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It has been my pleasure to be the Lead Lines editor for the past 2 years. My husband and I are selling our home and moving to the west coast of Florida.

So....someone is needed to take over as Lead Lines editor. Celeste and/or I are willing to help someone get started.

If interested please contact Celeste at
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A BIG Thank you for another successful Agility trial (May 2022)

Thanks to all who helped make this trial a success!

- Lisa Rieves our judge who did an outstanding job!
- Katlynn Moffler - Trial Secretary
- Barbara Bounds & Dan Wolfson - Chief Course Builders
- Carol Perrella - Volunteer Coordinator
- Trial Committee - Diana Johnson-Ford, June Fegeinblatt, Bobbi Nettles & Rosemarie Siebeneck.

I had lots of compliments on the way the trial was run. I couldn't have done it without you!

Betty Gansky

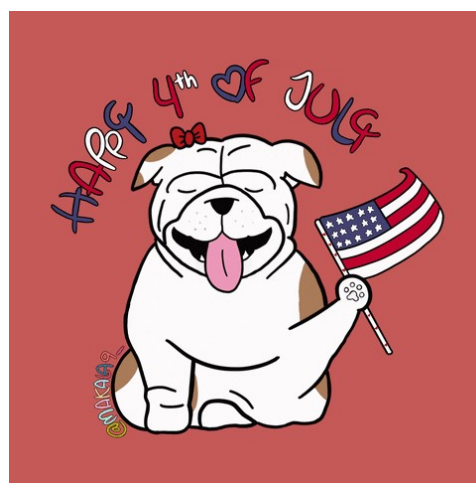
April 30 and May 1, 2022 Rally Trials at OTCBPC

- Nancy Honchar is an amazing trial secretary who has learned to work with one arm.
- Trish Shadoin assisted Nancy and we welcome her interest and she was a great asset throughout the weekend
- Mary Macchia did a terrific job as trophy chair and presented the trophy table beautifully.
- Janet Gomez who assisted Mary on Saturday and thanks for your time and effort.
- Sandy Gates the asst. show chair, dedicated all weekend setting courses, leash runner, score keeper, and whatever was asked.
- Lodge Weber, worked in concert with Sandy on Saturday, doing anything he could to keep things running smoothly.
- Peggy DeMinico our timer throughout the weekend, never missing a correct time for our judges.
- Judy McPortland the table steward all weekend and made the job look easy and it is not.
- Judy Weitzel who arrived Friday to help set for the trial and also was our gate steward all day Saturday.
- Sandy Crechiolo handled scores throughout Sunday along with:
- Angel Andrews who handled the gate throughout the day on Sunday on short notice.
- Jennifer Patti who made herself available to help whenever and where ever she could.
- Robin Landen worked the gate on Saturday in the lobby.
- Libby Vasiliou had a sick dog, but managed to be with us both days to assist in many areas.

Let's give an extra thank you to the folks who stayed on Sunday after the trial, to get things back in order so we could all get home before dark.

Finally, I want to personally thank each of you for making our trials a huge, and successful weekend. AND, I promise that at the next trials in July, we will have some tasty things for your lunch.

Steve Campbell



A BIG thanks for another successful OTC Agility trial

I want to thank all of you who REALLY stepped-up-to-the-plate & helped make our Agility trials June 17th -19th at "Bratty Paws" such a success.

As a lot of you know I was unable to attend the trial due to extensive dental surgery that I tried to put-off until after the trial but had to have it earlier due to some complications. This was done much to my sorrow on Tuesday June 14th.

My 1st thanks is to Jen Young our judge. You did a TERRIFIC job (as usual). I received lots of comments on how well the trials went due to your nested/excellent courses.

A very big thanks to:

- Lori our Trial Secretary who always does a GREAT job!
- Diana Johnson-Ford my stand-in Co-Chair who in my absence took over the role as Trial Chair for the very 1st time! TERRIFIC job! I'm so very proud of you!
- Shawn Smith who stepped up to the plate to fill Dan Wolfson's position as one of my two Course-builders. I was contacted by Dan on Wednesday 6/15 that he just tested positive for COVID. Shawn you did an awesome job as usual. You just "take the bull by the horns" & go with it. I really appreciate it "big guy"!
- Gill Chapman our other Course-builder who not only course-built but managed to run a bunch of dogs as well. Great job Gill!
- Carol Perrella my #1 Volunteer Coordinator! You are amazing! You ALWAYS step-up & do more than your share. I can't tell you how much your help means to me. You are ALWAYS there for me.
- A BIG thanks also to Rosemarie Siebeneck & Susan Minix who worked all three days.
- A Big thanks also to other club members who helped out.

