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Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County

July 2021

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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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Tips to keep in mind for your dogs when the temperatures are high & sun is shining bright. By Claire Wolfson, Barkpost.com

Safety : Don't leave your dog in an unattended vehicle. On a 75-degree day, the temperature inside a parked car can climb up to 115 degrees within an hour. Even with the windows down, a dog can easily overheat if left in these conditions. If you need to run errands, just leave your pup at home. It'll save you the trouble of worrying about your dog while you're out.

Avoid hot surfaces like asphalt: The sole's of your pups paws can be very sensitive. If the asphalt's too hot for you to walk on, chances are it's too hot for your pup too. Map out other areas to walk your pup such as grassy parks, dog-friendly beaches, or woodsy trails. If your dog is particularly sensitive, cover his paws with pet booties so he can stroll comfortably. We have some great options to protect your pups paws in our product guide!

Hydration: Make sure to supply lots of fresh, clean water. Hydration is one of the most important keys to keeping your dog safe on hot days. Bring a supply of fresh water for your dog when you go out. Always bring a portable bowl and water bottle for your pup when you're out adventuring in the sun.

If it's > 85 degrees, leave your dog at home: Sitting at the beach and baking in the sun is something humans enjoy, but it can leave pooches severely dehydrated. Even if you feel like the heat is bearable, remember, when dogs are exposed to moderately high temperatures over an extended period of time, their bodies might be unable to cool down.

Limit exercise: Dogs don't always know their own limits. If you can tell your dog is breathing more rapidly or having some trouble keeping up his normal pace, slow things down and allow him to cool off. Outdoor activities are great but, instead of playing in the blazing afternoon sun, try tossing a ball around after the sun has gone down and the air is cooler.

Protection: Despite their furry coats, dogs can still be exposed to and damaged by UV rays. Coating their fur and skin in doggy UV protectant sunblock will help prevent burns and keep them healthy.

Shelter: Even if your dog enjoys to bask in the sun it is important for Fido to have a shaded area to retire to. Invest in a proper outdoor shelter for your pooch whether it's a pup-up tent, an awning, or a big tree – make sure your dog is able to get out of the direct sunlight.

Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County

General Membership Meeting Minutes – Via Zoom Meeting

Monday, June 7, 2021

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

Call to order 7:02 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 Approved.

Reports: President – Betty Gansky

In the future if you are looking for specific advice or have a recommendation, please contact the Secretary, Celeste Platte at cplattepsl@gmail.com who will present your concerns to the Board of Directors (BOD). The BOD is who makes the decisions for the club –not the President. I do not even vote unless it is to break a tie. I get far too many e-mails regarding all subjects regarding the club – Thanks!

PROHIBITED: When using equipment at the clubhouse owned by the club NO MARKS of any kind magic marker, tape, etc. is allowed to be used on the equipment for any reason.

This type of behavior will NOT BE TOLERATED! By doing so this equipment cannot be used at any trial. If you want to bring your own jumps and do it that is up to you! I have been advised that Acme Machine where we purchased our equipment for years is no longer in business. This will eventually become a problem for our club if we continue to damage our equipment.

Laminated Rally or Obedience Handbooks. If you want to purchase the book \$12 for the obedience book and \$22 for the Rally Book. Please email Betty Gansky at jgansky@prodigy.com to place your order. Then either put your check in a labeled envelop and drop it in the box in the kitchen or mail it to Betty. An email was sent to the membership with her contact information.

The May Rally and Agility trials made a profit. The agility trial's profit was not as high as usual due to the location of the trial and special terms that were signed after the pandemic. Future contracts will be more favorable to OTCPCB.

Based on the success of the upcoming June and August agility trials at Bratty Paws, the Board will consider how to proceed going forward before a contract is signed for 2022.

Secretary – Celeste Platte - The Leadlines deadline is July 7

Treasurer – Fran Smith- Gave an overview of our accounts at this time

QuickBooks support for the old program was going to end May 2021. The Board of Directors approved the purchase of the new version. Unfortunately, when the support stopped, the program no longer works like it did before. Fran will be upgrading the program before the next meeting.

