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Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County

January 2021

OFFICERS

President.....Betty Gansky
Vice President.....Steve Campbell
Treasurer Fran Smith
Recording Secretary.....Celeste Platte

BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

Nancy Honchar, Tracey Guiejka, Scott Adams Sr

COORDINATORS

Rally Coordinator.....Steve Campbell
Obedience Coordinator Nancy Honchar
Tracking Coordinator Diana Johnson Ford
Agility Coordinator..... Barbara Bounds
Nose Work Coordinator.....Judy McPartland

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Policy & Procedures; General Membership; #21

All dogs on the OTCPCB property must be on lead, in their crates, or carried at all times unless working in the ring or other designated practice area.

Passed by the Board of Directors on January 11, 2021.

Steve Campbell Update

Steve is home & recovering. He has live-in help at this time. He is coming along pretty well. He is still under "lifting restrictions" & will be for sometime.

I'm sure he would love to hear via e-mail or text from well-wishers. He misses training & coming to the club.

We send him over VERY best wishes!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Upcoming opportunity to get volunteer hours. You can work at the Agility trial in Ft. Pierce February 5-7, 2021.

If you want to volunteer for the agility trial, the link is below.

<https://tinyurl.com/OTCPBC-Feb2021>

No experience? No worries! We will train you! If you are working for hours, let the ring coordinator and Betty know at the trial.

**Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County
General Membership Meeting Minutes – Via Zoom Meeting
Monday, January 4, 2021**

Board Members Present: Betty Gansky, Steve Campbell, Fran Smith, Celeste Platte, Scott T. Adams, Sr., Nancy Honchar, Tracey Guziejka.

Minutes of General Meeting November 16, 2020: Motion to approve minutes of the General Meeting of November 16, 2020 as printed in Lead Lines. Motion by Laura Rubin. Second by Linda Wood. Motion approved.

Reports:

President – Betty Gansky: The following coordinators have been appointed by the president: Obedience: Nancy Honchar.

Rally – Steve Campbell. Tracking – Diana Johnson Ford. Scent Work – Judy McPartland. Agility – Barbara Bounds.

Secretary – Celeste Platte: Membership renewals are now closed. There were only nine members that did not renew.

Treasurer – Fran Smith: Fran gave her report on the financial status of the club. As expected, the club did see a loss this year because of class cancellations and the club closure due to the pandemic. Also, three of the club's Agility Trials were cancelled, which is a big money maker. However, due to good financial stewardship, the club is still solvent.

The Obedience Trial of November 7 & 8, and the Rally Trial of November 14 & 15 both made a profit, even in these difficult times.

Obedience Coordinator – Nancy Honchar: Lane Carlee is invaluable. All classes offered at this time are full. There continues to be a huge demand. People are just waiting for the classes to be offered online.

Agility Coordinator – Barbara Bounds: There are three agility classes offered online at this time. People are really enjoying the pavilion. Getting out of the rain has been great.

Scent Trial Coordinator – Judy McPartland: An AKC Scent Work Trial is scheduled for January 30-31, 2021. Chair: Nancy Honchar, Secretary Wendy Wingfield, Judge: Lauren Walsh

Two Trials each day running concurrently. Runs per trial: 50. Element: Containers.

Tracking – Lori Patterson: There is a tracking test on January 9. A TDX test has been added and will be held in April, 2021

Show and Go – Nancy Honchar. The Show and Go for January 10th is full.

Agility Trial – Betty Gansky: The next agility trial is scheduled for February 5-7, 2021 at the St Lucie County Fairgrounds in Ft. Pierce. Volunteers are needed.

You can click this link or go to OTCPBC.org, then trials, then Agility Trial. The link is there.

<https://tinyurl.com/OTCPBC-Feb2021>

There will be a sign-up board at the trial each day.

OLD BUSINESS:

Election of Officers: The Secretary cast the vote to elect the following members to the 2021 Board of Directors: Betty Gansky, President; Steve Campbell, Vice President; Fran Smith, Treasurer; Celeste Platte, Secretary. Members at Large: Nancy Campbell, Scott T. Adams, Sr., Tracey Guziejka.

Toys for Tots Donation: OTCPBC donated \$500 this year through the Toys for Tots website.

Clubhouse Lights - Tracey Guziejka: Lights and ballasts have been replaced at the clubhouse. It is so much brighter now.

NEW BUSINESS:

A Roof leak was discovered. Rich Moore is scheduled to make repairs.

Stones on Sign out front were loose again and have been repaired by Jeff Gansky.

A Toilet Flapper in a bathroom has been replaced by Jeff Gansky.

The wall behind the door in the crate room was damaged again. Ron Guziejka is making the repair.

Honorary Members: The following members were approved as Honorary Members for 2021

Bobbi Blythe, Joan Bruno, Jeff Gansky, Erika Gueijka, Ray Hookey, Ann Levy, Joe Wolak, Mirabelle Wrist

New Members: The following members were voted into membership on January 4, 2021. Congratulations.

Edmonds, Mike & Musbach, Keith Household Members: 2021

146 Vassar Drive

Lake Worth, FL 33460

Breed: Dobermans

Email: Mike: mike.edmondson@gmail.com

Keith: WPBRealtor@gmail.com

Mike: 561-389-0421

Keith: 561-309-4198

Obedience

Next General Membership Meeting: April 5, 2021 via ZOOM

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Celeste Platte, Secretary*

**Board of Directors' ZOOM Meeting
Monday, December 7, 2020
7:00 PM**

Members Present: Betty Gansky, Steve Campbell, Fran Smith, Celeste Platte, Scott Adams, Nancy Honchar, Tracey Guziejka.
The Meeting was called to order 7:05 PM

Treasurer - Fran Smith: The checking account is getting a little low. May have to move money. There are still outstanding checks. She will continue to monitor the account.

