

LEAD



LINES

Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County

April 2021

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

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Nancy Honchar, Tracey Guiejka, Scott Adams Sr

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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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I wanted to write this up for lead lines before there were too few of us to remember and pass this on about Peggy DeMinico and her first obedience dog, a sweetheart of a lab named Pearl.

When we trained at the old National Guard Armory back in the 60s-70s, we did classes outside and run-throughs and some free time training inside. Many of us didn't crate our dogs at that time, but sort of had our own "spots" along the walls where we tethered our dogs or put them on a stay on a mat.

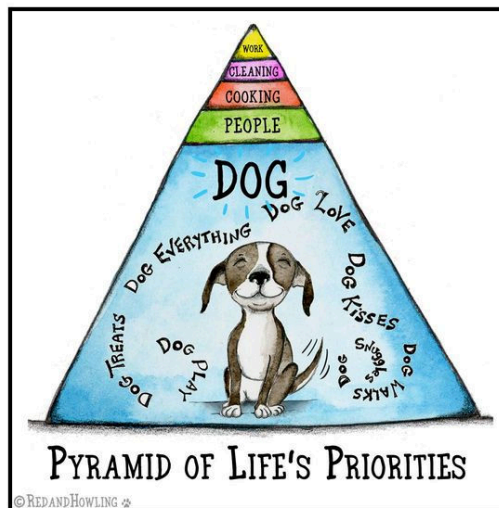
The last thing of the evening were the group exercises and someone would give the call to round up the trainers who were talking and not paying attention that we were trying to get the dogs lined up: sits and downs! sits and downs! Let's go, people!

Peggy was someplace, yacking away, but Pearl was used to the routine and got up from her spot and came into the ring and got in line with the other dogs by herself.

It gave us all quite a laugh that Pearl was paying attention even though her handler wasn't!

Pearl was such a good girl. I don't think Peggy would mind my sharing this memory of the "old days."

Bobbie Blythe



Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County
General Membership Meeting Minutes – Via Zoom Meeting
Monday, April 5, 2021

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

Call to order 7:05 pm

Minutes of General Meeting January 4, 2021 Motion to approve minutes of the General Meeting of January 4, 2021 as printed in Lead Lines. Motion by Steve Campbell. Second: Diane Wolak. Motion approved.

Reports:

- **President – Betty Gansky.**
 - Betty gave a financial report for the January obedience trial, the January scent trial and the February agility trial. The club made a profit from all the above trials.
- **Secretary – Celeste Platte**
 - The Leadlines deadline is Friday April 16
 - June Obedience Trial Deadline has been set at June 2 to allow participants at the Miami Obedience Club trial to determine the class they want to enter for the June OTC trial June 13 & 14.
- **Treasurer – Fran Smith**
 - Gave an overview of our accounts at this time. Compared to 2019 vs. 2021. The club is ahead of where we were in 2019. Of course, revenue was lost due to the virus, but the club is rebounding.
- **Obedience Coordinator – Nancy Honchar**
 - Classes/up-coming events. All upcoming classes are full.
 - Next session will not include Wednesday for obedience, because Agility comes into the building for the summer.
 - No Saturday classes will be scheduled until after the June Trial.
- **Rally Coordinator – Steve Campbell**
 - Classes/run-thrus/Show & Go/trials
 - Friday 2 dop in classes Friday the 9th and the 16th of April. Rally Show and Go on April 25.
- **Agility Coordinator– Barbara Bounds**
 - Classes—Thanks for the fans that were supplied to the outside classes. Two more weeks of this session plus another four-week session is scheduled.
- **Scent Work Coordinator– Judy McPartland classes**
 - Judy showed a chart for on-line registrations for as of 4/5/2021 by various disciplines.
 - Agility - 42; Competitive Obedience – 28; Nose Work – 98; Pet Obedience – 222; Rally Obedience – 30; Tracking – 9. Grand total: 429
 - Next trial after Thanksgiving. There will be an ORT in the winter.
- **Tracking Coordinator – Diana Johnson-Ford**
 - Up-coming events. Just finished a level one intro to tracking and six people have gone on to level 2. TDX test next weekend. Five entries for four spots. One on the waiting list.
 - Fall schedule will include two TDX tests. TDU/VST in January. Working on judges/contracts.