Obedience Coordinator – Nancy Honchar– two new puppy classes are starting June 7. A new CGC class will start next week. Two more classes scheduled to begin July 7. Hopefully, they will be basic classes.

Rally Coordinator – Steve Campbell– The Rally Premium is now published for July 24 & 25. There will be a Rally Show and Go the Sunday before the trial. It will be posted. Rally Intermediate and advance class and another beginner class will start soon.

Agility Coordinator– Betty Gansky for Barbara Bounds classes Four new agility classes are starting soon. These will be held inside due to the hot weather.

Scent Work Coordinator– Judy McPartland: Six classes are ongoing. The last week in November there will be a trial. A site for the January trial is still being researched.

Webmaster – Judy McPartland. Judy showed a graph of the class status. The club has had 90 classes with 607 participants as of June 7, 2021.

Tracking Coordinator – Diana Johnson-Ford –An intro to tracking class was held and six of those people have gone on to another class.

No trials are held in the summer. Practice is ongoing. There are inquiries on the club phone line about Tracking which she answers.

Old Business:

The battery was replaced in the fire alarm system

Outdoor lights were replaced on the building by OCHOA Electrical services

New prong collars were ordered and received by Tracey from Pawmarks.

Tru-Green has started doing our lawn/agility field

New Business:

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – First Reading

Darlene Pfeiffer

5938 Parkwalk Circle W., Boynton Beach, FL 33472

954-648-0304

Asweethrt9@yahoo.com

Sponsors: Angle Andrews, Celeste Platte

DOCOF – Lodge Weber for the Rally event. Rally and Obedience DOCOF will be held this year in St. Pete over the Labor Day weekend. This was confirmed just two weeks ago. The dates are Saturday Sept. 4th for obedience practice during the day and the Rally team event will be Saturday evening. Anyone interested in the Rally competition should contact Lodge at lodge@llwiii.com.

There is an Obedience trial being planned for Monday Sept. 6th by the Tampa Bay Area Shetland Sheepdog Club. The premium has just come out.

The Obedience competition will take place on Sunday Sept. 5th of which Carol Ann Klein is coordinating.

Carol Ann Klein is our Obedience Delegate. She will send out an explanation of how the event works to all the members. If you are interested in participating in obedience, contact Carol Ann Klein at CAK@bellsouth.net

LEAD LINES deadline is July 7th.

August 2, 2021 @ 7:00 PM is the next General Meeting via Zoom

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Platte, Secretary

June 12 Obedience Trial.

Mary Wright, Robert Vence, Judges Catherine & Robert Knight, Diane Sedberry and Debra Bundschuh. Not pictured Trish Shadoin and Janet Gomez



Board of Directors' ZOOM Meeting
Tuesday, May 11, 2021—7:15 PM

Members Present: Betty Gansky, Steve Campbell, Fran Smith, Celeste Platte, Scott Adams, Nancy Honchar, Tracey Guziejka.
Guests: Judy McPartland
The Meeting was called to order 7:19 PM

Reports: President – Betty Gansky

Treasurer – Fran Smith: Gave report on the Club's finance. The club's finances are recovering nicely.

Fran asked that in view of the vandalism to the poop bag dispenser, should an outside security system be considered? The Board felt that since the club already had an inside alarm and there was really nothing to take outside, no action would be taken at this time.

Obedience Coordinator – Nancy Honchar– An obedience Show and Go is scheduled for May 23 and then again on June 6

Rally Coordinator – Steve Campbell: The rally trials of May 1 and 2, 2021 made a nice profit

There are four more trials in July; we are making a change to the premium to include the words that "A mask is not required while in the ring competing". We will continue with wearing a mask in the building, crating six feet apart and temps will be taken.

Currently there is a novice/intermediate class taking place on Thursdays. There is no rally class on Saturday. A Show n' Go is scheduled for July, prior to the trials on July 24 and 25, 2021.

