

# Chatter-Barks

## Obedience Club of Daytona, Inc.



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**Meeting  
Location  
OCOD**  
Training Center  
1276 8th Street, D.B.  
Corner of 8th  
& Derbyshire  
7:00 pm General  
Meeting with  
Members & Guests

President: Pat Mozden  
Vice Pres: Joan Costello  
Secretary: Linda Campagna  
Treasurers:  
Renee' Johnson  
Janet Berry  
Board of Directors:  
Sarah Beaudoin  
Nina Daly  
Kelly Zen

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Renee' Johnson  
386-299-4435  
Joan Costello  
386-212-2689 for information

### **AGILITY:**

Linda Hudak  
386-295-3240

### **APPLICATIONS:**

Can be found on our  
web site  
[www.ocodb.org](http://www.ocodb.org)

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Next Meeting 7:00 PM  
Monday, October 13, 2025

*"General Club Business"*



### *President's Message*

Dear members:

Thank goodness Mother Nature is finally giving us a hint of Fall weather here and there. August felt like an oven that never turned off which made outdoor activities miserable.

Please remember the cleaning/assisting requirement to maintain the member discount on classes. The work you do 7/1/2025 - 12/31/2025 will qualify you for class discounts 1/1/2026-6/30/26. The cleaning sessions normally take 90 minutes to 2 hours. For those who clean at other times due to travel or schedule conflicts, you should work a similar amount of time to have it count.

Michelle Sellers is now in charge of our roster and will be keeping it up to date. It is your responsibility to note in the binder when you clean and when you assist with another activity. No one will be doing it for you.

I need a small group to help me wash the jump boards and the stands. I don't have a set time yet, but it will be before the December trial. Email me if you would like to help.

Finally, in a world in which you can be anything - Be Kind.

*Pat Mozden*



## New Members

Anne Thome

Steven Hammons



*"Welcome to OCOD"*

## Therapy Dog Testing

**OCOD's Tester for  
Alliance of Therapy Dogs**

If you are interested in being  
evaluated  
please contact

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



**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**



## **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

## **NEW CLEANING DATES**

**Oct. 25 Sat. 12:00 PM Vacuum/  
Scrub rings**

**Nov. 22 Sat. Obedience/ Rally  
Match**

**Nov. 29 Sat. 12.00 PM Vacuum**

**Nov. 30 Sun. 9:00 Am  
Scrub & Clean**

## Club Shirts

Please contact:

Pat Mozden

386-451-0848

**patmozdenocod@gmail.com**



**Please pay with a Check !**

## *Wins & Brags*

Carol Davies and “Stanley” worked hard and had lots of fun! He qualified in 7 of the 8 events entered on Saturday in two Trials at the Advanced level. He placed 2nd and 4th in Buried, 2nd and 3rd in Container, 1st and 2nd in Interior (which completed his Interior Advanced title!), and 3rd in Handler Discrimination. His times qualified him for High in Trial (both Trials) and High Combined ribbons! I'm so proud of him :) Thanks to Anna and Frank for their instruction, guidance, and encouragement; to our friendly, capable, and sharing classmates; to the great judges; and to everyone who worked so hard to make the event fun and run smoothly!

Kay Bell and “Spencer” did well again at OCOD Scent work trial this weekend. Gained excellent elite legs in Handler Discrimination and Interior. He also earned a couple of legs towards an Excellent Buried title. He qualified in 7 of the 8 things he tried. This journey is a lot of fun for us both.

Pat Dean and “George” had fun at the Obedience Club of Daytona Scent Work Trial this weekend. He entered his first Master class in Containers and received a 2nd place. He earned his Handler Discrimination Excellent title this weekend, along with two legs towards that Elite title. He was entered in Container Novice to start working on that Elite title. He placed in every class. Thank you for OCOD, Lind Bara-Weaver and Wendy Hudson for such a good show.

Kelly Zen and “Radar” not to be overlooked...this 'Lil Bit' ...earned his very first competitive Title!, 3 runs in Scent Work Novice Interior.

*Congratulations*

*Everyone !*

## *More Wins & Brags*

Kelly Zen & “Piper” finished the last 3 legs for an Elite Title in Excellent Handler Disc. with 2nd & 4th Place Wins.

.....”Chi” finished the last 2 legs for an Elite Title in Novice Containers as well as a 1st Place Q in Advanced Containers.