Old Business:

- Agility trials will not be held in Arcadia for 2021. The Calusa club has moved on to a different venue through 2021. Therefore, the Turner Center in Arcadia will not put down truckloads of dirt for one weekend of trials. We currently have contracts to hold all of our trials thru '2021 at Bratty Paws.
- The ceiling light for the pavilion in the field has been put on hold for the summer. Installation will be revisited in September. Two portable fans haven been purchased for the pavilion and they are doing a good job. The club may stay with that arrangement as they can be put away after classes to keep them out of the weather.

New Business:

- A New Battery for Fire Alarm system was installed by Farmer/Irwin on Tuesday, March 31.
- Termite Inspection scheduled for Friday April 10. Tracey will ask the inspector to check the Agility Shed. Termites were observed outside the on the ramp.
- Parking Lot light bulbs on the high part of the building need to be replaced as some of them are burned out. Tracey will coor-

dinate their replacement.

- Distribute plaques of recognition. Nothing was done for 2020. Members that have earned significant titles for 2021 will be receiving plaques commemorating their achievements.
- QuickBooks. The club's financial program needs to be upgraded, as the old program will no longer be supported by the manufacturer. Fran Smith is doing the research on this purchase.
- The contract with Nozzle Nolan for lawn/agility field has been terminated. Tracey Guziejka stated that they are difficult to work with. There is no consistency with the service people. The company also did not come on the designated days.
- A new contract for the lawn/New contract signed w/Tru-Green effective May/June '21 \$400 has been saved by changing vendors.
- Leashes by Design that we have purchased prong collars from in the past has gone out of business. Tracey is looking for a new vendor with similar collars

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Platte, Secretary



BUTTONS RIP

*Buttons aka Nat'l International U-CH
Majestics Tailor Made
CDX,RE,OJP,OAP,TKA,T-BAD,TG-2, THDD, TDIG
5-28-06 ~ 4-12-21*

*It is with a very heavy heart to announce that our precious Buttons
crossed the Rainbow Bridge today.*

Dedicated to Buttons:

He had lots of outfits & I kept them in a dresser in my front bedroom. If I would go in that room any morning he happily followed me & sat in front of the dresser to get his outfit on for the day preparing for his visit. I cannot begin to tell you how much joy he brought to his visitors.

Forever in our hearts!

Betty, Jeff, Angel & Fate



Board of Directors' ZOOM Meeting
Sunday, March 28, 2021
7:00 PM

Members Present: Betty Gansky, Steve Campbell, Fran Smith, Celeste Platte, Scott Adams, Nancy Honchar, Tracey Guziejka. Guests: Barbara Bounds and Judy McPartland
The Meeting was called to order 7:00 PM

Reports:

President – Betty Gansky—The club made profits from the January Obedience and Scent Trial and the February Agility trial.

Treasurer – Betty Gansky gave a report on what she believed was in the checking account. She did not know about the savings. She just made a deposit for the Rally runthrus and miscellaneous other deposits.

Obedience Coordinator – Nancy Honchar— Upcoming classes are all posted as of now. Saturday classes are difficult to schedule due to upcoming trials. It was decided that no Saturday classes would be offered until after the June obedience trial. Scent may add another class or two, but classes will end at noon on Saturday. That way members can train for upcoming trials.

- Competition Classes – Nancy will schedule two competition classes on Monday using the drill time slot. Drop-In Drill will not be offered until the Fall at the earliest.

Rally Coordinator – Steve Campbell – classes/run-thrus/Show & Go/trials. The Rally run thrus have been going well. On April 25 there will be a Rally Show and Go. There is only one Rally class at this time. The 8:00 PM class did not get any participants.

Scent Work Coordinator— Judy McPartland - Web Report Registration for Classes started in January and as of 4/5/2021 by various disciplines.

