornmeyer
Trial Chair

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who worked so hard this weekend making our trial such a great success! It was our FIRST ever full trial with a "wait-list"! It seems our site is becoming a popular venue!

I'd like to give a special thanks to: Linda Wood, Donna Kornmeyer, Karen Jones, Scott Adams, Nancy Honchar, Diane Sedberry, Charlotte Czermann, Marge Butcher, Bob Vence & Peggy DeMinico as well as all the others who manned the Steward table throughout the weekend.

I did see some new faces working the table! That was just GREAT!

I'd also like to give a special thanks to Steve Strumwasser who won the Dick Mansell/Mary Jane Kelly award on Sunday for the Highest Scoring Non-OTCH, Non-OTCH handler award for donating the money back to the club! Congrats Steve & Maverick on earning your CDX on Sunday as well!

Betty Gansky
President

Acting in the capacity of the Chief Ring Steward, I would just like to thank all volunteers who helped set up on Friday for this past weekend Obedience Trial

Joe Hamsey, Scott Adams, Sr., Patsy Clouser, Charlotte Czermann, Marjorie Butcher, Karen Jones, Donna Kornmeyer and me.

On both Saturday and Sunday, Scott Adams, Sr. and Robert Vence served as the Ring Stewards and the clean up committee at the end of the day to make everything fresh and clean for day two.

Lucy Carr, Table Steward for all day Saturday.

- Kathy Kryla, Gate Steward in the morning session with the assistance of:
- Kim Corey, Marti Hohmann, Walter DeVault, and Benjamin Probst
- Diane Ranaldo Gate Steward for the afternoon session.
- Peggy DeMinico Table Steward all day Sunday and Kim Corey the Gate Steward for the morning session and Joe Hamzy for the afternoon session and clean up committee
- Michelle Trummer clean up committee

The show cannot possibly run smoothly without this very important group of volunteers and Judge Lucie Seeley said so herself on numerous occasions

Thanks to all of you great volunteers!
Diane Sedberry
Chief Ring Steward

OTCPBC Christmas Dinner & Gift Exchange

December 8, 2019



BRAGS



Fate is closing out the year by earning her Open Jumper's Preferred title at an Agility trial in Punta Gorda on Saturday December 6th. On Sunday December 7th

she earned her 1st AXP leg!

This is Fate's 10th title!!!

She is only 27 months old!

She's an incredible little dog!

I'm VERY proud of her!

Betty Gansky

Cyndi Porter's 11 month old girl Reyne passed her CGC and UCGC in December



Lucy finished her Rally Excellent title at the OTCBPC trial on November 16.

Laura Rubin



Reve finishes the year on a high note. Earned his MACH 3 recently at the Ft. Pierce Tailwaggers Trial. Q in 15 straight runs.

Here is his loot. Also earned his second OTCH in August.

Most importantly, he is a gentle, kind and sweet friend.

Bob Becker

Will passed his VST test in Orlando in October, earned his CT and is now CH CT Wingmaster Our Side Will Win UD JH WC.

He is the 14th Flat-Coat VST (our 7th) and the 12th Flat-Coat Champion Tracker (our 5th).

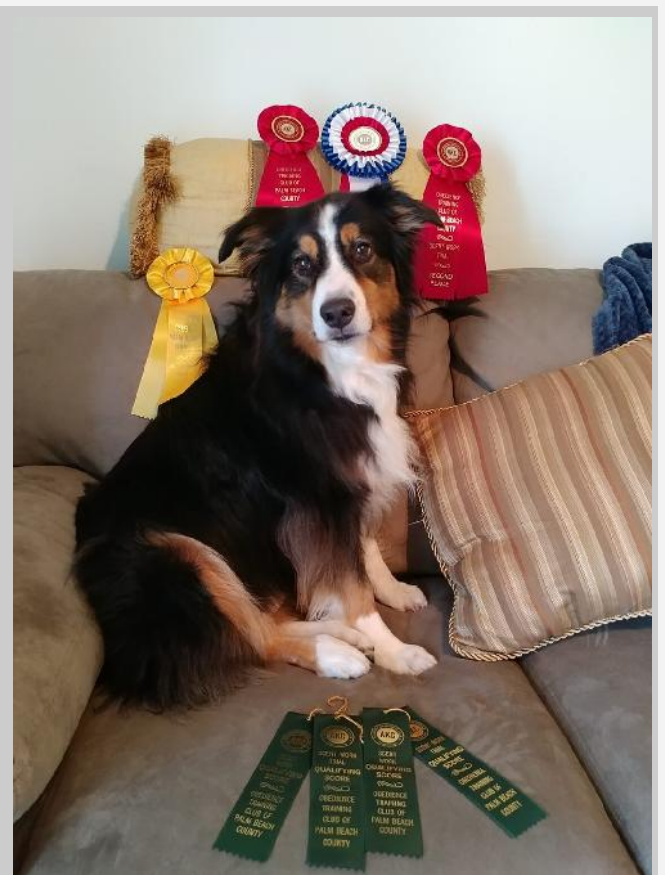
He is now qualified for the FCRSA Hall of Fame and will be inducted in May.