I hope I didn't forget anyone. If you notice someone missing please forward it.

As I usually say it "takes a village" & the "village" certainly came out & made this show a HUGE success!

Thanks again!

Betty

I know that most of the current members don't know who the old white-haired lady is who occasionally shows up in a class or show 'n go with a small dog with a shaved butt (my Lowchen, Rocko).

My most active years with the club were in the late 60s and through the 70s. We trained at the National Guard Armory then and had to bring jumps and mats out from a storage area, roll the mats out and then roll them back up and put them away when we were finished for the night. The club is so fortunate to have its own beautiful training facility now. I trained with and went to many shows with the club's benefactors, Buzz and Dorothy Taylor.

Of course I was much more involved in club activities back then. Besides hauling jumps and mats every week, I trained beginner classes on a regular rotation and did run-throughs inside for people who were showing. I was the Lead Lines editor and Secretary of the club for a number of years. I also trained my own dogs and went to trials with my dogs throughout the state. Over the years my dogs have earned four UD titles. I've never been able to stick to one breed, so these were on four different breeds, a Shepherd, Weim, Schipperke, and in the "current era," last year, on a Havanese. We didn't have an OTCH title back when I did most of my training and showing, but what kept us going to trials was to try to get national rankings on our dog's breed standings.

My dog activities are scaled back quite a bit now, but I still enjoy taking a class with Rocko now and then. We didn't have all the new performance activities when I was first involved in dog training, so I've had fun trying out Rally, Tricks and Nosework.

Thank you again the the Honorary membership.

Bobbie Blythe

BRAGS



Mach Abaco's Island Girl "Abby"

Abaco's Island Girl and Bobbi celebrated our 1st ever MACH title. Abby just turned 4 and we started our Master's classes in Jan 2021. It's been a fun journey for us and have had a lot of great coaching along the way. To top this off we also found out we are listed as #9 in AKC top Agility English Springer Spaniels. We are also qualified for the AKC National Agility Competition coming up in April 2022. Very exciting times for our team.

Bobbi Nettles



Astro earned Detective legs #6 & #7 at the Ocala Scent Work trials in June and showed he was a cool Dude at their photo op.
Jane Craig



Cindy Ponga with Bleyde vom Degahaus
Scentwork Excellent Interior Title achieved during the
OTCPBC Trial on 1/29-1/30 2022.
ON TO MASTERS!!!



Jeff Gansky took this picture of the three of us accepting our ribbons from the Utility class on Sunday 6/12/22 at the Obedience Trial. I received a 199-First Place, Betty received a 194.5-Second Place and June received a 192-Third Place. There were 6 competitors in the Utility B class, 3 qualified.

Thank You Judge Linda Ferrullo It was a pleasure to show under Judge Ferrullo. Thanks to OTCPCB for putting on such a nice Trial. Thanks Jeff for taking the pictures.

Sandy Gates



RAFFY and I we're HIT recipients on Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday, we were also HC recipients with scores of 198.5 and 198 respectively. We also received The Mary Happersett Award Of \$50.00 both days

My Little Raleigh

SCENT WORK EXCELLENT

Raleigh had two very nice Qualifying Buried Excellent searches earning placing 1st and 3rd in the class at the Scent Work Club of Ocala trial at WEC.

She completed both Excellent Buried Title and Overall Scent Work Excellent Title.

Getting very close to finishing up Scent Work Master.

LAUREN WALSH





My All American Dog, Ryder In The Storm earned his Advanced Rally Title and first leg on his Rally Excellent Title at our OTCBPC Rally Trials on Saturday, April 30th and Sunday, May 1st.

Ryder completed his Rally Excellent Title at the IRDTC trials on May 14th and 15th.