- o Agility - 42; Competitive Obedience – 28; Nose Work – 98; Pet Obedience – 222; Rally Obedience – 30; Tracking – 9. Grand total: 429 Does not include drop-ins
- o Judy also showed breakdown of the latest Scent trial entries.
- o To date, 20 scent classes have been completed. A Sniff and Go is planned for February or March 2022

Agility – Agility will move inside the building the beginning of June.

Old Business:

Agility trials will not be held in Arcadia for 2021-2022. Agility Trials for May, June and August will be held at Bratty Paws located in Punta Gorda. All are scheduled for Bratty Paws since the Turner Center in Arcadia will not put dirt down for one club's trials.

Agility field fan/light in pavilion was put on hold. Barbara Bounds had requested the pavilion fan be installed before the end of classes in May. It is questionable that permits could be obtained in the requested timeline. Also, since no one would be using the pavilion all summer long, Tracey suggested we wait until August to proceed with the work. The club will purchase a large fan to be used under the pavilion, then be put away in the shed.

New Business:

Rally Trial Secretary Compensation TABLED at Steve Campbell's request.

Alarm System Battery was replaced by Farmer/Irwin on Tuesday, March 31.

Club Quickbooks program. Will have to be upgraded. Fran is doing research.

New Spray Contract: A new contract signed with Tru-Green effective May/June '21. Saves the club \$400 year. Paid by the year. The contract with Nozzle Nolan for the lawn/field spraying has been cancelled.

Insurance is due. The premium is expected to go up. Expires on April 4. We have an insurance broker that has worked with us for years. They research the best insurance rates available.

Collars for Sale by the Club: Leashes by Design has gone out of business. Tracey has placed a small order for collars from PAWMARK. If they work, she will submit a larger order.

Ribbon Recognition verbiage for completion of a major title to be added to the Policy & Procedures: If a competitor (does not have to be a club member) completes a major title at a trial sponsored by the Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County, the club will purchase an appropriate ribbon recognizing that accomplishment. These titles will include: Agility - MACH, PACH, AGCH; Obedience - OTCH & POC; Rally - RACH; Scent work champion title; Tracking – CT.

Steve Campbell made a motion to accept the Ribbon Recognition. Scott Adams seconded. Motion Passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Celeste Platte, Secretary

A VERY BIG THANKS For Another Successful Agility Trial



Hi All,

We had another great turn-out for our Agility trials in Ft. Pierce last weekend exhibitors/workers alike!

First I'd like to BIG thank you to our two terrific judges: Cindy Deak & Oksana Syrkin. It was my pleasure to work with both of you! Your courses were as nice as the two of you!

Secondly I'd like to thank ALL of the members of the Treasure Coast Kennel Club for once again partnering with us in this event. They all know what to do & they "get it done"!

A special thanks to Jen Young once again for taking charge of the set-up crew and once again doing an AWESOME job!

A special thanks as well to my Course Builders: Peter Liu, Carol Perrella & Barbara Bounds who did an outstanding job while dealing with dirt especially on Friday that was not a pleasure to work with!

To my Volunteer Coordinators: Chelsey Conklin, June Feigenblatt, Slim Barker & Rosie Feeley for keeping the rings well-manned at all times.

To Nancy Atkins who is always awesome as RV Coordinator. She manages to amaze me every year with her accuracy as to who is where & when they come & go! Great job Nancy!

I'd also like to thank our Trial Secretary Lori Patterson & her assistant Tracy Hanna who kept things moving all weekend. Great job!!!

A very special thanks to Rose Siebeneck who did an awesome job with the ribbons, working the ring & showing her dog! Rose you are forever hired!!!

Another great job by my husband Jeff who works very hard in everyway everyday to make this trial a success!

I was also very proud of the members of OTC who came to Ft. Pierce to help out that were not showing a dog: Mary Wright, David McKennan, Libby Vasiliou, Patsy Clouser & Joe Creciolo.

A big thanks as well to members who worked the rings AND showed their dogs: Bobbi Nettles, Bob Becker, Janet Brav, Kathy Kealey, Judy Weitzel, Sandy Crechiolo, Rose Siebeneck, Lynn Brady, Kathy May, Susan Minix, Diane Johnson-For, June Feigenblatt & Barbara Bounds.