Mary Ann and Joe Hamzy





Arlo earned his UDX 2 in September.
I am so proud of him!
June Feigenblatt



Rocket rocked it Nov 30th at the OTCPBC AKC SW Trial! He titled in Novice Interiors and placed second on his Interior run after moving up to Advanced. It was a fun, wonderful event."
Vasiliou's Rocket BN RI SIN

Libby Vasiliou



Astro is a Champion Tracker (CT)!

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VCD1 RA TDU JH JHR OJP SWA SCE
SIE SEE NW3

We started tracking when he was just a wee lad of 10 weeks and he loved it, earning his TD at 7 months. When he's tracking, he's on a mission; however, following behind the freight train makes it difficult to stay upright! After losing a couple test seasons due to successive cracked ankles, I finally hung on until the final article for his TDX title & urban VST title, earning his Champion Tracker. There are still many adventures to come as we continue training in advanced field, retrieving and scent work.

Jane Craig



Abby and I had a busy December. She passed both her CGC and UCGC test along with her Tricks Novice & Intermediate. Then to top it off we had a great time at our 1st agility trial in Ft Pierce on my birthday weekend. She qualified for both her Novice JWW and Standard titles along with 6 First place ribbons. Wow fun December.

Bobbi Nettles

Added 1/12: We got our FAST Novice title this past weekend !



Lots of Brown Dog brags to report! We were able to trial for three days in one week in three different states. Raleigh and Cash each had an opportunity to compete in an NACSW NW3 and both got to enter a Performance Scent Dog trial. In total we traveled over 1800 miles and it was a wonderful ride.

Raleigh and I had our first perfect day together and earned our first NW3 title in Asheboro, NC! The weather was perfect for a trial but it ended up being a tough day where only 2 out of 35 teams completed all of the six searches correctly to earn an NW3 title. Not only did we pass but we ended High in Trial, 3rd Place in Vehicles and completed our Containers Element Title. Such a great day and I hope for many more just like this with her.

The following day we ventured further North to Wirtz, VA for Cash to have his last go for NW3 in 2019. Sadly the weather did not complete 180 and was miserable, cold and raining. We struggled a little in the morning with

the weather impact costing us a chance to title but I'm really happy with how we were able to turn the whole day around in the afternoon. I was finally able to coax the Cash I know out of the cold and wet and we went on to put on a 2nd place performance in our Exterior search. That search was a big win not only as a cohesive team but because we were one of only 8 teams to execute correctly! We finished the day strong putting on a solid performance in Containers.

The following weekend we got to do more nosework in Dania Beach at a Performance Scent Dog trial, our first 2020 trial. Raleigh finished her first Advanced title in Exteriors with a 1st place search and earned a metallic leg in Novice Distance. Cash put on the performance of the day earning the Iron Nose Award for passing all five searches with the fastest combined search time of the day, 2:32! Cash passed Advance Distance, Speed and Containers and Novice Exteriors and Interiors.

Looking forward to what the rest of 2020 will bring to the Super Brownies! The adventures are just beginning.

Lauren Walsh





Fate the my little "wonder dog" earned her 1st leg towards our Utility title on Sunday 1/12 at the OTCPCB trial. Fate is only 2 years old! She took a 1st place & won an engraved stein. I'm so very proud of my "baby"!

Betty



AKC Scentwork Interior Novice Title came in the mail today!