Trial Secretary - January Obedience - Celeste Platte: Russ Hornfisher, the judge for January, has said that he will charge the lesser of flying or driving. His hotel room has been reserved through Sunday in case he wants to stay over and leave the area on Monday.

Drop Ins to class: At the request of instructors, the Board discussed allowing Fill In students to join an advanced class, such as upper-level agility, advanced rally and upper level obedience classes. It would be up to the instructor to allow these "fill-in students." In talking to the webmaster, she said a special invoice could be sent to the fill-in student for them to register and pay with PayPal which would also include the COVID-19 waiver.

MOTION: If a class is not filled, the instructor may allow a fill in person. The instructor will contact the coordinator for that venue and the coordinator will contact the webmaster to create a special invoice for that student. The student will pay for the class via PayPal and sign the COVID waiver. At least 72 hours must be supplied to the webmaster. The instructor's payment will not change based on the addition of the fill in student.

First Celeste Platte 2nd Steve Campbell. MOTION passed unanimously.

Access Cards: MOTION: Executive Board members and At Large Board members, Obedience, Agility, Rally, and Scent Coordinators will be issued a key or key card at no charge.

Motion by Nancy Honchar, second Fran Smith MOTION passed

Club Ceiling Lights - Tracey Guziejka: Tracey did not feel comfortable with the company she originally chose due to insurance purposes. Tracey met with the owner and his wife of Ochoa Electric Service and they walked through the building identifying lights and ballasts that needed to be replaced. The estimate is \$1145. Tracey is comfortable with this contractor and he was able to supply all the necessary insurance forms. The project will take all day. The install date was set for December 17, 2020.

Upcoming Agility Trials - Betty Gansky: The agility trials normally held at the Turner Center in Arcadia in June/August cannot take place as usual. The facility is not willing to bring in the necessary dirt for one club to hold trials. Usually other agility trials take place after OTC's which makes it viable for the facility to do all the work to set up the rings. Although Bratty Paws only has one ring, the facility supplies all the jumps as well as the course builders. OTC will hold all of its Agility trials at Bratty Paws in 2021 with the exception of the trials that will be held at the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds the 1st weekend in February.

In 2022, the Club will return to the Turner Center in Arcadia for their Agility Trials

A major milestone: Joe Hamzey earned a TDX on Oakmeadow Beautiful Friendship (Bay) on December 6th. Bay is Joe's 6th tracking champion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Platte, Secretary*

Board of Directors' Meeting
Tuesday, November 10, 2020—7:00 PM

Members Present: Betty Gansky, Steve Campbell, Fran Smith, Celeste Platte, Scott Adams, Nancy Honchar, Tracey Guziejka.

Specific Items for Discussion.

Corresponding Secretary Position

- The Board of Directors is recommending to the membership that the position of the Corresponding Secretary be eliminated. If the membership does not vote to eliminate the position, a job description will be sent to the membership.
- Nominating Chair Steve Campbell will advise the membership that if they wish to have their name on the 2021 ballot for the position of Corresponding Secretary, they should send a resume of their qualifications to him by December 1. These resumes will be included in the December Lead Lines which is sent to all members.
- Any nominations and resumes received by the deadline for the Corresponding Secretary position will be put on the January 2021 ballot for voting by the membership.

The Slate of Officers

- Will be presented to the membership at the November 16, 2020 meeting. Nominations from the floor for any office, excluding Corresponding Secretary, must be made at this meeting and that name or names will be put on the ballot for the January 2021 election.

Diana Johnson Ford's letter to the Board of Directors. Received and filed by the Board.

- The letter addressed four items.
 - The Corresponding Secretary position remain open and new duties be assigned.
 - Roberts Rules: Requested an effort be made to abide by Roberts Rules, even though the meetings are taking place over Zoom.
 - **The Board agreed that** an effort would be made to closely follow the rules.
 - Access Card Holder Training: Requested that now that Palm Beach County has entered phase three, that four people be allowed to train at the same time.
- Assess Card Holder Training** – The Board agreed to modify individual training as follows:
- Allow up to four people to train at the same time for a maximum time of 2 hours.
 - At least two of the members must be access card holders
 - Members only can train at this time

The Board agreed to add the following to the Covid-19 statement signed by students taking classes.

Change underlined . . . or any household member, or any close family member of frequent contact, have not been in contact with or exposed to any known carrier of COVID-19.” Change underlined.

Class Assistants

- At what number of students should an assistant be required?
 - Motion made by Steve Campbell, Seconded by Scott T Adams Sr. For Non-competitive classes, when more than eight students are enrolled, an assistant will be needed.
 - Nancy Honchar and Celeste Plate – No. Fran Smith – Abstain. Steve Campbell, Scott Adams, Tracey Guziejka voted Yes. President broke the tie by voting yes to the above motion

Number of Students Per Class

On May 29th, the Board, through email, agreed that the class size would be limited to eight students per class. The Board agreed to revisit the class size as the Covid-19 situation changes.

Lead time when a class is to be posted

Training Coordinator Nancy Honchar said that she tries to get the classes posted a month ahead of time when possible. The Rally Coordinator would also like to have the classes posed at least four weeks in advance.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Platte, Recording Secretary

Board of Directors' Meeting
Sunday, November 22, 2020, 2020—7:00 PM

Members Present: Steve Campbell, Fran Smith, Celeste Platte, Scott Adams, Nancy Honchar, Tracey Guziejka. Absent: Betty Gansky. Guests: Angel Andrews,

Special Meeting: To address the maximum number of puppy students and the requirement of an assistant for that class.