Scent Work Coordinator– Judy McPartland - Four classes started on May 11. There are three classes that started on Saturday May 8.

Webmaster – Judy McPartland: The class registration counts as of May 11 are as follows: Agility: 57; Competitive OB: 34; Nose Work: 137; Pet Obedience: 244; Rally OB: 39; Tracking: 9. Grand Total 520

Agility – Betty Gansky reminded all to be courteous if you leave your dog in an open car during classes in the Agility Field.

New Business:

Agility trials – Betty Gansky. Agility trials will not be held in Arcadia in the future. The Calusa

Club have decided to hold all of their trials going forward at Bratty Paws located in Punta Gorda. As stated before, if Calusa does not hold their Agility Trials on the weekend following OTCPCB in Arcadia, the Turner Center will not lay dirt down for only one trial weekend. Since the club does not have a truck and manpower to move the equipment, the club's June and August Agility trials will be held at Bratty Paws (there are contracts in place for this year). A decision will be made after the above trials if the club will continue to rent the Bratty Paws facility. For the May trial, OTC paid less for the building, but split the profit. The club did not make much money on this agility trial. At the upcoming trials, the club will pay more for the building rental, but no profit will be split.

The Board will revisit the Bratty Paws venue after the above trials.

Prong Collars – Tracey Guziejka. A new supply of prong collars was ordered from new vendor. The prong collars came on Monday, May 10.

Outside Lighting on the Building – Tracey Guziejka. Tracey had an electrician take a look at the various light outages. Unfortunately, because of the type of lights, the whole unit has to be replaced.

MOTION to enter into a contract with Ochoa Electric Services LLC to replace the outside security lights for \$1764.53. First: Celeste Platte. Second: Fran Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

Purchase of a Defibrillator for the Club Celeste Platte to research

Discussion on opening up the club to allow non-entered exhibitors/guests to attend events

The Board decided to postpone this discussion until after the July Rally trials. There are a lot of events in the next two months and the Board felt it was better to maintain the current restrictions.

Volunteer Hours to non-OTCPBC events held at the club. A Motion was made to allow OTCPCB volunteer hours be earned for trials/events held at the club's facility. MOTION DIED for lack of a second. THE EXCEPTION at this time will be the Miami Obedience Club's obedience trial May 29 and 30, 2021. A precedence has already been set for this club event.

This subject will be discussed again at the next Board meeting.

Canine Influenza – Celeste Platte will research if the state of Florida is experiencing a rise in cases of the Canine Influenza.

Recognition to Teachers that continued to teach during the COVID pandemic. The Board approved the purchase of \$25 gift cards to be given to these teachers as recognition of their dedication.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Platte, Secretary

A VERY BIG THANKS For Another Successful Agility Trial

I'd like to thank our club members who really stepped-up to the plate & help make our Agility trials last weekend such a success:

Bob Becker, Rosemarie Siebeneck, Susan Minix, Lynn Brady, Diana Johnson-Ford, Sandy & Joe Crechiolo as well as my husband Jeff who worked most of the classes all three days.

A special thanks to our new applicant Darlene Pfeiffer who drove all the way over on Friday, worked the afternoon, spent the night & worked some classes on Saturday. She was not competing at the trials!

Another big thanks for a job well-done to Lori Patterson our Trial Secretary.

A very special thanks to Carol Perrella (President of the Calusa club) who was my right-hand lady all weekend! Carol if it wasn't for all of your help I don't think I could have made-it thru the weekend! You always come thru for me.

I'd also like to thank the staff of Bratty Paws who were right there to Course Build & keep everything in tip-top order.

Our four trials (2 on Friday) were all sold out with a wait-list.

I'd also like to thank our judges Jacqui O'Neill who judged 3 of the trials as well as Dan MacDonald who judged our Master's only classes on Friday afternoon. It was a pleasure working with both of you!