Diane Sedberry and
Ryder in the Storm RE CGC TKI



Betty & Fate

- We just arrived home from Orlando where we showed in 3 Obedience trials. I'm SO happy to announce that Fate earned THREE UDX legs qualifying in all six rings. This is unbelievable for her 1st time in a 3 ring trial doing both Open/Utility! 9 down & ONE more to go! She was the smallest dog there & almost everyone watched her. Several people came-up to me & thanked me for bringing her because she put a smile on everyone's face when she went into the ring! Competition was TOUGH! There are a LOT of OTCH & multiple OTCH dogs that we competed against. The last Open class today all 4 dogs that placed were multiple OTCH's. The 5th placement also had one OTCH. Fate was 6th with a 195 1/2 out of a 200. It's definitely a weekend to remember!
- We went to Lakeland this weekend for the Obedience trials. In a tough venue with pencil sharp judges Fate managed to earn her UDX yesterday. She went from a UD last June to earn her UDX in 16 trials! She also managed to earn an extra UDX leg today!
- I just realized today not only did Fate earn her UDX title this weekend she also earned her OM1 (Obedience Master's 1) title as well!
- Fate earned her 12th UDX leg at the MOC trials held at our clubhouse on Sunday May 29th under judge Ron Seeley. She placed 2nd in Utility B with a score of 196. She also placed 3rd in Open B with a 193 1/2.
- On Saturday May 28th she earned 3rd place in Utility B under judge Carol Ann Klein with a 196 but missed a command in Open.
- Fate earned 3 first place ribbons & 1 third place ribbon at the OTC Agility trials the weekend of 5/7-5/9 in Punta Gorda. I am VERY proud of her!
- Fate earns UDX legs 14 & 15 at OTC trials June 11th & 12th earning a placement in each class.

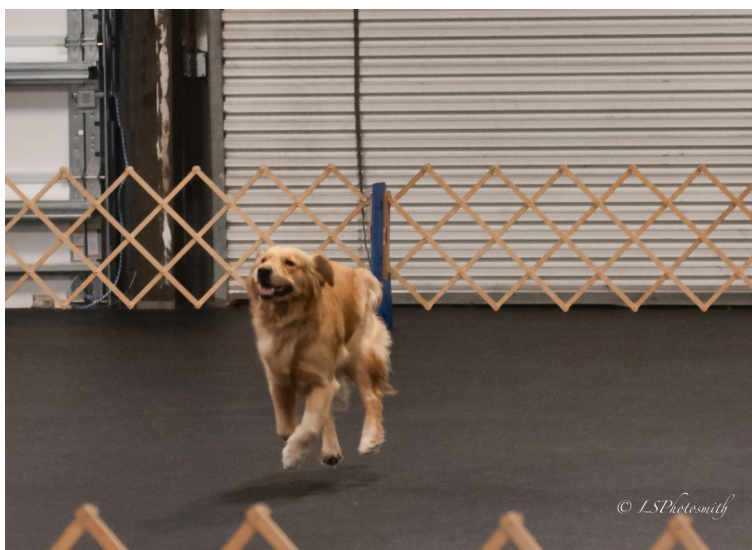




A brag from
Linda Morgan and Finn.
My 1 1/2 year old Brittany
Finn and I earned our
Beginner Novice title at
the MOC trial May 29th.
We accomplished this in
2 obedience trials. So
proud of my boy Finn for
earning high scores for
each leg.

**Foxmor's Blue Martini
earned his Beginner Novice Title
in the Miami Obedience Club's Trial**

Bob Millar



Tori had a good month.
She finished her CD title at OTCPBC's Trials in June. And she
finished her Scent Work Buried Novice (SBN) with a 3rd place
and her Scent Work Exterior Novice (SEN) with a first place
at the Ocala Trials. That means she is a SWN because she has
earned all the novice scent work element titles.