Steve called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

- Non-Agenda Item: Pavilion lights and fans.
 - Tracey said she estimated that to purchase the pavilion lights and fans would be approximately \$2,000. Should this be done now or wait?
 - The Board agreed that these items could be postponed till after the new year and give the Club the opportunity to recover some money.
- Guest Angel Andrews spoke to the number of puppies that can be in the class and the use of an instructor.
 - Angel has been teaching puppy class for the last five years and the number of puppies in the class has always been around 10.
 - No assistant was every used.
 - Puppy class is a socialization and manners class, not an obedience class and non a one on one. It is a nice bridge to the beginner level.
 - All the students are instructed together as this is how they learn.
 - If a student has a problem, the whole class is asked to listen as they may be having the same issues as well.
 - Puppy class is not a one on one. It is always a group instruction.
- Nancy Honchar said she look back over the past years and puppy class historically has always had a least 10 in any given class with no assistant.
- Tracey Guziejka stated that when she voted to limit class size to eight, she was thinking of her teaching experience with the basic classes. She always had students that needed additional assistance. Looking back, she no longer feels that puppy class should be included in the requirement that an assistant is needed.
 - Basic, interment classes certainly should have an instructor because additional help will probably be needed. Tracey no longer feels that puppy class should be included in the requirement for an instructor.
- Steve Campbell's experience when he took a class five years ago, was that he was glad there was an assistant as he needed additional help with various exercises.
- An Intermediate puppy class is also offered. There is a pre-requisite before taking that class. Nancy Honchar will make sure it is listed on the website with the class.
 - It is most of the Board's opinion that the recommendation made in May 2020 limiting the number of dogs in a class to eight is no longer applicable. This determination was made based on the best-known information at the time about the COVID-19 virus. The limiting of students was not a motion, but a suggestion when the club started allowing classes again. Also, Palm Beach County was still at Level 2 in the gathering of people.
- As stated in the Club's Policy and Procedures, an instructor may have a paid assistant if there are at least six students in the class.

PREVIOUS MOTION REINCEDED

- On November 10, 2020, the following motion was approved by the board:
 - For Non-competitive classes, when there are more than eight students enrolled, an assistant will be needed.
- **Motion** to rescind the motion of November 10, 2020. This motion is based on the history that puppy classes have allowed up to 10 students with no assistant. Motion made by Celeste Platte, Second by Fran Smith. Motion carried. VP Steve Campbell presiding over the meeting did not vote.
 - Prior to the motion of November 10, the Board was not given the historical information of the number of students routinely allowed in classes, particularly the puppy classes.
- **Class Survey**
 - Nancy Honchar will complete development of a class survey to be sent to students finishing a class. The survey can be anonymous if the responder wishes and will be sent by the coordinator, not the class instructor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM

Respectfully submitted, Celeste Platte, Secretary



A BIG "thank you" to Mary Wright for taking care of the weekly schedule filling in for Steve during his recovery!

Betty



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Merry Christmas and Thank You!

From the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation family
in our fun & festive Christmas sweaters.

Dear OTCBBC,

Merry Christmas! Across this great Nation of ours, children are waking up to presents under the tree because of people like you who gave so generously this year.

Imagine the joy you've put in a child's heart ... the smiles you've put on a child's face ... and the hope you've given so many children, because Santa remembered them.

Thanks to the generosity of caring people like you — in this extremely tumultuous year — Christmas was saved for countless less fortunate children and their families. Thank you ... you're amazing!

I hope you're having a Christmas that's filling your heart with hope and joy, too. Merry Christmas and stay safe,
James B. Laster
Lieutenant General, USMC (Retired)
President and CEO
Marine Toys for Tots Foundation

Stewards, Trial Secretaries, Trophy Chairs and all need to know,

It is my distinct pleasure to let everyone know that without your commitment and hard work we could not even begin to entertain the idea of having Trials at OTCPBC.

Everyone plays a vital role in the making of a successful trial. With that being said I would like to recognize those individuals mentioned above:

Betty- Thank you Betty for all your input and suggestions. Your attention to detail regarding the ins and outs of running a successful trial is so appreciated. Not to mention your endless hours of making, baking and wrapping those wonderful dog biscuits for our placement competitors. You just keep going like the energizer bunny!

Linda, Thank you for all that you do from getting out the premium to recording all the entries, and all that which is involved in making sure that all the I's are dotted and the T's are crossed. Your endless attention to making sure every competitor receives a confirmation letter, judging schedule, and a results letter in a timely fashion is commendable. Along with making sure the Judge's books are accurate and complete. Lots of time and effort on your part which is not over looked.

Celeste, Thank you for stepping in for Linda at the trial, it is always a pleasure to work with you. Your upbeat personality and your willingness to make sure the trial results are posted immediately after each class, and the HIT and HC awards are presented promptly is so appreciated, along with keeping the trial moving forward smoothly, and efficiently. We could not have managed without you, so thanks again for all that you do.

Mary Macchia and Pat Caruso Co-trophy Chairs- These two ladies put together the most eye appealing display of trophies and Ribbons I have ever seen. See for yourself. They worked tirelessly before the trial, during the trial and after the trial to insure that no stone was unturned. I cannot thank these ladies enough for all that they did to make this trial a HUGE success.

Joe and Mary Hamzy- Thank you both for always setting up our crating areas, and making sure the mirrors are covered at every Trial. Your participation is so appreciated, and welcomed.

Trial Stewards-

Scott- Your endless participation in setting up, working on Trial Days as either a Table Steward or Ring Steward is commendable. You are there the day before, making sure everything is ready to go, and you work until everything is back in place following the trials. Thank you for always making sure we will have a successful outcome.

Bob Millar- Thank you for Judging and for assisting with doing the Table Stewarding and the ring Stewarding. It was a pleasure having you on board.

Ron Seeley- Thank you for stepping in and Judging our OTCPBC Obedience Trial this past weekend. Your attention to detail, as well as , your words of wisdom were extremely enlightening to many handlers. Thanks again for your tireless dedication.

