



Chatter-Barks

Obedience Club of Daytona, Inc.



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Meeting Location

OCOD

Training Center
1276 8th Street
Corner of 8th
& Derbyshire
7:00 pm General
Meeting with
Members & Guests

President: Michelle Lemole
Vice Pres: Kris Davenport
Secretary: Linda Campagna
Treasurers: Renee' Johnson
Chris Franczek

Board of Directors:
Anna Johnson
Sarah Beaudoin
Claire Israelson

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386-295-3240

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386-295-3240

APPLICATIONS:

Can be found on our
web site
www.ocodb.org

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expressed herein do not
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views and opinions of the
Obedience Club of Daytona,



NEXT MEETING 7:00 PM
Monday, April 13, 2023



AKC Scent Work

Sniff & Go

Obedience Club of Daytona

At Our Training Center:
1276 8th Street, Daytona Beach, FL 32117

Saturday, April 1, 2023

Elements: Container, Interior, Buried, Handler, Exterior
Odors: Birch, Anise, Clove
(Nested)

Runs: \$5.00 each, no limit. All elements available at 9:00 AM
Registration 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM
Match Hours: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

All crates must be removed at end of match.

Information: Anna Johnson (386) 767-6798 tyddenbach@cfl.rr.com



New Members

List of new members will be sent in the minutes in a seperate email.



Club Member Dinner

When: Saturday, April 29th

Time: **5:00 Sharp !**

Where: Burntwood Tavern

250 N. Nova Rd.

Trails Shopping Center

Call Carol Mason
for reservations or cancellations

386-228-3965 or e-mail her
carolsjeep@hotmail.com

*Join other Club members
and their quests !*

NOTE !

The Minutes will be sent in a seperate email, they were not received in time for newsletter.

Military War Dogs,
Volusia Sheriff 13
K-9 Teams,
Daytona and
Port Orange K-9 Teams
Always Need Our Help

Contact:

Ralph Orlando

386-788-4268 or

rorlando2@cfl.rr.com



Instructors and Assistants Always Needed !

You do not need to have experience to be an assistant, the instructor is there to help you. If you've taken our Puppy or Basic classes you've seen what assistants do, like help with the equipment in the puppy class or help with a student that might need extra help. Assistants earn \$70. and Instructors earn \$105. in class credits for a 7 weeks class that you can use toward the fee for a class or ring time. Who knows you might like it so much that you might want to become an instructor !!

Please volunteer when a plea goes out for Instructors & Assistants.

Therapy Dog Testing

OCOD's Testers for Alliance of Therapy Dogs

If you are interested in being evaluate please contact them

Ralph Orlando 386-788-4268
rorlando2@cfl.rr.com



Jean Schardt & "Sparky"



Please Help the Humane Societies

1. Southeast Volusia Humane Society
386-428-9860
2. Flagler County Humane Society
386-445-1841
3. Halifax Humane Society
386-274-4703



READING Paws dogs, and Club Members
Joey (Carol Mason) and Joya (Valerie
Vetter) were invited to attend the DSC study
event at the Lemerand Student Center on
March 7. 2023.

Club Shirts

Please contact:
Pat Mozden
386-451-0848
patmozden@cfl.rr.com



Please pay with a Check !





Wins & Brags

Jean Schardt & "SPARKY" earned their RAE title on Feb 19 in Tallahassee.

Terrie Brensinger and "Lacey" earned a leg and a 2nd Place Win in Open Division Barn Hunt a on 3/19/23.

Kelly Zen and "Jett" earned a 1st Place Win in a Barn Hunt Trial over the St. Paddy's day weekend.

Congratulations !



Kelly Zen's "Jett"


 A TELEMARKETER CALLED AND ASKED TO SPEAK TO WHOEVER RUNS THE HOUSEHOLD. SO I PASSED THE PHONE TO MY DOG.




Recent Graduates from one of our Puppy Classes.



My Dog had a Stroke!

...or did he? It could be Idiopathic Vestibular Syndrome, an “old dog disease,” common yet not well known

By Coralee Leon

Bertie, my active, happy 14-year-old golden retriever, was trotting around the deck at the local doggie pool on February 13 when his hind legs suddenly collapsed and he started shaking uncontrollably. He was dazed and unfocused, and his eyes looked strange. My first fearful thought was that he'd had a stroke. After some calming hugs and petting he was able to walk with assistance—but dizzily, in circles. A friend helped me lift him into the car.

At home, he recovered somewhat and the next morning seemed perfectly normal. But as the day progressed, it all started again. Very weak and unable to stand without help, he seemed confused, couldn't walk a straight line, and his head was awkwardly tilted to the left. His eyes were flicking rapidly back and forth. That evening, after resting for a while, he suddenly stood and vomited his supper.

Beside myself with worry, I texted our vet all I had observed. Then, while sitting with Bertie while he slept, I searched his symptoms on my phone, and finally found this:

“Idiopathic Vestibular Syndrome is a common cause of incoordination and hind-limb weakness in geriatric dogs. It comes on suddenly, and it may seem to you as if you dog has had a stroke.”