Fran Smith

JANET G MOORE

August 19, 1940 - June 14, 2022



Janet G Moore (nee Albert) is survived by her husband William Moore and her two daughters and their families: Gayle Sanford, mom to Jarad, Breann, and Jacob Sanford of Boulder, NV and Pam Moore, married to Greg Laugero and mom to Max Laugero of Denver, CO. There's the basics. But Janet was so much more than basics. She was a gardener, a quilter, she sewed. Her yard is beautiful. We often talked about wildlife in the area and frequently compared bird sightings. She was a member of Christ Fellowship Church and two dog clubs, OTC and JTDC, where she met, and immediately became friends, with many. I was privileged to train my dogs with Janet and her Danika, Josh and Sarah. I never met Samson who traveled to Florida with Bill and Janet and preceded these three but she always talked about him. There were also Tonto and Tawney before the move so there will be many wagging tails to greet her. The bundle of energy called Sarah strained Janet's training capabilities. The youngster Josh of twelve years ago was the same as Sarah now but Janet was twelve years younger! Janet and I lost favorite dogs within a week of each other a year ago. We grieved together. Janet never lost her focus with Sarah, though, and trained hard. Sarah is a rescue dog. She is sweet and smart but full of energy, and mischief. Janet made such progress. Her last obedience trial was just two days before she passed. Pix at <https://www.lspphotosmith.com/Dog-Shows-Trials/Obedience-Trials/Obedience-Training-Club-of-the/Obedience-Trial-June-10-2022/Janet-Moore/>

(courtesy Lindsey Smith, ctrl click).

Janet did a lot of work for the organizations to which she belonged. If you're listening Janet, please send us a sign as to where the JT drapes are. Janet didn't just do obedience. Josh earned his TD and was doing well in TDX but Janet had to reluctantly give it up because of breathing difficulties. We also did field training with Danika and Josh. Josh earned his JH and also his WC; Janet traveled to Montverde by herself to do this. Janet was training Sarah to retrieve as part of her obedience/field training. There are currently two bumpers on the Lanai roof to prove this. Josh and Janet attended scent work training for a while but the night driving became too difficult.

Sarah will be starting the next phase of her life soon. She will travel to Colorado in the back of Janet's car, driven by Jarad, where she will live with Pam, Max, Greg and Isabelle, another one of those blond dogs.

Janet was a good friend. She did so much for so many. Bill, you had an amazing wife. Pam and Gayle, you had a wonderful mom. We will all cherish her memory,

pamela_moore@comcast.net Pam

sanfordgayle@gmail.com Gayle

wilfmjr@comcast.net Bill

For anyone who would like to share their memories of Janet with the family please write to them at the addresses above. There will be no service.

Joe Hamzey

OTCPBC Volunteer Hours

Includes Hours Earned between 6/1/2021 and 6/15/2022

Last Name	First Name	Earliest Service Date	Most Recent Service Date	Total Hours
Andrews	Angel	6/13/2021	6/12/2022	62
Asaro	Jean	11/28/2021	1/30/2022	31.25
Auer	Nancy	2/20/2022	2/20/2022	1.5
Becker	Robert	6/20/2021	2/6/2022	62
Blythe	Bobbie	2/20/2022	2/20/2022	1
Boychuk	Tricia	11/21/2021	12/5/2021	15
Brady	Lynne	6/20/2021	6/20/2021	7
Brav	Janet	2/6/2022	2/16/2022	2.75
Bundschuh	Debra	6/13/2021	1/30/2022	69.3
Butcher	Marjorie	7/25/2021	6/12/2022	21.75
Carey	Kim	12/5/2021	2/6/2022	15
Carlée	Lane	6/30/2021	5/31/2022	65.75
Carson	Mary	1/30/2022	1/30/2022	4
Caruso	Patricia & Anthony	12/19/2021	12/19/2021	6
Cash	Beverly	6/12/2022	6/12/2022	6
Clouser	Patsy	1/16/2022	2/20/2022	30
Corey	Kim	11/28/2021	1/30/2022	9.25
Craig	Jane	10/2/2021	1/9/2022	11
Crechiolo	Joe	11/7/2021	2/6/2022	7.5
Crechiolo	Sandy	8/22/2021	5/1/2022	32.5
Czermann	Charlotte	6/2/2021	6/12/2022	29.75
DeMinico	Peggy	6/13/2021	6/12/2022	83
Edmondson	Michael Blair	11/14/2021	1/16/2022	32.5
Feigenblatt	June	10/31/2021	6/30/2022	50.5
Forgach	Marie	8/22/2021	2/6/2022	29.75
Gates	Sandra	7/18/2021	6/12/2022	62
Gomez	Janet	6/13/2021	5/1/2022	22
Gosnell	Mike	11/28/2021	11/28/2021	8.5
Halpern	Lynn	11/28/2021	1/30/2022	18
Hamzy	Joe	6/13/2021	6/12/2022	67.5
Hamzy	Mary Ann	10/3/2021	6/12/2022	40.75
Hohmann	Marti	7/25/2021	7/25/2021	20
Johnson-Ford	Diana	7/26/2021	5/8/2022	111.5
Jones	Karen	10/3/2021	5/29/2022	13
Katzman	Andi	6/1/2022	6/1/2022	1.5
Kealey	Kathy	1/30/2022	2/6/2022	9
Klein	Carol Ann	7/18/2021	11/21/2021	37.5
Kornmeyer	Donna	7/25/2021	1/30/2022	66.25
Landen	Robin	1/10/2022	6/12/2022	20.25
Macchia	Mary	11/21/2021	6/12/2022	58
May	Kathy	7/8/2021	4/30/2022	43.5
McKenna	David	1/30/2022	2/20/2022	20.25