If somehow I omitted someone's name it certainly wasn't done on purpose!

All of you made me proud to be the head of this organization!

Until next time!

Thanks again!

Betty

BRAGS



JEMS CASH MONEY MILLIONAIRE

NACSW

Cash earned the Elite 1 title at our third Elite Trial in Asheboro, NC on March 13th.

Cash also earned Level 1 Element Specialty titles in Vehicles, Exteriors and Interiors on April 2nd & 3rd in Tequesta, FL.

AKC

Cash performed his skit 'Cash Goes to School' and earned his Tricks Performer Title

Lauren Walsh



Kepler earned his
Rally Advanced title
and his CD title

Debra Bundschuh





Astro the Weimaraner had a great weekend |
at a UKC retrieving Hunt Test in March and
he passed Started (like Junior) both days.
He really loves his duckies
(alas, much better than obedience).

Jane Craig



Introducing
Lorida She's Better Than Cake
"Ella"

Ella is a black lab.
Looking forward to many new adventures with her!

Lori Patterson

Bleyde vom Degahaus ♥
OTCPBC SW Container Trial
1/30-1/31 2021

Bleyde earned his SWCA Title with one
4th placement & time of 25 seconds

Bleyde also earned 3 Novice B container
legs with one 4th placement towards his
Elite Novice Container Title

Cindylou Ponga





**CLEMENTINE AND JOLENE EARNED
THEIR RAT NOVICE TITLES AT THE TREAS-
URE COAST BARN HUNT APRIL 10th &
11th.**

Angel Andrews



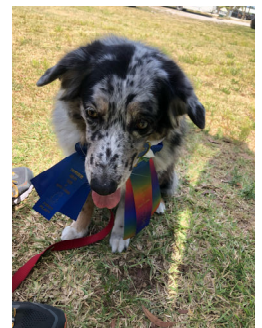
My Golden Retriever Harry scored his first ever 200 score in Open B at the Dog Training Club of Tampa's February trial under Judge Ron Seeley. That's another bucket list checkmark in his outstanding OTCH 4, UDX 9, OGM, obedience career. Harry was also High in Trial in three of the four trials over the weekend. I couldn't be more proud of my boy. Way to go Harry!

DAVID J MCKENNAN

Maya Dog earned her Instinct Title, Novice Title then took First and Fastest in Class in her first Open leg at the Tailwaggers Barn Hunt Trial at You Farm 26-28 March.

And on Saturday 10 April she took first place, fastest in class and we got Judge's choice Best Hunt Team, then on Sunday 11 April she earned her Open Title then she moved up to Senior but the storm ended the Springtime Joy trial at Treasure Coast Humane Society

Scott Adams





Billie (Standard Poodle) and Jesse (Border Collie) earned RATN titles
at the Barn Hunt trials hosted by Tailwaggers and Treasured Canine Academy
in Loxahatchee and Palm City in March and April.

Marti Hohmann



My Golden Retriever, Tori (Goldrul's Bring it on SCN)
passed her NACSW Nose Work 1 in Jacksonville and
her NACSW Level 1, Exterior, Interior and Vehicle
Element Trials in Jupiter. She finished this off by
passing her Canine Good Citizen test at OTCBPC.

Fran Smith

DOGS
HAVE A WAY OF
FINDING
THE PEOPLE
WHO NEED THEM
AND FILLING
A SPACE
WE DIDN'T EVEN
KNOW WE HAD

POSTER ON ROVER99.COM

Nancy Douse

The attached article was written by Nancy Douse for the March/April edition of "Lead Lines" the Obedience Training Club of PBC's newsletter in 1999.

Chance was my personal motivation for getting involved in Performance with a Yorkie. I went to my first very Obedience competition in 1997 to get an application from Nancy to join the Goldcoast Yorkshire Terrier Club of S. Florida. At that time Nancy was the Secretary of the Goldcoast club.