My veterinarian's reply next morning confirmed this diagnosis.

Idiopathic means the cause is unknown. *Vestibular* refers to the inner and middle ear. Any abnormality, I read, can cause sudden loss of balance and coordination, along with *ataxia* (stumbling or falling), and *nystagmus* (a flickering eye movement). Other symptoms are a tendency to walk in circles and an oddly tilted head. The disease can strike older dogs of any breed (and cats of any age).

Bertie's story of illness and recovery followed a course typical of this syndrome. For three days after our initial veterinarian visit, he needed separate support for his front, which wanted to turn left, and his rear, which would otherwise collapse. Actually he was reluctant to move at all, and seemed frightened and depressed—not a bit like the Bertie we know and love. I'd been told he'd get worse before better, and this turned out to be very true.

His lack of appetite was no surprise, but when he did start eating he had no interest in his usual favorites. Instead, his infrequent meals consisted of little jars of baby meat, into which I mashed the “seasick” medicines his vet had given him.

On the fourth day—February 17—things started getting better. When he came inside after being helped out for his morning piddle, instead of just flopping down he sat for a while. Then he stood up and tried drunkenly to make for his water bowl. I signaled him to stay and brought his water to him. Then he had some ham baby food, stood for a while, sat for a while, and finally decided to lie down and rest on his accomplishments.

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It is now March 4. Bertie’s progress has been steady. After several days he no longer needed rear support, but just a short leash on his harness to help him steer. Then he was balanced enough for a longer leash and more freedom. He was able to walk to the end of the block and after a couple of days all around the block. Since March 1 he’s taken his normal half-hour walks, as usual telling me which way he wants to go. He is a good heeler, so if his gait is unsteady I am beside him to bump into.

Bertie still will not eat his normal meals if they are contaminated with medicines or supplements (perhaps he associates these smells with those awful feelings of vertigo and nausea), so I have to hide these in baby food meats, liverwurst, ham slices, and other things that will camouflage their odor. He is not always steady on his feet, and his head still tilts slightly to the left. We’re told these may take a while to disappear.

We see his vet for ongoing treatment (now just chiropractic adjustments and homeopathy). He’s much brighter and happier again. His tail wags, he’s playing his daily hide-it-find-it games, and yesterday went swimming again--but, tellingly, this title-winning dock-diving dog did not offer to dive.

Bertie’s message to owners of senior dogs is this: If you think your dog is having a stroke, consider the possibility that it could be Idiopathic Vestibular Syndrome instead. This disease may be frightening, and difficult at first, but it’s temporary, and Bertie’s vet says that, with your good nursing care, your dog will almost certainly get better over time.

PS: It is the first day of spring. Bertie has been diving into the pool for a week, and he has rejoined the clean plate club. Even a senior dog who has suffered “old dog disease” can come through it and feel young again.

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Recent Graduates from the Intermediate Class

Message From Scent Work Trial Chair:

We will be holding our Scent Work Trial on April 21, 22 and 23. We must make sure that ALL parts of the building are clean of Odors. **There will be no scent work classes or individual scent work practice in the building from April 6th until after the trial on April 23rd.** There will be no scent work classes on April 14. Please remove all scent work odors and containers from the building by April 6th. Any odors or containers found after that date will be disposed of.

April 7th at 12:30 PM, we will be cleaning the scent work equipment and building boxes. Please come and help us prepare for the trial. This is a great time to get your cleaning requirement met if you need a sit down activity.

Thank you,
Anna Johnson,



MONDAY

- 8:30** **Proofing & Distractions Adv. Utility**
Joyce Swegle, Victory Hulett
Only people actively showing in Utility
- 9:30** **OPEN:** Maria Orlando
- 10:30** **Utility:** Robin Scott & Meg Massaro
- 4-6:00** **RALLY:** Nancy Miles by appt. (386-299-1500)
(not on meeting nights)
- 6:00** **FOUNDATION AGILITY 1:**
(not on meeting nights)
Linda Hudak & Michele Lemole
- 7:15** **FOUNDATION AGILITY 2:**
(not on meeting nights)
Linda Hudak & Michele Lemole

WEDNESDAY

- 7:00** **CONFORMATION:** 3/22 – 4/26 Jim Danhauer
(Ring 2) **(Drop in Class)** \$10. per night
- 3:00** **BEG. RALLY FREE:** Dana Connolly
- 5:00** **RALLY FREE DANCE:** Dana Connolly
(Ring 1)
- 6:00** **CGC Class:** 3/29 – 5/10 Terrie Brensinger
(Ring 3) Assist: Kitty Forgunson
- 6:00** **PUPPY:** 3/1 - 4/12 Linda Eastlake
(Ring 4 & 5) Assist: Chris Franczek, Sue Reichel
- 6:00** **INTERMEDIATE PLUS:** Dana Connolly
(Ring 1 until 7:30) (Monthly)

FRIDAY

Spray 1st Friday of Month ((3hours to dry)

- 9:00** **SCENT WORK:** Anna Johnson, Lind Weaver
(Everyone must help set up and put away)
- 5:00** **SCENT WORK:** Anna Johnson, Lind Weaver