Debbie Bundschuh, Rose Siebeneck, Judy Wetzel and Mary Wright-

These ladies were the backbone of the Steward volunteers. **Debbie and Judy,** thank you for keeping everyone safe with your fever gun and making sure everyone was presented with a beautiful paper bracelet. Thank you for keeping track of checking in the competitors, the running order, and the arm band numbers. You both did a bang up job. **Rose Siedeneck** thank you for keeping our trial running smoothly in the changing out of the jumps, placing the gloves, and assisting wherever needed. You always help with a smile and a willingness that is so appreciated. **Mary Wright,** thank you for stepping up when Peggy broke her wrist. You showed your girl Molly and still made an all out effort to be a very efficient and accurate Table Steward. You never say no, you are such an asset to OTCPBC.

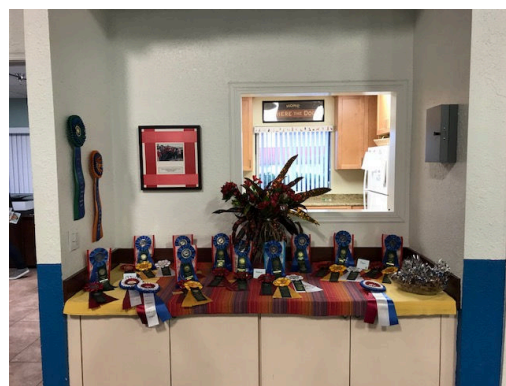
We had a very successful Obedience Trial this past weekend due to all the people mentioned above. I for one am so pleased with these loyal volunteers in our club.

In addition to thanking the above members and Judges, I want to extend my thanks to Peggy Deminico for agreeing to be the Table Steward at both trials; however, due to an unfortunate accident Peggy had to bow out because she broke her wrist. Peggy I wish you a speedy recovery.

I also want to thank Kathy May for helping us set up on Friday, your help was definitely appreciated.

Again, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to our wonderful, always willing and ready to participate volunteers. If I have missed anyone who volunteered, I apologize and would hope that it will be forgiven.

Respectfully, Sandra Gates, Trial Chair



BRAGS



CT Oakmeadow Beautiful Friendship UD JH WC

Bay earned her CT in December in Port St Lucie, FL by passing her TDX and is now CT Oakmeadow Beautiful Friendship UD JH WC. She is the 13th Flat-Coat CT (our 6th). The first Flat-Coat CT was Rick, CH CT MACH Wingmaster Forever Paris MXG MJS SH WCX HOF in 2000, Bay's sire. We have come full circle tracking with our dogs. Rick, Ilsa, Blue, Time, Will and Bay are CTs. Rory and Sam were TDXs and Kid was a VST. Wonderful tracking memories.

Mary Ann and Joe Hamzy

At the end of Bay's passing track at Tailwagger's TDX this weekend, Joe Hamzy made the announcement that she was his last tracking dog. It was a bittersweet announcement. Passing that TDX made Bay the 6th Champion Tracker (CT) for Joe and Mary All Hamzy.

People outside of the tracking community might not realize what an amazing accomplishment Joe's tracking success has been.

The VST urban tracking title was instituted in 1995. Earning a VST along with a TDX and TD/TDU makes your dog a Champion Tracker. AKC allows you to enter the CT in front of the dog's name. This is no small accomplishment.

Since 1995 only 11 Florida handlers have earned a Champion Tracker title. Throughout the country probably 400 plus handlers have earned at least one CT title.

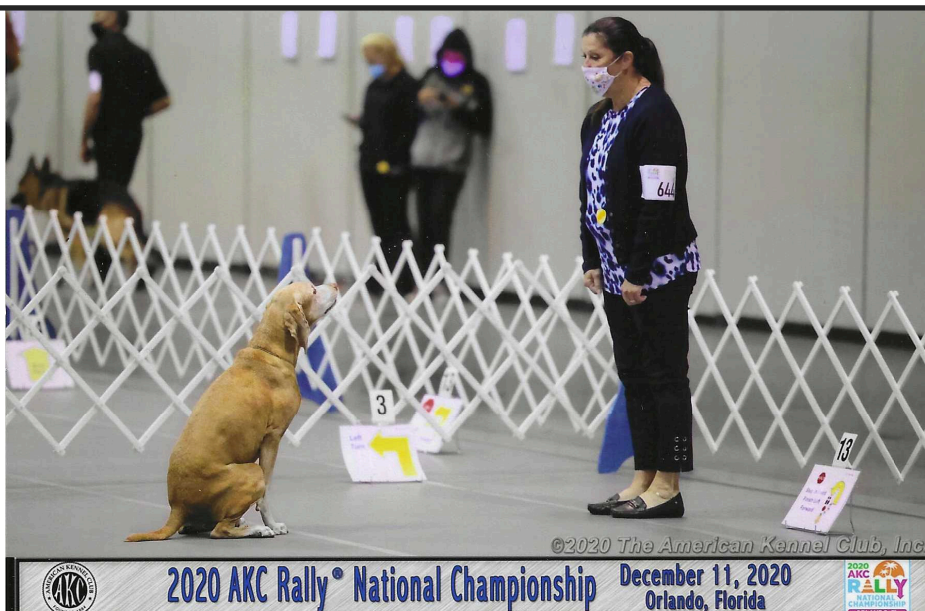
According to my calculations, only two people in the entire country have earned more CT titles than Joe. His dogs are a legend in Flat-Coated Retrievers. And we are very proud of him.

Fran Smith



Maggie and I had a great end to 2020 in Rally. First, she received her RAE Title at OTCPBC, then we were off to Rally Nationals in Orlando where she did place in the top ten dogs for Rally Excellent. I could not have been prouder of her or asked for a better Birthday present! Enjoy your retirement my beautiful Maggie!

Judy Wetzel



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2020 AKC Rally® National Championship

December 11, 2020
Orlando, Florida



I'm happy to report that Fate earned her 2nd Utility leg today at our trial in Lake Park. Two down & one to go! Fate did earn 1st place & a blue ribbon BUT she was the only dog entered in Utility A. Due to COVID I was not handed the ribbons in the ring. I got them when I left the ring.