I saw Chance perform. I was totally amazed! I said to myself "if that Yorkie can do all that I should be able to at least walk mine without him barking at everything in sight"!

It was at the Goldcoast meeting in 1997 that I met my "Obedience mentor" Mikie Davis. The rest is history!

Chance was the 2nd Yorkie in history to achieve an OTCH title "Obedience Trial Champion". To this day there have only been 5. I always said that watching him was like watching "Poetry in Motion". I can still see him in the ring to this day!

Nancy was a member of OTCPCB for over 30 years. She was also a member of the Yorkshire Terrier Club of America, the Goldcoast Yorkshire Terrier Club & a key member of the Central Florida Yorkshire Terrier club.

Nancy was a Yorkie breeder, obedience trainer & an avid member of the Central FL Yorkie Rescue. I can't tell you how many Yorkie's she saved thru the years due to her dedication, devotion & hard work.

Our June Obedience Trials Will be Dedicated to the Memory of Nancy Douse.

Nancy sadly lost her battle with lung cancer on Feb. 7th 2021.

Nancy please "rest in peace" & as they say in Obedience competition "exercise finished".

Betty

LEAD LINES

MARCH/APRIL 1999

Congratulations to:
OTCH Tattlers Take A Chance U.D.X.



Owned and bred by Nancy Douse

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OTCH Tattlers Take A Chance U.D.X., "Chance" finished his OTCH on April 25, 1999 at the Heartland Dog Club from the Utility B Class.

Chance was bred by myself and I couldn't be more proud of him. From birth to OTCH was 7 years 9 months. Both of his parents, Bo and Lexie hold U.D. titles. Chance is looking forward to going to the AKC National Invitational for the 4th time this June!

Chance is a very, very, very special dog and an exceptional Yorkie! Many thanks to all who kept me on track with encouragement and good thoughts. Special thanks go to Peggy Manker, trainer of champions, who has helped me with Chance since puppy testing! Also, thank you so much to Georgie Jones who just says "Go do it!" — *Nancy Douse.*

Volunteer Hours

OTCPBC Volunteer Hours Reported as of April 14, 2021
Includes Hours Earned between 4/1/2020 and 4/14/2021

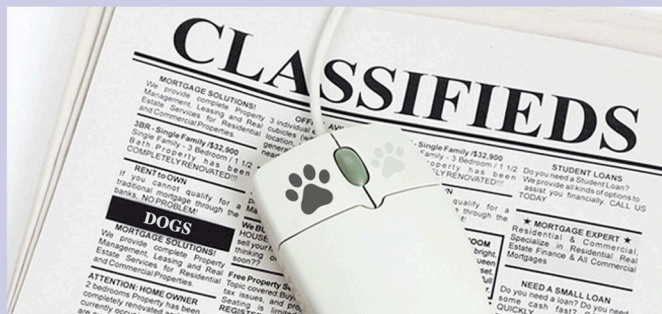
Last Name	First Name	Earliest Service Date	Most Recent Service Date	Total Hours
Andrews	Angel	9/27/2020	11/8/2020	19
Armfield	Patricia	9/27/2020	11/8/2020	21
Asaro	Jean	1/30/2021	2/27/2021	25.25
Becker	Robert	1/10/2021	2/7/2021	27.5
Bounds	Hailey	10/14/2020	1/20/2021	26.5
Boyчук	Tricia	11/17/2020	1/10/2021	16
Brady	Lynne	10/14/2020	2/7/2021	34.75
Brav	Janet	2/7/2021	2/7/2021	5
Bundschuh	Debra	9/20/2020	1/31/2021	62
Butcher	Marjorie	9/13/2020	11/15/2020	39.25
Carlée	Lane	4/30/2020	3/31/2021	57
Caruso	Patricia & Anthony	9/27/2020	1/17/2021	37.75
Clouser	Patsy	11/29/2020	2/7/2021	20
Craig	Jane	11/17/2020	1/31/2021	41.5
Crechiolo	Joe	9/13/2020	2/7/2021	16
Crechiolo	Sandy	9/13/2020	2/7/2021	16.5
Czermann	Charlotte	8/15/2020	11/15/2020	49.25
DeMinico	Peggy	9/6/2020	11/15/2020	56.5
Edmondson	Michael Blair	1/10/2021	1/10/2021	5.5
Feigenblatt	June	9/27/2020	2/7/2021	57
Forgach	Marie	11/29/2020	1/31/2021	19.5
Gates	Sandra	10/25/2020	1/17/2021	25.5
Grosso	Brian	11/29/2020	1/31/2021	22
Grosso	Kathleen	11/29/2020	1/31/2021	22
Halpern	Lynn	11/29/2020	1/31/2021	23
Hamzy	Joe	9/27/2020	1/17/2021	21.5
Hamzy	Mary Ann	9/27/2020	1/30/2021	18
Hoffman	Sandra	8/15/2020	8/15/2020	12
Johnson-Ford	Diana	9/13/2020	1/31/2021	125.5
Jones	Karen	9/27/2020	4/7/2021	8.5