Cindy Ponga



Hurray for Jump For Joy, "Joy" as she hopped off with her BN title on Saturday, January 11, 2020!

-Michelle Trummer

My only brag is how great our club is because of how great it's members are.

Steve Strumwasser



Ms. Fiona Anne earned her first Q in anything at our January Obedience Trial when she received a Blue for Novice A. Much thanks to Peggy Deminico and Betty Gansky for getting us this far.

Laura Moran



Cody won his very first Obedience class in Beginner Novice on Saturday and Second place on Sunday. Cody is a new addition to our Corgi family and is training in Obedience, Rally and Agility. He is a blast to train. Many good times ahead!

Sandy Crechiolo



Keegan completed her Obedience Trial Championship on January 12, 2020 at the OTCPCB trial. Judge Lucy Seeley awarded her first place in Utility B giving Keegan her final points.

Keegan is a blessing to me. She is the best of the best... loves to cuddle, to play, to work. This is my fifth OTCH Border Collie. I feel so fortunate to have had such brilliant, hard working dogs.

OTCH CYCLONE'S GOOD-N-PLENTY KEEGAN BN TD TKA
UDX2 OM4 CGC SIA SEA SWN

Nancy Auer



Picture of June/Arlo-Betty/Fate in the lobby of the La Quinta in Port Charlotte in December.



Photo from January 5 VST/TDU Test.



Think your dog has that certain “star quality”?

Are you an accomplished shutterbug (or aspiring to be one)?

Then we invite you to enter our **41st Annual Photo Contest**. It can be an elegant portrait, an image of your dog with his best buddy (that’s you!), or a lively action shot—creativity, quality, and originality are the only parameters.

Well, there are a few rules, too.

For rules and additional details, go to
akc.org/products-services/magazines/family-dog/photo-contest/rules.

So start snapping!

DEADLINE:

The 2019 AKC Photo Contest began on April 15, 2019. Entries must be postmarked by January 31, 2020, and received no later than February 7, 2020.

SEND ENTRIES TO:

AKC Magazines Photo Contest
 The American Kennel Club
 101 Park Avenue
 New York, NY 10178
 or Email: photocontest@akc.org

PRIZES:

First Place	\$500
Second Place	\$250
Third Place	\$150

2 New AKC Recognized Breeds



Barbet

If playful, goofy, and loving are characteristics you're looking for in a dog, this newly AKC recognized breed might be for you!



Dogo Argentino

Fearless and courageous, yet sensitive, this new addition to the Working Group has quite the unique character.

Adjustable Agility Weave Poles - 6 Pole Set—FOR SALE

- Purchased from AKC.
- Easy to assemble
- Fully Adjustable, can be configured as 2 by 2's
- Straight or Offset Configuration
- 2 Foot Centers, Flat to the Ground Base

Practically brand new! **Asking \$40.00.**

If interested contact Betty: jgansky@prodigy.net



Volunteer Hours

Includes Hours Earned between 1/17/2019 and 1/16/2020
Does NOT include volunteer hours from January 2020 Obedience Trial