OTCPBC Volunteer Hours

Includes Hours Earned between 6/1/2021 and 6/15/2022

McPartland	Judith	6/30/2021	5/31/2022	243.5
Millar	Robert	6/6/2021	5/22/2022	29.75
Minix	Susan	6/2/2021	6/1/2022	46
Moore	Janet	6/13/2021	10/3/2021	22
Morgan	Linda	1/16/2022	6/12/2022	26.75
Musbach	Keith	11/14/2021	1/16/2022	32
Nettles	Bobbie	8/22/2021	5/8/2022	47.5
Patterson	Lori	7/31/2021	8/31/2021	14
Patti	Jennifer	5/1/2022	5/1/2022	8
Pfeiffer	Darlene	11/28/2021	5/31/2022	32.25
Pichette	Helen	1/30/2022	1/30/2022	3
Ponga	Cindylou	6/6/2021	1/30/2022	46.25
Porter	Cynthia	6/13/2021	6/1/2022	24.75
Sedberry	Diane	6/13/2021	5/31/2022	88
Shadoin	Patricia	6/13/2021	5/29/2022	65.5
Siebeneck	Rosemarie	6/13/2021	5/8/2022	78
Smith	Lindsey	11/28/2021	6/1/2022	20
Strumwasser	Steve	5/29/2022	6/12/2022	4
Taylor	Lorene	1/9/2022	6/1/2022	8.5
Taylor	Matthew	11/21/2021	1/9/2022	17
Trummer	Michelle	11/14/2021	2/6/2022	21
Vasiliou	Libby	6/13/2021	6/1/2022	72.75
Vence	Robert	6/6/2021	6/12/2022	112.75
Venegas	Susan	1/10/2022	2/20/2022	8.5
Walsh	Lauren	11/21/2021	11/28/2021	13
Weber	Lodge	7/18/2021	5/1/2022	22
Wetzel	Judy	7/25/2021	5/1/2022	37
Wood	Linda	12/31/2021	2/28/2022	20
Wright	Mary	6/13/2021	5/31/2022	111.25



DIY Patriotic Fruit Stars for Dogs

Ingredients

Fresh Strawberries

Fresh Blueberries

1 Cup Water

1 Cup Unsweetened Coconut Milk

1/4 Cup Unsweetened Coconut Flakes

Directions: This is a very easy DIY treat recipe! First, to make our white stars, take some of the coconut flakes, some coconut milk, and a bit of water, place it in a blender and blend. Now pour the mix into a Star Shaped ice cube tray. Next, take some strawberries and some water, and put those in a blender and blend. Pour that mixture into another star shaped ice cube tray. And last, take some blueberries and water, put those into a blender, and blend. I am sure you know what to do next! Pour that mixture into another star shaped Ice Cube tray. Place all 3 trays into the freezer and let them freeze at least 4 – 6 hours, or until they are frozen.

8 Tips for Helping a Dog That's Scared of Fireworks

From PetMD Website

Fireworks might be awe-inspiring for some people, but many dogs are scared of fireworks and find the sound and spectacle of them terrifying. Dog fireworks anxiety can leave your pets in a panicked state.

