

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

OBEDIENCE:

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

AGILITY:

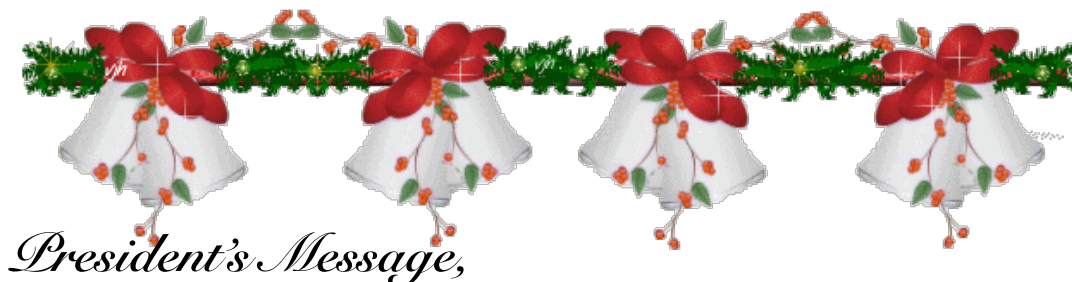
Linda Hudak
386-295-3240

APPLICATIONS:

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

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views and opinions of the
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Inc. or the editors.



President's Message,

Good heavens! It's December so quickly. I want to thank everyone who has helped me in my role as President.

Years ago, we were a once-a-week group that met in a parking lot and had to contend with bad weather and a lack of resources. Heck, we didn't even have a bathroom! Today, we own (outright) a beautiful indoor facility outfitted with equipment that allows us to hold classes and events in comfort year-round.

For years we rented space from the county for obedience trials and had to move mats and equipment to and from Deland. It was a major undertaking that limited what we could do. Today we hold trials in our own building and have other clubs rent the space from us for their events.

All of this was accomplished with volunteers and it's imperative that we continue to volunteer generously. We have built an organization that provides a service to the dog training community, as well as the greater Daytona Beach area.

In addition, I hope we will continue to bring our best selves to the club and to classes and events. In a chaotic world, let's be a bright spot in the community and for each other.

Pat Mozden



**WE WILL BE VOTING FOR THE
NEW BOARD AT THE DEC. 1ST
MEETING as we will not be having
the Awards Banquet this year.**

New Members

No New Member
This Month



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:
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386-788-4268 or
rorlando2@cfl.rr.com

Important Notice !
The December Meeting
will be on Dec. 1st at the
Training Center.
We are not having a
Christmas Banquet
this year.



Club Shirts

Please contact:

Pat Mozden

386-451-0848

patmozdenocod@gmail.com



Please pay with a Check !

CLUB DINNER

When: Saturday, December 27th.

Time: 3:00 Sharp!

**Where: Outback Steakhouse
135 East Granada Blvd.
Ormond Beach**

Call Carol Mason
for reservations or
cancellations

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

*Join other Club members
and their quests !*



Ralph Orlando & "Trumpet"

Nominating Committee Report

**WE WILL BE VOTING FOR THE
NEW BOARD AT THE
DECEMBER 1ST. MEETING**

President:	Joan Costello
Vice-President:	Kelly Zen
Treasurer:	Renee' Johnson
Treasurer Assist:	Janet Berry
Secretary:	Michele Sellers

Board of Directors:
Nina Daly
Lind Bara-Weaver
Kathy Nicastro



All named individuals have accepted
their nomination.

Respectfully,
Renee' Johnson
Kathy Nicastro



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



Wins & Brags



Ralph Orlando & "Trumpet" earned a 3rd Place Win in UDB class and getting her Obedience Master (OM) Title in Obedience.

"Trumpet" has reached 400 visits for her AKC THDD Title called Therapy Dog Distinguished. The feat took just 1 year 9 months. If all goes well in 2026 will bring the highest AKC Therapy Dog title for reaching 600 visits.

Janet Berry & "Dixie" Last time, BCAT, no titles this week, 500 points next level now working on DCAT half way there, her run times 7.87 7.89, pretty fast for little girl. Maybe just promote members to try fastcat and support club too.

Mindy Rohr and "Glory" got her Scent Work Novice title at the trial in Panama City! We also had fun at the OCOD FastCAT Trial November 1st at Dog Sports Unlimited. We are closer to Glory's DCAT Title!

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.

Kitty Forgunson and "Steele" finished his Novice with a second and moved up to Open 1st Place Win and High In Trial!

*Congratulation
Everyone!*



From Agility Director Linda Hudak

It looks like we will be having agility classes at Silver Sands on the following dates:

December 3rd, 10th and 17th.

Due to our Agility Trial in January we will only hold classes on the 7th and probably the 28th.

Pre Trial cleaning and Equipment inventory will take place January 3rd weather permitting (or January 4th).