Betty Gansky
President/Trial Chair
OTCPBC



Thank you to everyone who send my husband and myself either an email, card or phone call, remembering our dog Joshua. It was very heart warming to be contacted by so many people.

People speak of their very special dog, the one above all others that has grabbed their hearts and soul.
Well, that dog for me, was Joshua!

Thank you again for your wonderful thoughts.

The Moore's, Janet & Bill

*Dear Members of OTCPBC,
Congratulations on your hard work paying
off putting on a great trial!*

*Your facility is awesome & we have
NEVER had BETTER ring help.*

*Thank you for inviting us &
allowing us to be a part of the fun!*

*Obedience Judges
Cathy & Bob Knight*

BRAGS



Kevin earned his Masters Rally Title at our
OTCPBC May Rally Trial.

Cody earned his Advanced Rally Title and
his first leg of Excellent as well.

We had a great weekend with great people & their dogs
Sandy and Joe Crechiolo



'GO FIND'...Chauncy and Keegan love the game!

OTCH Keegan passed classes in AKC scentwork: excellent exteriors, interiors
as well as advanced buried. Chauncy passed advanced interiors.

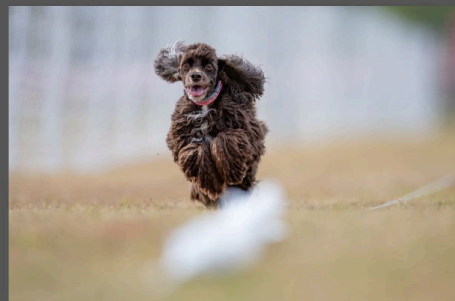
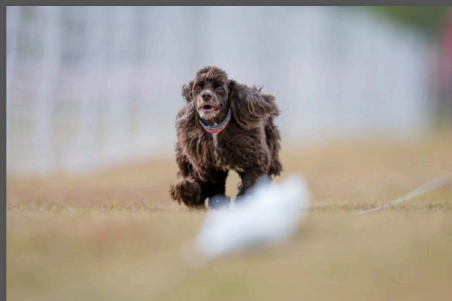
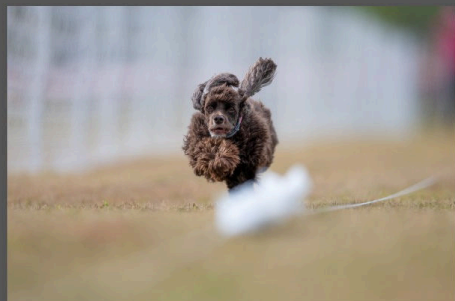
The excellent/advanced courses are very challenging.

AKC SCENTWORK shows are few and far between
in the western Pennsylvania area.

I was proud of the achievements of our Borders.

Nancy Auer

MY LITTLE RALEIGH



AKC Fast CAT

Raleigh accumulated 508 points to earn a DCAT Title on April 24th in New Smyrna Beach. She also posted her fastest speed, 19.5MPH.

Lauren Walsh



The plaque was earned in 2019. I received that at the Goldcoast Yorkshirer Terrier Club luncheon this April. We didn't have an Award luncheon in 2020. Fate earned 8 titles in 2019 at the age of 2!!!! Her CD & CDX in Obedience, her RA & RE in Rally & 4 in Agility at only 2 years of age!

Than the pandemic hit in 2020! No shows until near the end of '20.

I'm proud to say that Fate earned her UD title today on 6/12 at the Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County's trial in Lake Park I'm am so very proud of my little girl!

Betty Gansky



Butter; Mary's retired racing Greyhound was finally "In the money" when she won the Mary Happerstat award at the June OTC trial! I'm very proud of Butter as that was also the second leg of her CD!

Mary Macchia



**High Combined at the Big E
plus 2 first placements**

GOOD BOY ARLO

June Feigenblatt

Astro finished up his last AKC SW Master title in Ocala with a 2nd place in Interiors.

So, he's a Scent Work Master!

We're now in the Detective classes, which will require his getting a pipe & Sherlock hat!