Last Name	First Name	Earliest Service Date	Most Recent Service Date	Total Hours
Adams	Scott	1/27/2019	11/17/2019	174
Andrews	Angel	1/27/2019	12/1/2019	38.5
Armfield	Patricia	7/27/2019	11/9/2019	30
Asaro	Jean	1/27/2019	1/27/2019	18
Auer	Nancy	2/21/2019	12/1/2019	18.5
Becker	Robert	2/3/2019	8/18/2019	73
Bounds	Hailey	4/20/2019	9/8/2019	11.95
Boychuck	Tricia	11/17/2019	12/1/2019	16.75
Brady	Lynne	9/8/2019	1/6/2020	30.75
Brown	Sandra	1/25/2019	9/9/2019	12.5
Butcher	Marjorie	3/31/2019	12/1/2019	57.25
Carey	Kim	2/3/2019	12/31/2019	33.5
Carlee	Lane	1/31/2019	12/31/2019	38.25
Carr	Lucy	9/29/2019	10/18/2019	12.75
Carson	Mary	9/8/2019	9/8/2019	2
Caruso	Pat	1/6/2020	1/6/2020	3
Cash	Beverly	9/29/2019	9/29/2019	6
Clouser	Patsy	2/3/2019	11/17/2019	20.5
Corey	Kim	12/1/2019	12/1/2019	11.5
Craig	Jane	1/27/2019	1/5/2020	39
Crechiolo	Joe	2/3/2019	6/9/2019	10
Crechiolo	Sandy	2/10/2019	1/6/2020	35.75
Czermann	Charlotte	1/27/2019	12/1/2019	45.75
Davis	Diane	5/26/2019	7/14/2019	23
Davis	Marge	12/1/2019	12/1/2019	6
DeMinico	Peggy	1/19/2019	11/17/2019	113
Didjurgis	Barbara	9/8/2019	9/8/2019	2
Feigenblatt	June	1/27/2019	1/5/2020	42.25
Forgach	Marie	1/27/2019	12/1/2019	49.75
Gates	Sandra	2/3/2019	11/10/2019	101.75
Gomez	Janet	3/3/2019	7/14/2019	47.25
Gorbas	John	1/19/2019	6/16/2019	33.5
Gosnell	Mike	6/3/2019	6/3/2019	4
Grosso	Brian	1/27/2019	12/1/2019	36.5
Grosso	Kathleen	1/27/2019	12/1/2019	38.5
Hamzy	Joe	3/3/2019	1/5/2020	23.25
Hamzy	MaryAnn	9/8/2019	1/5/2020	15
Hohmann	Marti	1/27/2019	1/27/2019	16
Johnson-Ford	Diana	2/4/2019	12/30/2019	139.5
Jones	Karen	4/28/2019	9/29/2019	56
Kennedy	Bridget	2/3/2019	12/16/2019	22

Last Name	First Name	Earliest Service Date	Most Recent Service Date	Total Hours
Klein	Carol Ann	5/26/2019	1/5/2020	24.75
Kornmeyer	Donna	8/5/2019	12/1/2019	19
Kryla	Kathie	6/9/2019	9/29/2019	12
Lehnertz	Margi	12/1/2019	12/1/2019	20
Macchia	Mary	2/13/2019	6/2/2019	4.5
McDonough	Kelly	7/23/2019	10/31/2019	13.75
McKennen	David	7/14/2019	11/17/2019	30
McPartland	Judith	1/27/2019	11/18/2019	132.5
Millar	Robert	1/26/2019	1/5/2020	22.25
Minix	Susan	2/13/2019	1/5/2020	38.5
Moore	Janet	1/27/2019	9/22/2019	25
Nettles	Bobbie	4/20/2019	12/1/2019	34.25
Norton	Judy	1/27/2019	12/1/2019	36.25
Parker	Dianne	1/31/2019	11/30/2019	56
Patterson	Lori	1/31/2019	1/5/2020	87.5
Pichette	Helen	1/27/2019	1/27/2019	8
Ponga	Cindylou	5/26/2019	1/6/2020	34.75
Porter	Cynthia	10/31/2019	12/1/2019	10
Richards	Lou	1/27/2019	12/1/2019	28.25
Roche	Gary	11/17/2019	11/17/2019	4.5
Rubin	Laura	6/3/2019	1/6/2020	3
Siebeneck	Rosemarie	1/26/2019	12/1/2019	126
Smith	Lindsey	1/25/2019	12/1/2019	22
Strumwasser	Steve	1/19/2019	1/19/2019	2.5
Taylor	Matthew	9/29/2019	11/17/2019	14.5
Thors	Edda	4/20/2019	8/18/2019	10
Trummer	Michelle	2/3/2019	1/5/2020	26
Vasiliou	Libby	6/9/2019	6/9/2019	5
Vence	Robert	2/3/2019	1/5/2020	74.5
Walsh	Lauren	12/1/2019	12/1/2019	1.5
Walter	Noel	6/9/2019	6/9/2019	5
Weber	Lodge	4/14/2019	9/29/2019	61.25
Wetzel	Judy	8/5/2019	12/1/2019	19
Wheeler	Kay	1/27/2019	1/27/2019	16
White	James	4/20/2019	11/10/2019	11
Wingfield	Wendy	1/27/2019	12/31/2019	39
Wolak	Diane	1/27/2019	12/1/2019	37.75
Wolak	Joe	1/27/2019	12/1/2019	37.75
Wood	Linda	2/3/2019	12/31/2019	117
Wright	Mary	2/3/2019	12/1/2019	106.25

Looking for Volunteer Hours?