If anyone is interested in classes please contact Linda.

Linda Hudak

randylindahudak@bellsouth.net

386-295-3240



Therapy Dog Visits

Brown & Brown held a ' De-stress the employees ' event in their ground floor conference room on Wednesday afternoon October 15th. There were about 12 therapy dog teams that attended as well as 2 mini therapy horses in the courtyard. Pictured:
Kelly & Jett, Adria & Lucy, Ralph & Trumpet



Happy Halloween!

Trumpet at the Halifax nurse station on Halloween and just reaching 400 visits and a new AKC Title called Therapy Dog Distinguished

OCOD'S Agility Trial Coming Soon! January 16,17,18 **At Silver Sands Bridal Club**

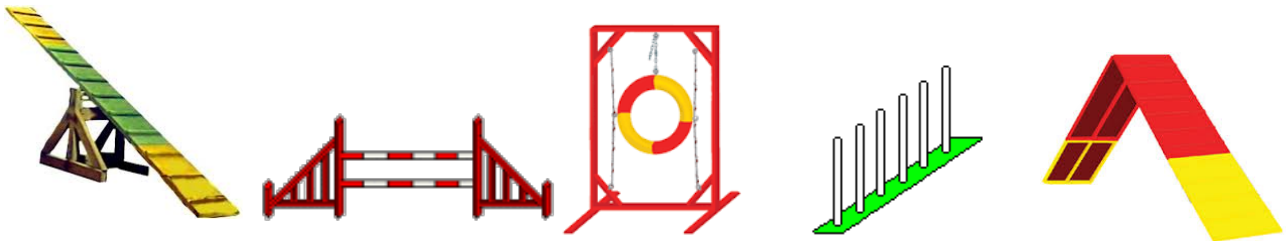
Please come help! There are plenty of jobs for people with physical limitations. You can sit and time or scribe or be a gate steward. We also need bar setters, leash runners and sheet runners. It is a big event that is fun to watch! It is once a year so

PLEASE come help for just a few hours. We provide water, snacks and give out workers coupons to use at the food vendor.

You can contact me with any questions or to let me know you will be available for a couple hours. Thank you!

Crystal Shreve 386-882-7652

Volunteer Coordinator: Michele Lemole goldenspurgldns@aol.com



Intermediate Class Graduation on October 30, 2025



Mindy Rohr & "Glory"



Janet Berry & "Dixie"



Kelly Zen & "Jet"



Sharon McLachlan's "Lilly" & "Mike"



Get Well Wishes to Renee's Kenzee, she blew her acl all the way, and tore her meniscus, and had to also have a plate put in. Renee' said she is on the mend and doing well at rehab.

"2026 Membership Dues"

Dues paid on new memberships accepted after September 1, 2025 will be considered current and paid for the following year 2026

Note: IF DUES ARE NOT PAID BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2026 THERE IS A LATE FEE OF \$10. If membership dues have lapsed UP TO 45 days the late fee is \$25.00

If membership dues have lapsed 45 days *it is considered a New Membership and you have to re-apply for membership.*

BEFORE JANUARY 1ST

Junior Membership: \$20.00

Single Membership \$35.00

Household Membership: \$50.00

Life Membership (25 years) \$-0-

Mail to OCOD c/o Dues

1276 8th Street
Daytona Beach, Fl.
32117

Want to add your obedience trial trophy donation too?
All in one check makes it easy \$10.00 (or more) for the Trial.



**Any Changes? Please mail with you dues
(Changes only please)**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

CELL: _____

E-MAIL: _____

OTHER: _____

**** Trial Donation: \$** _____



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 or phone 386-788-4268 to Ralph Orlando (Trial Chair Person)

also call Linda Campagna 386-848-4594.

Is It Time To Consider Retirement?

We often look forward to the day we can retire, as much as we love to work, there may come a day when we have had enough and are ready to just enjoy life. The same is true for our canine therapy partners.

Just as it is for humans, it is different for each dog. Some can work well into their senior years, while others may need to retire early. They want to please us so much, they will continue to work even when tired, sick, or in pain, and never complain. It is up to us, to care for them as they care for us. What if a dog will work, even when they don't feel up to it, and not complain, how can you tell they need to retire? Below are some factors to consider.

1. Changes in medical condition, is the most obvious.
2. Does your dog have any chronic conditions, such as arthritis or any type of limp? Allergic skin issues that won't clear up?
3. Does your dog still enjoy visiting? Do they still get excited when you take out that special leash or collar? Or do they prefer to stay in their favorite chair and you have to go to them to put on the leash?
4. What about while visiting? Do you have to encourage them or even lift them out of the car?
5. Hardest of all are the subtle clues that your dog is trying to tell you they would rather not visit anymore. One sign is excessive panting while visiting. When someone is petting them, do they turn their head to the side as if to avoid the contact? Do they yawn a lot on visits?
6. And after the visits, does your dog develop loose bowels or lose interest in eating?