It should go without saying that anxious dogs don't belong at fireworks displays, but even dogs that are at home can be overwhelmed by the noise, especially if the neighbors are setting off their own. That's why it is so important to help your pet.

Dogs that are scared of fireworks might hide, tremble, pace, or whine in response to the sounds, leading pet parents to consider trying pet meds to help deal with the behaviors. But there are alternatives.

The following tips might help reduce dog fireworks anxiety—whether you choose to train before scheduled fireworks or need tips that you can use right away.



1. Use Sound Training to Relieve Dog Fireworks Anxiety

You can help dogs that are afraid of fireworks learn to cope with them by setting up training sessions throughout the year, well in advance of events such as the Fourth of July or New Year's Eve fireworks displays.

Begin by playing a fireworks sound effect (many are available free online) at a very low level for a brief period while giving your dog a series of small, tasty dog treats and lots of praise when they remain calm. Then turn the sound off and stop giving treats.

Repeat the process with the sound at a low level until your dog looks to you expectantly when it starts. Always be sure to check that your dog is comfortable with the sounds and not displaying signs of anxiety. Gradually turn up the sound in subsequent training sessions, varying the recordings to include a variety of firework types, until your dog begins to associate the noises with goodies and praise for having a calm demeanor.

2. Try a Dog Anxiety Vest

Much like swaddling helps to calm infants, a snug garment that puts gentle pressure on your dog's torso can reduce fireworks anxiety.

Get your dog used to wearing a pressure wrap—like a dog anxiety vest—before fireworks so that by the time the event arrives, your dog will be comfortable with the garment.

You can either make your own by wrapping stretchy fabric around your dog's shoulders and chest (make sure it's not so tight that it restricts blood flow or the ability to breathe) or opt for a ThunderShirt that uses a patented "hugging" design to help reduce stress from dog fireworks anxiety.

3. Schedule a Pre-Fireworks Workout

Going for a long hike or spending time playing with pals during the day will help wear out your dog before the fireworks begin.

A dog that's mentally and physically exhausted might be less likely to react to fireworks, so plan a day of fun activities that will leave your dog ready for a snooze.

4. Schedule Meals and Potty Time Early

It's important to time your dog's dinner and potty trips well in advance of nightfall, since fireworks typically start as soon as the sun sets. There's nothing worse than a dog that's scared of fireworks that needs a potty break but is too terrified to step out the door.

Give your dog enough time to finish his dinner, digest and potty before the noise begins so that he's not forced to hold it during an already stressful period.

5. Keep Your Pup Occupied During Fireworks

Provide distraction by giving your dog something delicious to focus on during fireworks, like a KONG Classic dog toy.

Stuff the busy toy with special goodies like your dog's all-time favorite treat so that he has something else to focus on during the noise.

6. Muffle the Noise

It's easy to understand why dogs are scared of fireworks; the unpredictable booming sounds can be perceived as an impending threat and make a dog feel vulnerable.

While counterconditioning with a fireworks recording throughout the year will help your dog learn to cope with the noise, an easy way to manage dog fireworks anxiety during the event is to simply muffle the sounds with something else.

Plug in a white noise machine or turn on some calming music loud enough so that the fireworks are camouflaged. If your dog's "safe zone" is his crate, you can also cover the top, sides, and back with a thick blanket and play music or sounds for him. Just make sure your dog can leave the crate if he wants to.

7. Comfort Your Dog

You might have heard that comforting your dog in times of stress can reinforce his fears. However, your dog's reactions to fireworks are based on a legitimate fear. Providing comfort during this time is appropriate and often helpful.

Sitting close to your dog, petting him gently and offering quiet words of reassurance during scary events like fireworks can help to center your dog and might even reduce his fearfulness. Plus, doing so will help your dog understand that you're his partner and that he can always turn to you when he's feeling scared.

8. Consult a Professional

If your dog's behavior doesn't improve, find a positive trainer to help you and your dog work through relaxation protocols.

If your dog's fireworks anxiety puts them or you in danger, talk with your veterinarian or a board-certified veterinary behaviorist about anxiety medication for dogs and whether it is necessary.

Remember that your dog's fireworks anxiety is a visceral response, and it will likely take a multi-step approach to help your dog feel more comfortable with the sounds.