Last Name	First Name	Earliest Service Date	Most Recent Service Date	Total Hours
Kealey	Kathy	2/7/2021	2/7/2021	2.5
Klein	Carol Ann	9/13/2020	1/10/2021	44
Macchia	Mary	9/27/2020	1/17/2021	40.5
May	Kathy	9/24/2020	4/7/2021	42
McDonough	Kelly	2/28/2021	2/28/2021	3
McKenna	David	2/7/2021	2/7/2021	22.25
McPartland	Judith	5/31/2020	3/31/2021	109
Millar	Robert	9/13/2020	1/31/2021	33.5
Minix	Susan	9/20/2020	4/7/2021	36.75
Moore	Janet	2/27/2021	2/27/2021	18
Musbach	Keith	1/10/2021	1/10/2021	5.5
Nettles	Bobbie	4/28/2020	2/7/2021	24.25
Parker	Dianne	4/30/2020	2/28/2021	21.5
Patterson	Lori	4/30/2020	1/31/2021	25
Patti	Jennifer	11/29/2020	11/29/2020	3.75
Pichette	Helen	1/31/2021	1/31/2021	2
Ponga	Cindylou	9/6/2020	1/31/2021	50.75
Porter	Cynthia	11/17/2020	1/31/2021	26
Siebeneck	Rosemarie	9/6/2020	2/7/2021	106
Smith	Lindsey	11/29/2020	1/31/2021	26
Strumwasser	Steve	11/15/2020	11/15/2020	4
Taylor	Matthew	1/10/2021	1/10/2021	6
Vasiliou	Libby	1/10/2021	2/7/2021	14.5
Walsh	Lauren	11/17/2020	1/2/2021	18
Wetzel	Judy	9/6/2020	2/7/2021	86
Wingfield	Wendy	6/30/2020	1/31/2021	60
Wolak	Diane	8/10/2020	1/30/2021	20.5
Wolak	Joe	11/29/2020	11/29/2020	5.5
Wood	Linda	1/27/2021	1/27/2021	52
Wright	Mary	9/13/2020	3/31/2021	72.25



Peggy DeMinico
4377 Woodstock Dr, #C
West Palm Beach, FL 33409





Arealer Foot Massager Machine with Heat, Shiatsu Foot Massagers with Remote Control & LCD Display, 5 Mode with Air Compression, Kneading Foot Massage for Blood Circulation & Plantar Fasciitis. Price: \$129.99

I bought this foot massager from Amazon mid-Feb. I used it once! I did not realize when I ordered it that you are not to use it if you have high blood pressure. After using it I knew my BP was elevated. I could feel it. I checked & I was correct. I looked at the book that came with it & it stated not to use if you have high BP. That info was not in the description on-line.

Others I know have ordered it & love it. I'd like to sell mine if possible.

I paid \$129.99. I would like someone to make me an offer if possible around \$75.00. If no one is interested in purchasing it I will donate it to Goodwill or Faith Farm.