The owner has to look for clues, any sign that the pet is no longer enjoying themselves. It is truly hard to consider retirement for our canine partners when we love what we do. "Dogs are such incredible beings that try to please even when we are asking them to do something they don't want to do anymore. Look for the subtle signs and respect them, just as we trust them, they trust and rely on us to do what is best for them.



A Great Big THANK YOU to everyone who came to help at the match or came with their dog to participate! It was a great match and ran so smoothly because of all the help. Everyone I spoke to were thrilled with the chance to work their dog under show like conditions and had a good time. I heard nothing but compliments about our club!

Again - Thank You!

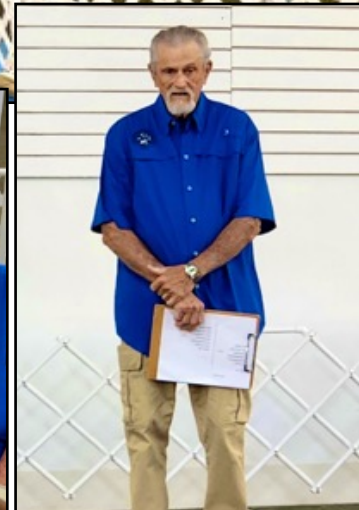
Anna

PS - we made over \$600!

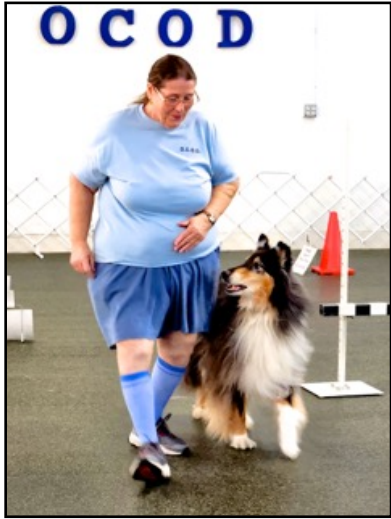
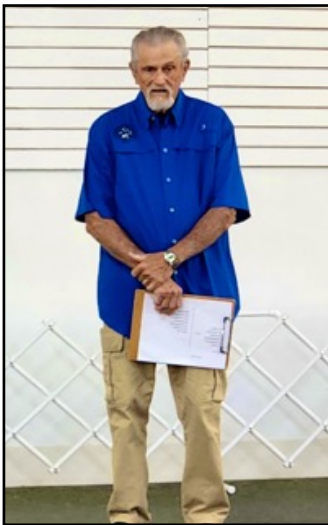


*Get Well Wishes to
Chris Franczek.
Sharon McLachlan.
Michelle Sellers,
We hope you
feel better soon!*

A few photos from our Scent Work Seminar and the Obedience & Rally Match



Merry Christmas



Jan. / Feb. 2026 Class Schedule



**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**

PUPPY	Tues. 1/6 - 2/10	11am	Ring 4-5	Daly Assist: McLachlan
	Thurs. 1/8 - 2/12	5pm	Ring 4-5	Daly Assist: A. Thompson
	Tues. 2/24 - 3/31	11am	Ring 4-5	Daly Assist: McLachlan
BASIC	Tues. 1/6 - 2/10	11am	Ring 2	K. Arnold, Assist: R. Johnson
	Tues. 1/6 - 2/10	1pm	Ring 4-5	Daly Assist: McLachlan
	Thurs. 1/8 - 2/12	7pm	Ring 4-5	Daly, Assist: McLachlan
	Tues. 2/3 - 3/10	6pm	Ring 3	Mozden Assist: T. Bennett
	Tues. 2/24 - 3/31	1pm	Ring 4-5	Daly, Assist: McLachlan
INTERMEDIATE	Thurs. 1/8 - 2/12	6pm	Ring 3	Costello, Assist: Collar
	Thurs. 3/12 - 4/16	6pm	Ring 3	Costello, Assist: Cail, Gordon
	Tues. only for competition 1pm		Ring 2	R. Johnson
TRICKS CLASS	Wed. 3/4, 3/11, 3/18 Test on 3/25 Levels Novice & Intermediate Only		Ring 4-5	R. Johnson
CONFORMATION	Wed. 7pm Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28		Ring 2	J. Danhauer 386-506-6050
NOV. COMP.	Thurs. Monthly	6pm	Ring 2	A. Johnson
OPEN	Tues. Monthly	5pm	Ring 2	J. Berry
UTILITY	Tues. Monthly	5pm	Ring 1	R. Johnson
SCENT WORK	Fri. Monthly	9:30am 5pm		Lind Weaver Anna Johnson
RALLY	Mon. Monthly	4-6pm		Miles class 386-299-1500 for information