Here are some upcoming Club Events you can volunteer for. Contact the Trial Chairperson for the event. Premiums are or will be available on the club website.

AGILITY TRIALS

January 31 – February 2

St Lucie Fairgrounds
Ft Pierce, FL

May 2-3

Bratty Paws Dogplex
Punta Gorda, FL

June 11-14

Turner Agri Center
Arcadia, FL

August 14-16

Turner Agri Center
Arcadia, FL

NACSW Events

January 18, 2020

Odor Recognition Test
(ORT)
OTCPBC Clubhouse

Obedience Trials

January 11-12, 2020
OTCPBC Clubhouse

HOW VOLUNTEER HOURS WORK

In November 2017 the Board of Directors changed how the volunteer hours would be recorded. The change was made from calendar year (January – December) to a running calculation of a 12-month period. This would allow members who had accumulated at least 20 hours of time to immediately reap the benefits (class reduction fees, access card purchase). Also, all hours earned would be reported monthly in Lead Lines, not just the 20 hours required for discounts.

The importance of continuing to report your volunteer hours is shown below. Remember, your hours are now calculated on a 12-month basis.

EXAMPLE		
DATE	HOURS VOLUNTEERED	TOTAL HOURS FOR 12 MONTHS
02/01/19	10	10
02/15/19	10	20
04/15/19	05	25
06/01/19	10	35
07/15/19	05	40
08/20/19	10	50
11/01/19	10	60
01/15/20	10	70

On February 28, 2020 your first 15 hours from 2019 expire. (15)
You now have 55 hours in your volunteer account. 55

You again volunteer: 03/15/20 05 60 (total hours)

On March 31, 2020 there is no change in your volunteer hours as you did not volunteer in March of the prior year.

On April 30, 2020 the hours you earned in April 2019 now expire (05)
You now have 55 hours in your volunteer account 55

On June 30, 2020 the hours you earned in June 2019 expire (10)
You now have 45 hours in your volunteer account 45

You volunteer again: 07/15/20 15 60 (total hours)

On July 31, 2020 the hours you earned in July 2019 expire (05)
55 (total hours)

Volunteer hours for club events i.e., stewarding, set-up, etc. will be reported on the Volunteer Sign-in sheet and turned in by Volunteer coordinator for the event. Any other volunteer hours should be reported with the task and hours directly to otcvolunteerhours@gmail.com once the work has been completed or monthly, if the task is ongoing.

Keep reporting your hours.
Check your balance in the monthly report in Lead Lines.
If you have any questions, contact
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Understanding, Preventing, and Treating Dog Anxiety

By Randa Kriss

Just like humans, dogs experience anxiety. While unpleasant, it is a normal and also healthy emotion. Dog anxiety can affect all breeds, but may affect each individual dog differently. Although it is something that all dogs experience from time-to-time, if disproportionate levels of anxiety are left unchecked, a dog can develop an anxiety disorder. If left untreated, dog anxiety can lead to behavioral and other issues.

How do you know if your dog has anxiety? What can you do to treat dog anxiety? We're here to explain everything you need to know about dog anxiety — common causes, symptoms, and treatments. Additionally, we'll discuss top tips for anxiety prevention. This way, if your dog ever does suffer from anxiety — you'll have all the knowledge you need as an owner to help.