Contact Betty Gansky
jgansky@prodigy.net

Petnation Port A Crate. 36x25. Brown \$35.00

Contact: Janet Gomez 953-432-0205

2020 Most Popular Dog Breeds Rankings

Breed	2020 Rank
Retrievers (Labrador)	1
French Bulldogs	2
German Shepherd Dogs	3
Retrievers (Golden)	4
Bulldogs	5
Poodles	6
Beagles	7
Rottweilers	8
Pointers (German Shorthaired)	9
Dachshunds	10
Pembroke Welsh Corgis	11
Australian Shepherds	12
Yorkshire Terriers	13
Boxers	14
Great Danes	15
Siberian Huskies	16
Cavalier King Charles Spaniels	17
Doberman Pinschers	18
Miniature Schnauzers	19
Shih Tzu	20
Boston Terriers	21
Bernese Mountain Dogs	22
Pomeranians	23
Havanese	24
Cane Corso	25
Spaniels (English Springer)	26
Shetland Sheepdogs	27
Brittanys	28
Pugs	29
Spaniels (Cocker)	30
Miniature American Shepherds	31
Border Collies	32
Mastiffs	33
Chihuahuas	34
Vizslas	35
Basset Hounds	36
Belgian Malinois	37
Maltese	38
Weimaraners	39
Collies	40
Newfoundlands	41
Rhodesian Ridgebacks	42
Shiba Inu	43
West Highland White Terriers	44
Bichons Frises	45
Bloodhounds	46
Spaniels (English Cocker)	47
Akitas	48
Portuguese Water Dogs	49
Retrievers (Chesapeake Bay)	50

See the full list at
<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/dog-breeds/the-most-popular-dog-breeds-of-2020/>

3 Super-Easy Frozen Dog Treats You Can Make at Home in Less Than an Hour

From <https://www.rover.com/blog/easy-frozen-homemade-dog-treats-can-make-today/>

Author: Kiki Kane

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Total Time: 4 hours 20 minutes

Yield: 2 trays 1x

Supplies and ingredients

- Silicone baking mold or ice cube trays. We used the Paw & Dog Bone Molds from Baking Missy
- 2-cup glass measuring cup or similar
- Blender or food processor
- Unsweetened frozen blueberries
- Unsweetened frozen strawberries
- Plain yogurt (we used non-fat)
- Peanut butter (check ingredients on the label. Look for no sugar and definitely no xylitol, an artificial sweetener that's poisonous for dogs).
- Water

Before you start

- Measure the depth of the wells in your mold if you want to make multiple flavors at one go. Measuring will also help reduce extra filling.
- Clear some flat space in your freezer for your pupsicles to set up in peace.
- Use a baking sheet or similar under your silicone mold, because you will have a devil of a time moving it when full without some form of support.



Blueberry and Yogurt Frozen Dog Treats

For the first row, let's start with the plainest mix, so we can use any leftover yogurt mix for the fancier rows.

- Whisk together 4 ounces of yogurt and 4 ounces of water for the base. Add more yogurt and reduce the water if you want a creamier treat with more calories.
- Pour into one row of 5 wells, leaving a generous amount of room for the blueberries.
- Add blueberries to each well until the mold is almost filled (the pupsicle will expand as it freezes, plus it's nice to have a little extra space to protect from spills).

Frosty Peanut Butter Pupsicles

- Put 4 ounces of peanut butter in your liquid measuring cup (eyeballing a big glob is fine).
- Add 3 ounces of water and 2 ounces of yogurt to reach 9 ounces.
- If you have leftover yogurt and water mixture, add that and adjust accordingly.
- Will it blend? If not, add a little more water until you reach a pourable consistency.
- Pour into your second row of wells.

Frozen Strawberry Yogurt Dog Treats

- Add a handful of frozen strawberries to the blender. Aim for 4-6 berries.
- Add 2 ounces of yogurt and 2 ounces of water.
- Blend, adding water if needed to aid the blending process. Go ahead, leave it a little chunky.
- Spoon batter into the third set of wells. Watch out for splashing berry chunks!