SUNDAY**CANINE MUSICAL FREESTYLE DANCE**

Start Date: _____ Contact:
Linda Campagna 386-848-4594 or 386-775-4617
(NO Test)

- 2:00** **Beginner Dance:**
- 3:30** **Advanced Dance:**

April / May

(Updated 3/30/23)
Subject to change

TUESDAY

- 11:00** **Puppy:** 3/21 – 5/2 Nina Daly,
(Ring 4 & 5) **(Skip 4/20 Trial)** Sharon McLachlan
Assist: Patty Mills, Nancy Waldelton
- 1:00** **BASIC:** 3/21 – 5/2 Nina Daly, Sharon
(Ring 4) McLachlan,
Assist: Patty Mills Nancy Wadelton
- 5-7pm** **NOVICE, OPEN, UTILITY COMP:**
(Ring 1 & 2 Renee' Johnson, Janet Berry
Monthly (Limited to 8 sing in book \$60
- 6:00** **BASIC:** 2/28 – 4/11 Pat Mozden
(Ring 3) Assist: Sarah Beaudoin
- 7:00** **BASIC:** 2/21 – 4/4 Chris Franczek
(Ring 3) Assist: Nancy Harrington, Pat Dean
- 7:00** **BASIC:** 4/25 – 6/6 Chris Franczek
Assist: ?????

THURSDAY

- 10-12:30** **One on One Problem Solving:** Meg Massaro
(Ring 1 & 2) Reservation only
- 4:30 – 7pm** **CDSP Class** (March & April)
(Ring 1 & 2) Renee' Johnson & Anna Johnson
- 5:00** **PUPPY:** 3/23 - 5/11 Nina Daly, Sharon McLachlan
(Ring 4 & 5) **(Skip 4/20 Trial)** Assist: Jane Collar
- 6:00** **INTERMEDIATE:** 3/2 – 4/13 Joan Costello
(Ring 3) Assist: Debra Cail, Edd Gordon
- 6:00** **FUN AGILITY:** Claire Israelson, Jean VanHorn
(Monthly)
- 6:00** **NOVICE COMP.** Renee' Johnson
(Ring 1) (Monthly) Starting in May
- 7:00** **BASIC:** 3/23 – 5/11 Nina Daly, Sharon McLachlan,
(Ring 4) **(Skip 4/20 Trial)** Assist: Jane Collar

SATURDAYAPRIL SATURDAY RING TIME

9am to 12 Noon

- Apr. 1** **Sniff N Go**
- Apr. 8** Anna Johnson
- Apr. 15** Susan Armstrong
- Apr. 22** **Scent Work Trial**
- Apr. 29** Kris Davenport



CANINE EYE CLINIC

(CERF & OFA EXAMS)

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023 8:00AM to 12:00PM

Sponsored By: **OBEDIENCE CLUB OF DAYTONA, INC.**

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All Breeders and Pet Owners Welcome.. It will be held at

1276 8th Street (Corner of 8th Street & Derbyshire)

(I-95 x265 Holly Hill-Daytona Beach-LPGA Exit) East to Derbyshire—Turn Right 1/3 mile on left

Caryn E. Plummer, DVM, DACVO

Assistant Professor & Service Chief, Comparative Ophthalmology

College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Florida

Born and raised in Central Florida, completed veterinary degrees at University of Florida 2002, followed by a medical/surgical internship at Michigan State University and residency training in comparative ophthalmology at the University of Florida. Board Certified in 2006 by American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists. Currently on staff at University of Florida at Gainesville.

Married to a fellow veterinarian and cohabitating with one French Bulldog and 3 felines.

Pre-registration is required for a minimum of 30 dogs. If minimum is not met, checks will be returned

to you after the registration deadline MAY 7, 2022

CONTACT: Robin Scott 407-592-0752 E-Mail: fourdogsr@embarqmail.com

Make checks for \$40 per dog payable to: OCOD, INC. Mail: OCOD % Robin Scott 23042 Eques Lane, Eustis, FL 32736

There will be covered crating areas. Please bring your own snacks and water for your dogs.

For more information about CERF exams go to vmdb.org/history.html

NAME: _____ CELL # _____

Please print

ADDRESS: _____ CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

E-MAIL: _____ Phone# _____

Dog's Name: _____ AKC REGISTRATION # _____

Breed: _____ Sex: _____

HAPPY EASTER

Training Center Address:
1276 8th. Street
Daytona Beach, Fl. 32117
(Corner of 8th Street & Derbyshire)

Dog Training



2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Apr. 1 Sniff N Go
- Apr. 21,22,23 Scent Work Trial
- May 6,7 K-9 Obed. Club of Jacksonville Trials
- May 13-14 CDSP Trials
- June 10-11 Michele Pouliot Seminar
- July 14-15-1 OCOD Obedience & Rally Trials
- Aug. 11,12,13, Mid Fl. Golden Retriever Trials
- Oct. 7-8 K-9 Obed. Club of Jacksonville Trials

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