....”Radar” got his very first Scent Work Title in Novice Interior in one weekend with 2nd, 3rd & 4th Place Wins.

....”Jett” completed leg 4,5 & 6 toward the Elite title in Advanced Handler w/ 2 1st and 2nd Place Wins.

Kelly & “Jett” received Veteran BOB and Variety Group 3 /Toy Veteran- 8 years & over at the West Volusia Kennel Club breed show 9/20/25. Jett was the oldest veteran entered in all group entries- at age 13.

*Congratulations !*



Kelly Zen's “Jett”

**Fall is Here!**



**Club Dinner**

When: Saturday, October, 25th.

**Time: 4:00 Sharp!**

Where: Leahn's Chinese Restaurant  
1780 S. Nova  
South Daytona. FL

Call Carol Mason  
for reservations or  
cancellations  
386-228-3965 or e-mail her  
[carolsjeep@hotmail.com](mailto:carolsjeep@hotmail.com)

*Join other Club members*

Sandy Bailey "Esther" at the City Island Library How To clinic. She was showing off all her good doggy moves.



*Our Therapy Dog Group members were invited to Embry Riddle University to assist students with 1st day back to classes .*





## OCOD'S DECEMBER TRIAL UPDATE

BY RALPH ORLANDO, TRIAL CHAIRMAN

Hi All,

Gaining on us are our Rally/Obedience trials beginning with double Rally trials on December 5. Then for the weekend we will have our Saturday and Sunday double trials. Trial #1 Rally judge starts at 8AM with Nancy Watson and Trial #2 at 10:30 with Norine Noonan..

Then on the weekend there will be all of the regular classes as well as some non-regular and random rewards classes. The last ring running on Sunday even with the double trials should end by about 2pm or so. On the weekend our judges will again be Nancy Watson and Dr. Robert and Cathryn Knight. Over the double trials for the two days there will be a mix of all three judges in all of the classes. As always, the crating will be at a premium and so we ask for your help in removing your crate(s) if you are not showing. Crating for all 3 days is in ring #4 & #5 as well as the center aisle. If you are one who needs to remove a crate, you can take it home by Thursday December 4 or simply find a spot to store it neatly near the rear right back door area.

Staffing these trials has changed slightly since covid appeared almost 4+ years ago. Prior to covid 4 Stewards were the ring staff standard. There is still a table steward who manages the paperwork for the judge. Then both Novice and Open require a figure 8 heeling pattern but no longer use stewards as figure 8 posts. So, the steward count has been reduced to 3 with two cones replacing the need for 2 people posts. So as a bare minimum 3 stewards but if we can get 4 this is a bonus plus.

Along with great judges, great facility and hospitality from our members, the job of the stewards very often ring high praise from our guests and from the judges. On the job training for those wanting to learn is also possible. I also suggest for new stewards to sign up for the match now two weeks earlier on November 22 to possibly practice stewarding or contact Ralph if you can come to a training class to be a practice steward. After all of that said your Judge will brief you before each trial begins.

Starting with the October club meeting there will be a sign up for stewards to volunteer for one or more days at these trials. The premium list for exhibitors is being proofed and will go out soon out for entries.

As per the premium list the host hotel is the Country Inn & Suites by Radisson in Port Orange.

Any questions or early sign ups can be sent by email to [rorlando2@cfl.rr.com](mailto:rorlando2@cfl.rr.com) or phone 386-788-4268 to Ralph Orlando (Trial Chair Person)

*Lois Hoffmann & Hoss*  
*Celebrating her 98<sup>th</sup> Birthday*  
*at the Obedience Club of Daytona*



***Nominating Committee for 2026***  
***For Officers and Board members***

Renee' Johnson  
 Kathy Nicastro



***Membership is more than***  
***paying dues.***

I understand that feeling when someone asks, "can you help with..." and your first thought is of your long "to do" list that is never finished. Even those who are retired have busy schedules.

But I know you enjoy the privilege of training your dog in a large, conditioned space, stocked with equipment, which offers trials in your own backyard. Maintaining that space requires volunteer time on an ongoing basis. In recent years, people are less interested in volunteering unless they get something out of it. Well, you do get something out volunteering at our Training Center. With just a few hours of your time, you help support the facility that helps you and your dog whether you just like to work around dogs, or you are competing on a regular basis.