Training Tip Spring 2021

From the AKC Canine Partners Newsletter

Training Tip: Send to a Target

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One of the first things I teach my dogs when we begin our journey into almost any of the dog sports is to send to a target. I find it extremely useful in agility, rally and obedience. It is also a nice skill to have around the house as I can send a dog that is hovering underfoot to a spot away from me to gain some space and sanity!

In dog sports, it teaches the dog to go out on a line away from the handler and to understand that reinforcement doesn't always come from the handler's body. This helps to break the intense focus dogs sometimes develop on our hands or treat pouches – giving them confidence to work away from us.

Equipment needed:

1. **Ground target.** This can be a shallow bowl or any flat object. I like to use a color that is different from the surface that I'm training on. Tupperware lids work great! You could also teach the dog to touch a nose or chin target. This would usually be an elevated object they can touch, or a flat object taped to a vertical surface.
2. **Treats!** Use something that the dog can easily see on the target you are using. For light-colored targets, I would use a dark-colored treat and vice versa. Make sure it is something your dog wants to work for! You could place a favorite toy on the target as well but treats allow you to do more frequent and quicker repetitions.
3. **Clicker – optional.** You can use a marker word such as 'Yes' or 'Good' in place of the clicker.

Teaching the Skill:

Step 1:

Start out by letting the dog watch you place the target on the ground. At first you and the dog should stay only a step or so away from the target.

Step 2:

Hold the dog's collar so that he is not able to get the treat as he watches you reach down and place the treat on the target. Alternatively, if your dog has a solid stay, you could ask them to sit and stay.

Step 3:

As soon as your dog looks at the target, let go of the collar and use your verbal cue such as 'Target' or 'Get it.' The word you use is not important- just be consistent. As the dog reaches the target, click or use your marker word like 'Yes.' It is important not to wait too long before releasing your dog to get the treat on the target for the first few repetitions. We want them to be focused ahead on the treat, not bored and looking around or back up at us.





Note: When you first start teaching this, you may need to step forward with your dog towards the target so that they know it is ok to get the treat. Over time, we want to be able to send our dog without any movement from our bodies.

Step 4:

Once your dog knows that your verbal cue means to leave you and go to the target, it's time to have fun! Here are some ways to add difficulty and increase your dog's understanding of this behavior. Make sure to only change one thing at a time until your dog is successful before increasing the challenge again:

- Increase the distance between the dog and the target.
- Change your position so that you are not right next to your dog when you send to the target (useful for agility start line stays).
- Add distractions such as a toy on the ground nearby to test their commitment to the target.
- Start walking slowly in the opposite direction of the target as you ask your dog to go towards it. Your motion is the distraction. Increase your speed when the dog is successful with your slow movement.
- Use my suggestions below to apply to the dog sport you compete in.

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Step 5:

Remove the target. You can wean the target from the finished behavior by either using a smaller and smaller target over time or by alternating using the target and removing the target so that you slowly increase the number of reps that the target is absent versus the number of times the target is present.

IMPORTANT: Even without the target, you still need to reward the dog on the line in the same place the target would sit. You can toss a treat or toy in that direction to be sure they continue to understand to drive away from you to seek reward.

Applying to Dog Sports:

Agility: Start easy by placing one low jump between your dog and the target. Stand near your dog to start. As your dog is successful, increase the number of obstacles between your dog and the target and increase your distance from the dog and the speed of your motion. You can see how important this skill becomes in getting an agility dog to be focused more on their line on the course rather than watching your hand. Say goodbye to dropped bars and refusals!

Rally: Master Signs 306, 307 and 308 require you to send your dog to a cone and have them turn and sit. Teach this sign by placing your target next to a rally cone, sending the dog, then asking them to sit. Easy!

Obedience: This skill is very useful in Utility go-outs and directed retrieves. When working this skill in obedience, I will often switch to an elevated nose target as I don't always want the dog dropping their head before they turn and sit. I also use a target in teaching any obedience skill that requires distance, such as drop on recall, broad jump and command discrimination. The dog is happy to work away from me since they know they can earn a reward without having to be next to me.

Think of fun ways to add this skill into your training or into your everyday good behavior at home! You'll start to see a confident dog that is happy to work at a distance, increasing speed and drive.