Fate also earned her title in Excellent Preferred JWW with a 1st place at the Treasure Coast Agility trial held in Punta Gorda on Saturday January 23rd. It was a LONG day (we only went for the day) but well-worth it!

We have not shown in Agility since last February & only taken 3 classes since last May. I do not have any Agility equipment of my own. My little girl never ceases to amaze me!

Betty

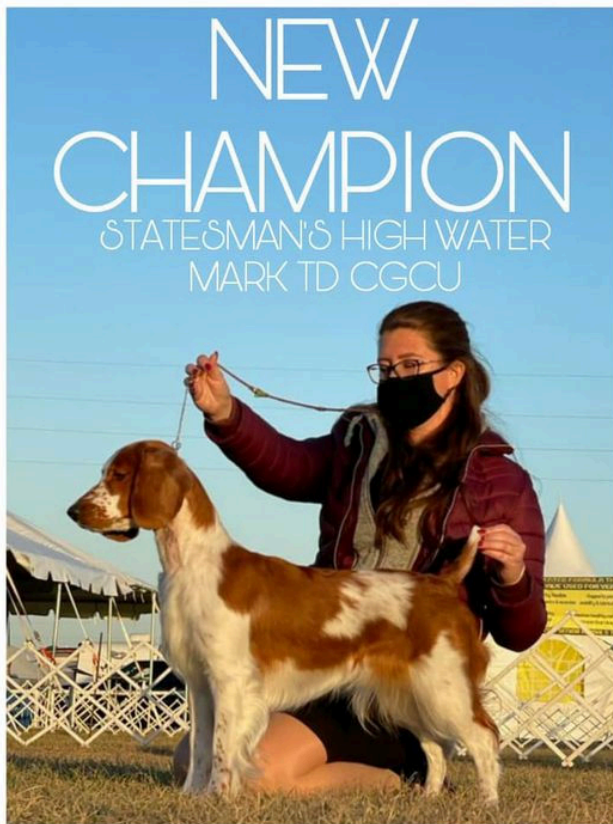


Sherjak's Just in Case, call name Casey, earned his MACH2 title at the Tailwaggers trial on January 17. He did it with three QQ' s in a row. All 6 runs were in the ribbons. So proud of this boy. He's the best teammate you could ask for!!

Janet Brav

The picture says it all!

Cindy Porter



DOGS DO SPEAK
But Only To
Those Who Know
HOW TO LISTEN

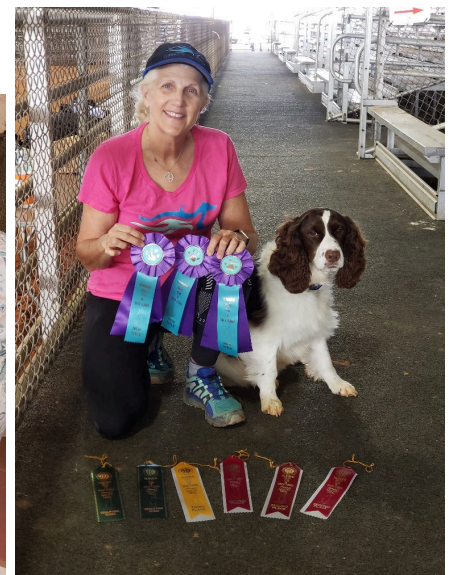


Raffy and I showed at the latest OTCPCB Obedience Trial on January 17, 2021 under Judges Ron Seeley and Bob Millar, and Chaired the trial as well. This was our first attempt at getting a UDX leg and we received High Combined; we received a 192 in Utility B and a 195 1/2 in Open B.

Sandra Gates

We competed in the Tailwaggers and Palm Bay Agility club trials this month. Abby made it into Masters JWW and Standard and achieved her 1st and 2nd double Qs. She did really well in Excellent FAST and placed 1st both times. We are having so much fun as a team and working towards our 1st MACH. She also has her 3rd birthday on January 26th. Happy Birthday Abacos Island Girl

Bobbi Nettles





MY LITTLE RALEIGH

AKC Fast CAT

BCAT Title

370pts towards DCAT Title

NACSW

Earned NW3 Elite Title

&

Competed in her first Elite trial
and Earned 77.78pts towards
Elite 1 Title

Lauren Walsh



JEMS CASH MONEY MILLIONAIRE

AKC Fast CAT

BCAT Title

355pts towards DCAT Title

AKC Scent Work

Container Master Title

NACSW

Competed in 2 Elite Trials
Earned 113.74pts towards Elite 1
Title

Lauren Walsh

*"A dog is the only thing on earth that
loves you more than you love yourself"*

Reece Afterhours Jax's Woodland Star RN TD MX MXB MXJ MJB MXF T2B2 RATN TKI DSA

In December Jax attended his 6th AKC Agility Invitational and for the 2nd year in a row he won the breed medallion for being the highest scoring in his breed at the competition. Love this big guy!