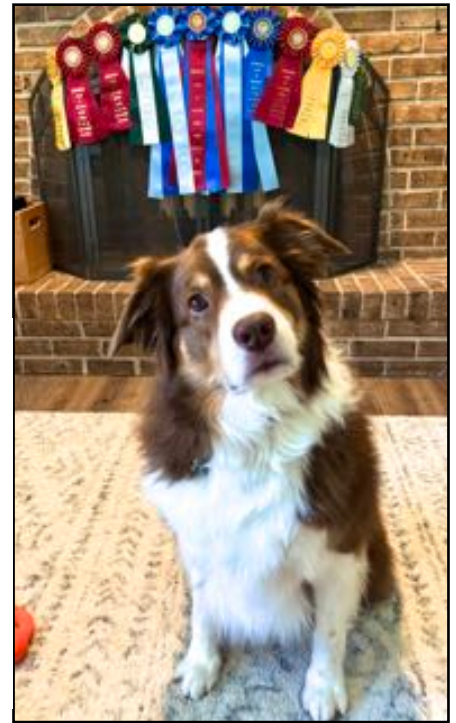
Please be generous with your time. We all need to clean (the building) and assist (with club activities) at least every six months but I hope you won't stop there. Spending a few more hours helping with the upkeep of our dog training facility is making a direct contribution to something that YOU benefit from. A little from each person becomes a large benefit for the club.

Pat Mozden





Kelly Zen's "Radar"



Carol Davies "Stanley"

### **Scent Work Trial**

I want to thank everyone who helped out with the Scent Work Trial. For the most part everything ran smoothly. We had a few hiccups (mostly of the doggy accident kind) but everyone jumped in and got the job done! Without everyone who helped before, during and after the trial we couldn't put on events like this. Every year I say the same thing: I am so proud to be a member of such a terrific club with so many dedicated members! You all are the best.

Again, thank you!  
Anna Johnson



Kay Bell's "Spencer"





PUPPY CLASS GRADUATION on September 25, 2025

**OBEDIENCE CLUB OF DAYTONA      GENERAL MEETING      SEPTEMBER 8, 2025**

Pat Mozden called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The sign in sheet had 15 members listed. Minutes of the last meeting were not read because they were published in the Chatterbarks newsletter.

Pat called for Wins and Brags. There were lots of stories, laughs and applause. Make sure to send Wins and Brags to Joan for the Chatterbarks.

Report of the Secretary: There are two new membership applications. The first one is for Anne Thome (S) St. Augustine. The second one is Steven Hammons (S) Palm Coast. There has been no correspondence.

Report of the Treasurer: Renee is absent this evening.

The C-Match will be on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Michele Sellers will be working on updating the roster. Pat said to check your information and e-mail Michele and let her know if everything is current. Michele will also be taking care of keeping the cleaning book information current. Make sure to put your name in that book if you clean, assist in classes or help steward at trials.

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We are working on tweaking our website. Puppy and Basic applications had to be filled out before they could find out what days were available for the classes. It ends up generating a lot of applications that never go anywhere. We will get that straightened out. Renee will head up the nominating committee for 2026 officers. Michelle keeps track of who cleans and also keeps the Club Roster updated. We have a lot of people on the roster that have not done anything for some time and a lot of them are not even taking classes.

Renee is changing rules for junior handlers. The child would have to be older, the dog would have to be smaller and a parent or guardian would have to be present. Details will be posted. If the Instructor knows them personally and they can handle the dog then the instructor can make an exception.

The Agility team needs to replace their weave poles. The board has authorized the purchase of equipment. Fast Cat will not be offered at the next Agility trial in 2026. In the past the conditions were terrible and the ground was squishy. We don't have a good track at that location. Mark and Maria have given us a "make up" date for our fast cat day that was rained out. The new date will be Friday November 14th at their facility in the evening.

Regarding different Matches Anna said "A" Match is prior to holding a trial to show AKC you can hold a trial. "B" Match is not quite as formal as an "A" Match. You cannot correct your dog and you cannot use food or toys. "C" Match is just a straight practice.