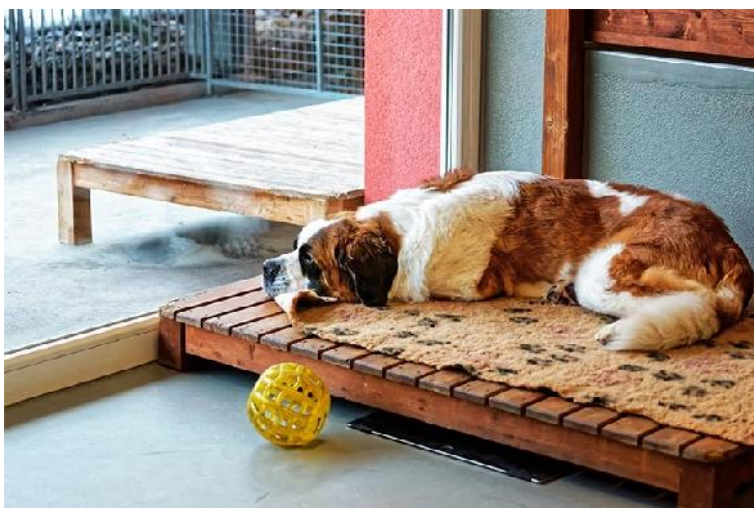
Dog Anxiety: Causes

According to the Merck Veterinary Manual, dog anxiety can have a variety of causes. Some of the most common causes of dog anxiety are: Fear, Separation, and Aging

Fear-related anxiety can be caused by loud noises, strange people or animals, visual stimuli like hats or umbrellas, new or strange environments, specific situations — like the vet's office or car rides — or surfaces like grass or wood floors. Although some dogs may only have brief reactions to these kind of stimuli, they may affect anxious dogs more consequentially.

Separation anxiety is estimated to affect around 14 percent of dogs. Dogs with separation anxiety are unable to find comfort when they are left alone or separated from their family members. This anxiety often manifests itself in undesirable behaviors, such as urinating and defecating in the house, destroying furniture and furnishings, and barking.

Age-related anxiety affects older dogs and can be associated with cognitive dysfunction syndrome (CDS). In dogs with CDS, memory, learning, perception, and awareness start to decline, similar to the early stages of Alzheimer's disease in humans. This understandably leads to confusion and anxiety in senior dogs.



Dog Anxiety: Symptoms

So how can you tell if your dog has anxiety? There are several important symptoms to look out for:

Aggression, Urinating or defecating in the house, Drooling, Panting, Destructive behavior, Depression, Excessive barking, Pacing, Restlessness, Repetitive or compulsive behaviors

Some of these symptoms may be the result of occasional anxiety-causing events, but any of these can become recurrent and therefore, result in more serious issues. This being said, by far the most dangerous symptom of dog anxiety is aggression. This aggression can be targeted directly or indirectly, depending on the situation. Direct aggression occurs when a dog acts aggressively toward people or other animals. Indirect aggression can be equally dangerous, and often happens when a person comes between the dog and the source of the dog's aggression, such as another dog. Even if a dog is prevented from harming others, aggressive behaviors such as growling or barking can lead to undesirable situations for humans and dogs, alike.

Urinating and defecating in the house is a common symptom of separation anxiety. Anxious dogs often work themselves up to the point that they pee or poop in the house, even if they are housebroken. This is frustrating for owners and can cause damage to property, not to mention the unpleasantness of the cleanup.

Destructive behavior is also common with separation anxiety. The damage is usually located around entry and exit points, like doorways and windows, but dogs in a state of heightened anxiety are also at risk of harming themselves. Attempts to break out of dog crates, windows, and even doors can result in painful injuries and expensive veterinary treatments.

Dog Anxiety: Treatment

The best way to treat anxiety is to talk with your veterinarian. Your veterinarian can help you identify the type of anxiety your dog suffers from and the possible causes and triggers. Your veterinarian will also be able to help you determine if the anxiety is simply situational, or if it is becoming an overwhelming issue for your dog. Additionally, veterinarians can also rule out any other medical conditions that could be causing your dog's symptoms.

Your veterinarian will help you come up with a treatment plan. Since excessive anxiety is often caused by a variety of factors, the best way to treat it is usually through a combination of training, preventive strategies, and in some cases, medications.

Training and Counterconditioning

There are several training strategies owners can use to treat dog anxiety. One way is counterconditioning. The purpose of counterconditioning is to change your dog's response to the stimuli responsible for anxiety, usually by replacing the anxious or aggressive behavior with a more desirable behavior, like sitting or focusing on the owner.

Another training strategy is desensitization. The owner slowly introduces the dog to the source of anxiety, preferably in small doses and at a decreased intensity. Repeated exposure and rewarding positive behavior can go a long way toward managing anxiety. You might want to contact a professional dog trainer to help you choose the best approach for your dog, as training an anxious dog is not always easy.