Lori Patterson



2021



WAE

The Doberman Pinscher Club of Florida is holding Working Aptitude Evaluation's
Sunday February 21, 2021

Amanda Hoskinson's Schutzhund Field
7240 Red Wing Rd. Groveland, FL 34736

DPCA WAE Evaluator: Mr. John Schoeneman

9:00AM Walk Through you must be at the walk through to test you dog(s)

Entry Qualifications: In order for a Doberman to be eligible to participate in a Working Aptitude Evaluation, the dog must be 18 months of age or older and must be AKC registered, have an Indefinite Listing Privilege (ILP) or Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) number with the AKC, or registration with a foreign registry that is recognized by AKC. Only dogs of an allowed color may participate in a Working Aptitude Evaluation. Z-factored Dobermans are allowed to participate in the WAE, ONLY upon proof of spay/neuter. Bitches in season will be tested last.

~~~ Entry Deadline 2/9/21 ~~~ Pre-entry only ~~~ Entry Fee \$40.00 ~~~

Download Entry Form: <https://dpcf.org/wp-content/uploads/WAE-entry-form.pdf>

If you are interested in testing your Doberman contact our WAE coordinator Sandy Teague

Mail or Email your Entry Form and any other AKC title certificates you want noted to:

DPCF c/o Sandy Teague 3816 Heatherington Rd. Orlando, FL 32808-2925

OR

Scan and EMAIL to: sandy@pettemp.com subject line WAE TEST

Include a check to DPCF or PayPal your entry fee to treasurerdpcf@gmail.com

~~~~~ Rosettes will be given to all dogs with a passing score ~~~~~

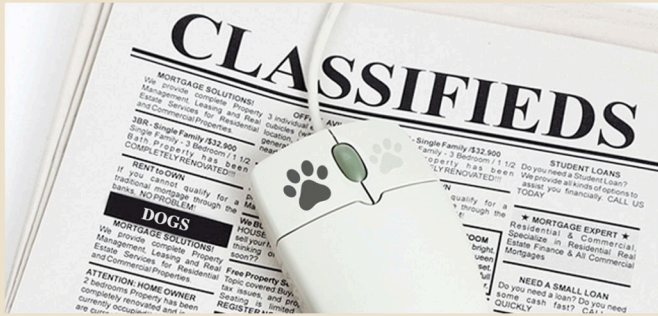
Volunteer Hours

PLEASE NOTE: A number of the members total volunteer hours have dropped below the 20 hour threshold. if you want to purchase an access card, use the field, or get reduced prices for classes, you must have at lease 20 hours of time.

Includes Hours Earned between 1/1/2020 and 1/27/2021

Last Name	First Name	Earliest Service Date	Most Recent Service Date	Total Hours
Andrews	Angel	2/9/2020	11/8/2020	37.5
Armfield	Patricia	3/7/2020	11/8/2020	33
Asaro	Jean	1/30/2020	3/8/2020	11.5
Auer	Nancy	1/20/2020	3/9/2020	19.5
Becker	Robert	2/2/2020	1/10/2021	26.5
Bounds	Hailey	10/14/2020	1/20/2021	26.5
Boyчук	Tricia	1/10/2021	1/10/2021	6
Brady	Lynne	1/6/2020	1/20/2021	25
Brav	Janet	2/2/2020	2/2/2020	5.5
Brown	Sandra	1/18/2020	1/18/2020	6.25
Bundschuh	Debra	1/18/2020	1/17/2021	55.75
Butcher	Marjorie	1/12/2020	11/15/2020	48.75
Carey	Kim	2/2/2020	2/19/2020	13
Carlée	Lane	2/29/2020	12/31/2020	52.5
Carr	Lucy	1/12/2020	1/12/2020	9.5
Caruso	Patricia & An-	1/6/2020	1/17/2021	40.75
Clouser	Patsy	1/12/2020	11/29/2020	7.5
Corey	Kim	1/12/2020	1/12/2020	9
Craig	Jane	1/5/2020	1/10/2021	22
Crechiolo	Joe	9/13/2020	9/13/2020	8
Crechiolo	Sandy	1/6/2020	10/14/2020	13
Czermann	Charlotte	1/12/2020	11/15/2020	57
DeMinico	Peggy	1/12/2020	11/15/2020	76
Diamante	Arlene	1/18/2020	1/23/2020	5.25
Edmondson	Michael Blair	1/10/2021	1/10/2021	5.5
Feigenblatt	June	1/5/2020	11/7/2020	47
Forgach	Marie	1/18/2020	11/29/2020	17
Gates	Sandra	2/2/2020	1/17/2021	45.5
Grosso	Brian	11/29/2020	11/29/2020	7
Grosso	Kathleen	11/29/2020	11/29/2020	7
Halpern	Lynn	1/18/2020	11/29/2020	18
Hamzy	Joe	1/5/2020	1/17/2021	35.5
Hamzy	MaryAnn	1/5/2020	1/17/2021	17
Harper	Allyn	3/1/2020	3/1/2020	2.5
Hohmann	Marti	1/12/2020	1/18/2020	19
Johnson-Ford	Diana	3/31/2020	1/10/2021	124.5
Jones	Karen	1/12/2020	12/2/2020	15
Kealey	Kathy	2/2/2020	2/2/2020	7

Last Name	First Name	Earliest Service Date	Most Recent Service Date	Total Hours
Klein	Carol Ann	1/5/2020	1/10/2021	53
Kornmeyer	Donna	1/12/2020	1/31/2020	25
Kryla	Kathie	1/12/2020	1/12/2020	5.5
Macchia	Mary	3/1/2020	1/17/2021	42.5
May	Kathy	9/24/2020	1/17/2021	14
McKennon	David	3/8/2020	3/8/2020	5.5
McPartland	Judith	1/31/2020	12/31/2020	106
Millar	Robert	1/5/2020	1/17/2021	35
Minix	Susan	1/5/2020	1/10/2021	18
Moore	Janet	3/8/2020	3/8/2020	3.5
Moran	Laura	2/2/2020	2/2/2020	6
Musbach	Keith	1/10/2021	1/10/2021	5.5
Nettles	Bobbie	2/2/2020	4/28/2020	15
Norton	Judy	1/18/2020	1/18/2020	6.5
Parker	Dianne	1/31/2020	11/30/2020	21.5
Patterson	Lori	1/5/2020	1/31/2021	47
Patti	Jennifer	11/29/2020	11/29/2020	3.75
Pichette	Helen	1/18/2020	1/18/2020	7
Ponga	Cindylou	1/6/2020	11/29/2020	46
Richards	Lou	1/18/2020	1/18/2020	0.5
Rubin	Laura	1/6/2020	3/1/2020	3
Sedberry	Diane	1/12/2020	1/18/2020	20.25
Siebeneck	Rosemarie	2/2/2020	1/17/2021	99.25
Smith	Lindsey	1/18/2020	11/29/2020	12.75
Strumwasser	Steve	2/17/2020	11/15/2020	18.5
Taylor	Matthew	1/10/2021	1/10/2021	6
Trummer	Michelle	1/5/2020	2/2/2020	9.5
Vasiliou	Libby	1/10/2021	1/10/2021	6.5
Vence	Robert	1/5/2020	3/8/2020	52.5
Walsh	Lauren	11/29/2020	1/2/2021	7
Wetzel	Judy	1/18/2020	1/17/2021	103.25
Wheeler	Kay	2/2/2020	2/2/2020	16
Wingfield	Wendy	1/18/2020	11/29/2020	33.5
Wolak	Diane	1/18/2020	11/29/2020	22.25
Wolak	Joe	1/18/2020	11/29/2020	11.25
Wood	Linda	1/12/2020	1/27/2021	99
Wright	Mary	1/18/2020	1/17/2021	47.5