Jane Craig



From Yuppy Puppy to Super Model

After the loss of my predecessor, my parents took some time to heal. The void in their home and hearts begged to be filled. This furry six pound bundle of yorkie sass arrived at twelve weeks old, from the west coast of Florida. Frankly, I was too cute for my own good, and my parents (especially mom) needed some direction. We enrolled at the OTCPCB when I was four months old for basic obedience.

The road ahead of us looked long, and bumpy. You see, my parents were used to an obedient, elderly service dog; but I, Giavanna had my OWN unique way of doing things. We also get a lot of flack about my size like, "Aren't you too big to be a yorkie?", "What kind of mix is that?". It makes mom's Italian blood boil.

OTCPBC is a proponent of hard work, dedication, and determination. Titles can be earned in agility, CGC, obedience, competition, rally, scent work and tracking. However, the title I needed did not fall within any of these categories, yet was just as important.

The first step toward our goal was earning my CGC (canine good citizen), where I caught the eye of our instructor, Peggy DiMinico. At first, she called us "her greatest challenge", and then Peggy became our mentor. She helped us perfect every command with the utmost precision. Slowly but surely, my handler and I were beginning to work as a team, inching our way towards success.

Finally got the break I needed. *Fame and fortune couldn't be far away, right?* This past April we heard from an old friend, who happens to be an award-winning photographer, rescuer and true dog aficionado, Tina VaLant. She asked if I might be interested in being a model for an oversized hardcover coffee table book. *Was this a dig on my size, again?*

Over forty dogs along with Palm Beach's prominent porcine resident Mona Lisa (a very nice pig) were photographed for the section entitled, *The Dogs of Worth Avenue*, showcasing the dogs that work, shop, dine and enjoy "The Avenue". This is Palm Beach, dahlings. Lights, camera, action! My session took place in the luxurious, historic Chesterfield Hotel. As I cranked up my cuteness dial, I listened to the instructions very carefully. I hardly needed any treats---this was so fun!

We were cautioned that the editor/publisher is very picky. Only the very best images would make it to publication. We even had to sign a model release. *ME!!! A model, the very thought makes me giddy. Take that all you nay-sayers!!*

The following week we received the call. I was put in a down-stay. Mom put the call on speaker phone, so dad and I could hear too.

Tina said, "I have good news and bad news". Mom got a panicked look on her face. I thought, hooboy, I'm in trouble, again. "The bad news is, I can't tell you which of your images was selected. The good news is, you MADE THE BOOK! I also wanted to tell you, Giavanna, that you were the most obedient and photogenic model on this project!" Mom squealed like our new friend Mona Lisa. It was so loud, she hurt both my and my dad's ears!

So the next time someone comments on my appearance, terrier disposition or breed. I'm just gonna bark, "Oh yeah! Well, SUPERSIZE me! I'm Giavanna Nicole CGC, a professional model AND working service dog, b*tches"!

Pat Caruso



I even got to meet (and sniff) Mona Lisa. She's really famous and very nice (for a pig).



We took a little break after my photo session, this is the fountain near Tiffany & Co. I think I deserve a real diamond necklace from there!



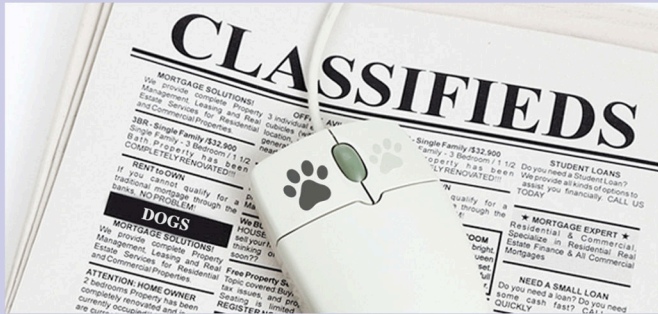
Giavanna is packed up and ready to roll in to fabulous new adventures.