FUN AGILITY	Tues. Monthly 6pm		Israelson	
AGILITY HANDLING	Wed. 5-8 pm at Silver Sands Novice - Masters 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 1/7, male 1/28		Hudak, Lemole Call Lind Hudak at 386-295-3240	
RALLY FREE STYLE DANCE	Wed. Monthly 4pm		Connolly	
BEG. & ADV. DANCE	Sun. Call 386-848-4594 for information NO TEXT		Campagna	
OPEN/Utility UDX all with Distractions	Mon. Monthly 9-10:15am The only class I will be teaching in December will be on 12/01 Monday @ 9 .then go on Christmas Break	Ring 1	M. Orlando	
UTILITY A	Mon. Monthly 10:30		Scott	
PROOFING & DISTRACTIONS	Monthly AM Not Schedule at this time			
RING TIME 8am for January	Jan. 3 Ring time 8-12 Jan. 10 Ring time 8-12 Jan. 17 Ring time 8-12 Jan. 24 Ring time 8-12 Jan. 31 Ring time 8-12		Michelle Sellers Anna Johnson Kris Davenport Paige Wiley Michelle Sellers	

OBEDIENCE CLUB OF DAYTONA

GENERAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 10, 2025

President Pat Mozden called the meeting to order at 7:12pm. The sign in sheet had 16 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. Ralph talked about Trumpet, who is almost ten years old, getting her Therapy Dog Distinguished title by making 400 visits so far. Janet's Norwich Terrier got their Grand Champion on Saturday and Breed on Sunday. Anna's Trooper got his RAD and his Master 2 Title the same weekend. Congratulations to all!

Pat said we have sent out the proposed Board information for next year and now is the time for anyone who would like to be considered for a position on the board to step up and let us know. Anyone want to rush to the front to submit their name at this time? No one came forward. We will have our final vote on this at our meeting on Monday December 1st.

At the Board meeting a few things came up. The cost of our utilities January through October was 46K. We spent almost 6K on Supplies which are paper goods like toilet paper and paper towels soaps, etc.. Please bring towels to put down under your dog's water bowl for spills. We made about \$750 at fastcat where Janet and Nina were primary workers. If you are willing to help there are trials coming up that we will need volunteers for. If you volunteer you would be helping to get the dog's lined up so they can run to the end of the track. We will post the upcoming dates for fastcat. It's at Dog Sports Unlimited in New Smyrna and there will be one event coming up on this Friday night November the 14th and again on December the 27th.

Pat said we have a change coming if you have new dogs. At our next meeting we will be encouraging recommending our classes to your friends and neighbors. We are making a change from 7 wk classes to 6 wk classes for Puppy, Basic, and Intermediate. The new fee for these classes is \$150 starting January 1st, 2026. Nina said her January classes have not been listed on the website yet so no one can sign up. Anna needs a few more volunteers for the Match coming up. Ralph needs more volunteers for Stewards for the upcoming trial in December. Call Linda at 386-848-4594 to pick your time and date. Pat wants you to know that you don't have to know about trials to help at the trials. Your volunteering to help will be greatly appreciated. We also need a few people staying over for a short time after the end of the trial on Sunday to straighten up and put the rings back in shape.

Ralph demonstrated black and white jump bars that were sized wrong and would only be used for practice. We have 4 sets of new jumps for the trial. Ralph explained the new breakaway jumps. He said it was important to put the 2" and 4" sections at the bottom part of the jump because if they were put at the top of the jump it's more likely that when the dog jumps over he might knock them off the jump. Pat said trials are another good source of income. Are there any other announcements? Thank you all for coming. Nina motioned to adjourned. Janet seconded the motion.

Meeting Adjourned 7:49pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Campagna

*Merry
Christmas*



Dog Training



2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 5,6,7 OCOD Obedience / Rally Trials

Dec. 27 Fast Cat

2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 16.17.18 Fast Cat

Jan. 15 Agility Trial Set-Up

Jan. 16,17,18 OCOD Agility Trials

Jan. 1 Tracking Test

Jan. 31 Fast Cat

Feb. 1 Fast Cat

Feb. 1 Tracking Test

Feb. 7,8 CDSP Trials

March 14 CGC A & U Test 12:30

Apr. 24,25,26 Scent Work Trials

July 10,11,12 OCOD Obed. & Rally Trials.

May 2, 3 K9 of Jax Obed / Rally Trials

July. 24,25,26 Dog On It Scent Work Trials

Oct. 3,4 K9 of Jax Obed / Rally Trials

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Daytona Beach, Fl. 32117

(Corner of 8th Street & Derbyshire)

**Don't forget our
Agility Trial
Jan. 16.17.18**

**Please come out to
help. We can not put
on the trials without
your help!**



**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!**



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December 24

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