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Dog Birthday Cake Recipe

Ingredients For Dog-Friendly Cake

- 2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 cup unsalted natural peanut butter (Xylitol-free)
- 1 cup skim milk

Directions:

- Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Grease cookie sheets. Stir together the flour and baking powder; set aside.
- In a medium bowl, mix together the peanut butter and milk. Stir in the flour mixture until well blended. Turn out dough onto a lightly floured surface and knead until smooth. Roll out to 1/4 inch thickness and cut into shapes using cookie cutters. Place 2 inches apart onto the prepared cookie sheets.
- Bake for 20 minutes in the preheated oven, or until lightly brown. Remove from cookie sheets to cool on wire racks.

Remember that dogs cannot eat human foods such as chocolate or macadamia nuts.

How to Read a Dog Food Label

By Jan Reisen

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We all want the best for our dogs, including nutrition. And anyone who has shopped for dog food knows, there are virtually unlimited options: Hundreds of brands with innumerable ingredients; wet, dry, and raw food; age-specific food; restricted diets, along with all sorts of advertising and marketing claims to decipher. The label is the best tool to use when you make a choice, but can often be hard to understand. We're here to demystify how to read a dog food label.

Dog Food Label Format

All pet food labels follow roughly the same format:

- Product and brand name or unique identifier.
- Quantity in terms of product weight, liquid measure, or count, depending on the formulation of the food.
- Guaranteed analysis, which specifies the amount of specific nutrients.
- Ingredients, which must be listed in descending order by weight.
- Nutritional adequacy statement, which must be backed up by testing that proves the food provides a certain level of nutrients. It may also include the life stages the food is appropriate for.
- Feeding directions.
- Manufacturer's name and address
- Calorie statement

Now that you know what is listed, what does it all mean? Let's take them one at a time.

Product Name

Quick Tip: It's all in the wording.

There's more to the product name than clever marketing. The name will actually give you your first clue about the ingredients. Because so many pet owners base their buying decision on a specific ingredient, brands will try to highlight that ingredient in the product name. But it's all in the wording. The Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) has four rules:

- **The 95 Percent Rule:** At least 95 percent of the product must be the named ingredient, for example, "Chicken for Dogs," or "Salmon Dog Food," must include at least 95 percent of chicken or salmon, respectively. In addition, this main product must be at least 70 percent of the total product when counting the added water. According to AAFCO regulations, the remaining five percent of ingredients will be those required for nutritional reasons, such as vitamins and minerals, and small amounts of any other ingredients.
- **The 25 Percent Rule:** When you see products named "Beef Dinner for Dogs," "Chicken and Sweet Potato Entrée," or "Lamb Platter," for example, this is the 25 percent rule in action. If the named ingredients comprise at least 25 percent of the product (not counting the water for processing), but less than 95 percent, the product name must include a qualifying term, such as dinner, entrée, or platter. Counting the added water, the named ingredients still must comprise 10 percent of the product. If more than one ingredient is included in a "dinner," the combination of the named ingredients must total 25 percent of the product and be listed in the same order as found on the ingredient list.
- **The "With" Rule:** When you see a dog food label, such as "Doggie Dinner With Beef," the "With..." ingredient need only be at least 3 percent of the product. Just the addition of that one word — "with" — dramatically changes the percentage requirement of the ingredient in the food and is a good reason to pay attention to the product name.
- **The Flavor Rule:** According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), if the label says "Beef Flavor Dog Food," then "a specific percentage (of the beef) is not required, but a product must contain an amount sufficient to be able to be detected." In this example, the word "flavor" must appear on the label in the same size, style, and color as the word "beef."

Quantity

Quick Tip: Don't go by looks.

The quantity listed on the label tells you how much of the food is in the container. This may be measured by weight, liquid measure, or by count. Products can vary in density (think wet food vs. dry food, for example). So if you really want to know how much a product costs, do a cost-per-ounce or cost-per-pound comparison.

Guaranteed Analysis

Quick Tip: Look at the *basic four: protein, fat, fiber, and water*.

Many states have regulations requiring the minimum amount of nutrients a pet food must contain, as well as the maximum amount of moisture and crude fiber. Dog food labels must display the percentage of crude protein, crude fat, crude fiber, and water. For those who like to get really technical, there's a detailed explanation of how the guaranteed analysis is calculated on the FDA website.

If there are specific guarantees, such as that the food is low-fat, then both the maximum and minimum percentage of the item must be guaranteed. If a product claims to have vitamin or mineral supplements, there must be a guarantee of the amount the product supplies.