Volunteer Hours

OTCPBC Volunteer Hours Reported as of July 6, 2021
Includes Hours Earned between 7/1/2020 and 7/6/2021

Last Name	First Name	Earliest Service Date	Most Recent Service Date	Total Hours
Andrews	Angel	9/27/2020	6/13/2021	29
Armfield	Patricia	9/27/2020	11/8/2020	21
Asaro	Jean	1/30/2021	2/27/2021	25.25
Becker	Robert	1/10/2021	6/20/2021	65.5
Bounds	Hailey	10/14/2020	1/20/2021	26.5
Boychuk	Tricia	11/17/2020	4/11/2021	32
Brady	Lynne	10/14/2020	6/20/2021	41.75
Brav	Janet	2/7/2021	2/7/2021	5
Brown	Sandra	4/13/2021	6/26/2021	24
Bundschuh	Debra	9/20/2020	6/13/2021	76
Butcher	Marjorie	9/13/2020	5/2/2021	55.25
Carey	Kim	4/25/2021	5/2/2021	22.5
Carlée	Lane	7/31/2020	6/30/2021	54.5
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	4/11/2021	57.5
Crechiolo	Joe	9/13/2020	5/2/2021	32
Crechiolo	Sandy	9/13/2020	5/2/2021	35.5
Czermann	Charlotte	8/15/2020	6/2/2021	69.25
DeMinico	Peggy	9/6/2020	6/13/2021	74
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	5/9/2021	29.5
Gates	Sandra	10/25/2020	5/2/2021	41
Gomez	Janet	5/23/2021	6/13/2021	33.25
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	6/13/2021	35
Hamzy	Mary Ann	9/27/2020	4/11/2021	24.5
Hoffman	Sandra	8/15/2020	8/15/2020	12
Johnson-Ford	Diana	9/13/2020	5/2/2021	129
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	5/9/2021	4.5
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	5/24/2021	60
McDonough	Kelly	2/28/2021	2/28/2021	3
McKenna	David	2/7/2021	5/23/2021	24.25
McPartland	Judith	7/31/2020	6/30/2021	143
Millar	Robert	9/13/2020	6/13/2021	50.25
Minix	Susan	9/20/2020	6/20/2021	69.75
Moore	Janet	2/27/2021	6/13/2021	39.25
Musbach	Keith	1/10/2021	1/10/2021	5.5
Nettles	Bobbie	1/31/2021	5/9/2021	28.25
Parker	Dianne	7/31/2020	6/30/2021	23.5
Patterson	Lori	7/31/2020	5/31/2021	34
Patti	Jennifer	11/29/2020	11/29/2020	3.75
Pichette	Helen	1/31/2021	1/31/2021	2
Ponga	Cindylou	9/6/2020	6/6/2021	54.75
Porter	Cynthia	11/17/2020	6/13/2021	34.5
Sedberry	Diane	4/30/2021	6/13/2021	8
Shadoin	Patricia	5/30/2021	6/13/2021	15.5
Siebeneck	Rosemarie	9/6/2020	6/13/2021	142.75
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	6/13/2021	27.5
Vence	Robert	5/23/2021	6/13/2021	26.5
Walsh	Lauren	11/17/2020	4/11/2021	32.5
Wetzel	Judy	9/6/2020	5/2/2021	103.5
Wingfield	Wendy	7/31/2020	1/31/2021	58
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	6/30/2021	100.25



For Sale:

Leerburg leather harness.

4 yrs old, properly oiled. Used 2x.

\$25 (new \$90)

Intended for working dogs over 55 pounds such as GSD, Mal, Terv.

It is heavy-duty.

Text: 561.758.4442

Diana Johnson-Ford



Dog Ice Cream Recipe:

- 3 ripe bananas
- 32 ounces plain yogurt
- 1 cup peanut butter

Directions:

Blend, pour the mixture into ice trays, freeze. In a couple hours you'll have a cool treat for your dog!



Tesh.com

Are you awake? Because if you are, I thought we could go play.