Anxiety Medications for Dogs

If your dog develops a serious anxiety disorder, your veterinarian may recommend medications or natural therapies. SSRIs and antidepressants are occasionally prescribed for dogs with anxiety, including fluoxetine and clomipramine. For predictable anxiety-producing events like thunderstorms, fireworks, or car rides, your veterinarian might prescribe a medication such as benzodiazepine in conjunction with an antidepressant to help your dog cope with the stress.

Senior dogs with cognitive dysfunction syndrome may benefit from the drug selegiline, which can help reduce some of the symptoms of CDS. Selegiline is also used for treating chronic anxiety in Europe.

The Merck Veterinary Manual also states that natural therapies and products can help dogs with anxiety. Some products work best in conjunction with other medications, while others can be used alone, depending on your dog's case. Natural products use pheromones and aromatherapy to reduce anxiety. Talk to your veterinarian about the natural products best suited for your dog.

Using CBD Oil for Dog Anxiety

Some dog owners have reported success in using CBD oil to treat dog anxiety. CBD is a compound found in cannabis and hemp that dog owners, as well as humans, have found useful for treating a variety of different health conditions. Anecdotal reports from dog owners claim that CBD oil can be effective in treating dog anxiety.



It's important to note, however, that although many humans use CBD oil for anxiety treatment purposes, there is currently no scientific data on how using CBD oil affects dogs. Additionally, CBD products are not yet regulated — meaning consistency and purity are not always validated. Therefore, if you're considering using CBD oil as a treatment for dog anxiety, it's best to consult with your veterinarian. Your veterinarian can help you determine if CBD oil might be a good treatment for your dog's anxiety, as well as discuss different products, possible side effects, and risks.

Dog Anxiety: Prevention

It can be difficult to predict exactly what will make your dog anxious, and even more difficult to determine if your dog's anxiety will develop into a more serious disorder. However, there are ways to help a dog or puppy avoid anxiety-related problems.

Body Language |

One of the best things you can do is learn to read dog body language. Knowing when your dog is uncomfortable or scared can help you avoid negative experiences or use them as a positive training moment. Body language can also tell you when a dog is getting anxious, which is especially useful if your dog has a history of aggression-related anxiety.

Socialization

Proper socialization can prevent the development of anxiety. Introducing your dog to new people, dogs, animals, places, and experiences can help avoid an exaggerated response down the road, and also helps your dog become a well-adjusted canine citizen.

Obedience

Obedience training is an essential tool for preventing and managing dog anxiety. It lays the foundation of a healthy relationship and establishes trust. A well-trained dog is easier to socialize than a dog without training, and obedience classes are a great place for dogs to meet other dogs in a controlled environment.

Exercise and Nutrition

Regular exercise and stimulation are crucial for a dog's development, physical, and mental well-being. A stimulated dog is less likely to pick up destructive behaviors, and good nutrition is equally important for your dog's health. Making sure you take care of your dog's physical and mental needs can help you prevent any behavior problems that don't stem from anxiety, letting you know the areas where your dog needs the most help.

Situation Avoidance

If your dog has been diagnosed with anxiety issues, you can also try to avoid or prevent situations that trigger your dog's anxiety. For example, if you know that your dog grows anxious around large groups of dogs, you should avoid dog parks. Avoidance does not mean that you need to put your life on hold, but it can reduce some of the stress on you and your dog.

If the source of the anxiety cannot be avoided, preventive measures like leashes, body harnesses, and, in some cases, basket muzzles, can prevent dangerous situations. Once you know your dog's triggers, you can prepare for these situations ahead of time.



Dog Anxiety: The Bottom Line

Like humans, many dogs will experience anxiety at some point throughout their lives. Although not all dogs will have anxiety that leads to a diagnosable anxiety disorder, it's important to know the causes, symptoms, and treatment options involved with dog anxiety. Understanding these important facets can help you, as an owner, know the best ways to help your dog in anxiety-inducing situations. If you think that your dog might have an issue with anxiety, it's best to consult your veterinarian — your veterinarian can diagnose your dog, rule out any other health issues, and help you develop a treatment plan that best fits your dog and lifestyle.

Innovet created a product line of full spectrum pure hemp oils void of dangerous compounds. Their USDA certified organic oil is formulated especially for animals and is also third-party tested to ensure consistency and purity. Innovet offers more than 50 affordable products to help pets manage anxiety, pain, as well as other conditions. Get more information about Innovet's CBD products.