Ralph's therapy dogs go everywhere like Halifax Hospital, Brown and Brown Company, Embry Riddle and many others. Adria mentioned Injunction Court, libraries and reading programs for children to name a few. Adria said that children reading to the dogs improve 2 or 3 reading grade levels in 6 months. We have many members with therapy dogs. Lots of others in classes would like to get in a program for therapy dogs. Ralph wondered if we could come up with a plan to get therapy dog teams involved with more stuff. How about a beginner class for them? After the class they could use the therapy dog teams in January as stewards. He said it's worth a try. Therapy dogs need to be even tempered, not barking and have no aggression. Sandy Bailey tried to start therapy dogs at the local airport but they declined. Adria reminded us that Ralph is a National Treasure and we would not have any of this stuff if it wasn't for Ralph.

Sharon who is a CGC Evaluator gets so many people who want to be evaluated. She could do it at the end of classes and make extra money for the club. They will talk with Renee the Training Director.

Pat thanked everyone for coming and asked to adjourn. Sharon motioned to adjourn and Michele seconded the motion.

Anna Johnson wants to give a shout out to Terrie Brensinger for doing such a great job getting volunteers for the Scent Work Trial.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50pm  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Campagna





## Aug./Sept./Nov. 2025 Class Schedule

<b>PUPPY</b>	Tues. 8/26 - 10/7 2:30pm	Ring 4-5	Collar Assist: A. Thompson
	Thurs. 9/25 - 11/6 7pm	Ring 4-5	Daly Assist: Harrington
	Wed. 10/8 - 11-19 11am	Ring 4-5	Daly Assist:
<b>BASIC</b>	Tues. 8/26 - 10/7 6:30pm	Ring 4-5	Collar Assist: A. Thompson
	Wed. 9/10 - 11/22 1pm	Ring 3	R. Johnson Assist: Nicastro
	Tues. 10/7 - 11/18 6pm	Ring 3	Mozden Assist: Beaudoin
	Thurs. 10/9 - 11/20 5pm	Ring 4-5	Daly Assist; McLachlan
<b>INTERMEDIATE</b>	Tues. 9/2 - 10/14 1pm Only for those interested in Competition	Ring 3	R. Johnson
	Thurs. 9/18 - 10/30 6pm	Ring 3	Costello, Cail, Gordon
	Wed. 11/5 - 12/17 6pm	Ring 3	Costello, Cail, Gordon
<b>CONFORMATION</b>	Wed. No dates yet 7pm	Ring 2	Danhauer 386-506-6050
<b>BEG. NOVICE</b>		Ring 1	
<b>NOV. COMP.</b>	Thurs. Monthly 6pm	Ring 2	A. Johnson
<b>OPEN</b>	Tues. Monthly 5pm	Ring 2	J. Berry
<b>UTILITY</b>	Tues. Monthly 5pm	Ring 1	R. Johnson
<b>SCENT WORK</b>	Fri. Monthly 9am & 5pm		A. Johnson
<b>RALLY</b>	Mon. Monthly 4-6pm		Miles class 386-299-1500 for information





<b>FUN AGILITY</b>	Tues. Monthly 6pm		Israelson
<b>AGILITY HANDLING</b>	Wed. 5-8 pm at Silver Sands Novice - Masters 10/1 - 11/19 skip 11/25		Hudak, Lemole Call Lind Hudak at 386-295-3240
<b>RALLY FREE</b>	Wed. Monthly 4pm		Connolly
<b>BEG. &amp; ADV. DANCE</b>	Sun. Call 386-848-4594 for information NO TEXT		Campagna
<b>OPEN/Utility UDX all with Distractions</b>	Mon. Monthly 9:30am	All 4 Rings	M. Orlando
<b>UTILITY A</b>	Mon. Monthly 10:30		Scott
<b>PROOFING &amp; DISTRACTIONS</b>	Monthly AM Not Schedule at this time		
<b>RING TIME 8am for Oct.</b>	Oct. 4 & 5		K9 of Jax. Obed. & Rally Trials
	Oct. 11		
	Oct. 18		
	Oct. 25		



A group of approximately 12 dogs of various breeds, including Shih Tzu, Chihuahua, Border Collie, Golden Retriever, German Shepherd, Labrador Retriever, Boxer, Weimaraner, Beagle, and French Bulldog, are posed together on a bright yellow background. The dogs are of different sizes and colors, ranging from small black and white Chihuahuas to large golden retrievers and German shepherds. They are all looking towards the camera.

Jan. 15      Agility Trial Set-Up  
Jan. 16,17,18    OCOD Agility Trials  
  
May 2, 3      K9 of Jax Obed / Rally Trials  
  
July. 24,25,26      Dog On It Scent Work Trials