Ingredients

Quick Tip: *Ingredients are listed in order by weight.*

According to Dr. Jerry Klein, the AKC's chief veterinary officer, the ingredients section is the most important part of the label to read. Ingredients must be listed in descending order by weight. Each ingredient must be listed individually, and, according to AAFCO regulations, terms describing collective ingredients, such as "animal protein products" are not allowed. In addition, ingredients must be listed by their "common or usual name." The AAFCO has a detailed list of ingredients, their common names, and what they contain.

A word about byproducts: While we may not want to eat them, byproducts are not necessarily a bad addition in dog food. They include parts such as the liver, which is rich in vitamin A. Other byproducts include blood, brains, bone, stomach, and cleaned intestines. Meat meal may also contain ingredients we consider byproducts. It sounds gross, but your dog might not agree.



Nutritional Adequacy Statement

Quick Tip: Look for the *fine print on the side or back of the package*.

Many dog foods claim to be "complete and balanced" or "100 percent nutritious." These aren't just marketing terms. Dr. Klein says, "The phrase means that the food has met specific government standards and provides complete and balanced nutrition for all life stages of adult dogs, as determined by AAFCO." The food has to contain the proper amount and ratio of essential nutrients for the needs of a healthy dog.

Often the nutritional adequacy statement identifies the life stage the food is appropriate for. AAFCO recognizes these stages:

- Gestation/lactation
- Growth
- Maintenance
- All life stages
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Some products are labeled for a more specific use or life stage, such as "senior" or for a specific size or breed. The FDA says, "There is little information as to the true dietary needs of these more specific uses, and no rules governing these types of statements have been established. Thus, a "senior" diet must meet the requirements for adult maintenance, but no more." The nutritional adequacy statement must be in a standardized format, which makes it easy to compare products.

Feeding Directions

Quick Tip: *Feeding directions are guidelines, not regulations. Regardless of what the package says, consult your vet.*

This is pretty straightforward — the label tells you how much you should feed your dog. This is listed either by the weight of the food per pound or measure of food per cup. However, as the FDA says, breed, temperament, environment, and many other factors can influence food intake.

According to Dr. Klein, it's also important to note the "sell-by" or "best-used-by" statement. He says, "Due to the nature of the ingredients used in all dog foods, including fats and proteins, the food can go rancid. Expired dog food offers less nutritional value and can grow harmful bacteria or mold that can sicken your dog."

Deciphering the Descriptive Terms

There are so many new trends in pet food that it can be difficult to know exactly what you're getting. Is "organic" the same as "natural"? What does "lite" mean? Is "grain-free" a good thing? Does my dog need "new proteins"?

Organic: There are currently no official regulations specific to the labeling of organic foods for pets, although the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is developing some. In the meantime, dog foods that claim to be organic must meet the ingredient, production, and handling requirements of the USDA's National Organic Program to be considered organic. In simple terms, organic dog food is defined the same way organic human food is:

- No artificial preservatives, coloring, or flavoring.
- No antibiotics or growth hormones in meat and meat by-products.
- No or little fillers.

Is organic pet food better? The jury is still out on this. High-quality commercial dog food meets the AAFCO's stringent nutritional guidelines and lists any type of fillers fairly low on the ingredient list. Sometimes dogs with sensitive stomachs do better with organic food, and some organic foods have beneficial antioxidants. Organic food is, however, more expensive. Frankly, it's your call.

"Natural" is not the same as "organic." The latter term refers to the conditions under which the plants were grown or animals were raised. For the most part, "natural" can be construed as equivalent to a lack of artificial flavors, artificial colors, or artificial preservatives in the product

Grain-free: There is little veterinary science to support the benefits of grain-free dog food. That being said, Lisa Freeman, veterinary nutritionist and professor of clinical nutrition at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, has written that there's a possibility that an increase in a heart disease called cardiomyopathy is "associated with eating boutique or grain-free diets, with some of the dogs improving when their diets are changed." Some dogs actually do better with the high-fiber content of grains. Grain-free diets are also being reviewed at this time by the FDA because there is the concern of a possible link of certain dogs or breeds of dogs to Dilated Cardiomyopathy (DCM) — a type of canine heart disease that affects the heart muscle in certain dogs or breeds of dogs.

New proteins: No, they're not really new. They derive from sources such as bison, kangaroo, rabbit, and other "exotic" animals. It's tough to rate their benefits because they have different digestibility and nutrient profiles than the more common proteins. They may be suitable for dogs that have difficulty eating chicken, beef, or other meats.

Human-grade dog food: Defined as a food that is legally edible and approved as nourishment for humans, human-grade food is highly regulated by the FDA and the USDA. However, according to the AAFCO, for a product to be human edible, all ingredients in the product must be human edible and the product must be manufactured, packed and held in accordance with federal regulations in 21 CFR 110, Current Good Manufacturing Practice in Manufacturing, Packing, or Holding Human Food.

Also, human-grade dog food is not necessarily safer, tastier, or less expensive than high-quality pet food.

Lite, low-calorie, and low-fat: To use any of these terms, the food must have a significant reduction of calories or fat compared to standard pet food. The AAFCO requires that labels making these claims must show the percentage reduction in calories or fats and must name a product for comparison.

Cheat Sheet for Reading Pet Food Labels

You probably now know more than you ever thought possible about all those words on your dog's food packaging. This information should make you a better-informed consumer, helping you to choose the best possible diet for your pup. Here's a quick cheat sheet to help you remember all of this when you're standing in the dog food aisle:

- The ingredient listed first is the greatest ingredient in the food by weight.
- The sell-by date will help prevent you from buying food that may have gone bad.
- The guaranteed analysis tells you how much protein, fat, fiber, and water the food contains.
- The quantity of different products should be compared on a cost-per-pound or cost-per-ounce basis.
- The feeding directions are recommendations, not rules. Check with your vet.
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*Labeling is regulated on the federal level by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), which establishes standards for all animal food. Some states have their own regulations, which are often adopted from the regulations of the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO).