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The Oh Hey, Dog! Quarterly Newsletter

PACK recall

Oh Hey, Dog! Hosts Canine First Aid & CPR Certification Course

by Melissa M.

On February 10, 2026, we came together for an informative and hands on Canine and Feline First Aid and CPR certification course. Led by Betty Bennett, Ph.D., CCMT, CPPS of Pet Emergency Education, the session equipped attendees with the knowledge and confidence to respond effectively in pet emergencies.

Participants learned essential skills including how to perform CPR on dogs and cats, manage choking incidents, address wounds and bleeding, and recognize signs of common medical emergencies. This course reflects Oh Hey, Dog's continued commitment to pet safety and community education.

By the end of the evening, those attending left with a certification and the tools to help protect the health and well-being of their four-legged family members.



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HAPPY tails

Two Years of Puppy Love

Celebrating Honey's Sweet Litter

Two years of wagging tails, happy zoomies, slobbery kisses, and unconditional love—what a joy it's been to watch you all grow! While your mama enjoys her new lifestyle of pampering and relaxing, we hope you keep exploring the world and living boldly!

Leon



George



Freddie



Toph



Paulie



Arnold

FROM FOSTER to Furever

with Lynn!



MEET Ozzy!

Ozzy is a bright and affectionate young dog currently available for adoption through Whole Lotta Luv Pet Collective (formerly Puppy Hill Farm).

Approximately 2 years old, he is the total package: playful and energetic when activities are on the agenda, but when it's time to relax, he totally has an "off switch." He's fully house trained, crate trained, and walks well on leash with minimal pulling.

Ozzy loves outings to Depot Park and shines on pack walks with Oh Hey, Dog!. Ozzy likes children and gets along well with the dogs in his foster home (though his compatibility with cats is currently unknown).

Most of all, Ozzy is deeply people-oriented and willing to please. This sweet, devoted boy has incredible potential and so much love to give – he's simply waiting for the right human to say "you're home."

Meet OZZY and learn more!



Saturdays
PETSMART
@ Butler Plaza
11am-3pm!



Oh Hey, Dog! goes to the **WORLD EQUESTRIAN CENTER**



"The World Equestrian Center is super dog friendly! It's an awesome place to see people, horses, other dogs, and experience different types of environments. WEC is a wonderful place to practice with Toph, and all the interactions we had were met respectfully and with understanding by everyone there. Can't wait for the next field trip with Oh Hey, Dog!."

-Stephanie, Rob, & Toph



"I have attended two field trips to the World Equestrian Center in Ocala, Florida with Oh Hey, Dog!. For Finn, it was an opportunity to experience lots of sights and sounds and learn that she can settle in a busy place. She also loved watching the horses perform and jump hurdles. Rowan was less interested in watching the horses perform, but he is fascinated with getting up close to them. Dogs need stimulation and I love doing adventures like that with my pups. I love that Oh Hey, Dog! keeps making opportunities like that happen for all of us."

-Danielle, Rowan, & Finn



The Village

Oh Hey, Molly!



Q: Molly, I'm sure most of the OHD community knows you as the founder and president of Oh Hey, Dog! What first drew you to this cause and ultimately the creation of Oh Hey, Dog!?

A: I saw that the majority of dogs in Gainesville were rescues or had shelter backgrounds and the transition from the shelter to a home environment is a massive adjustment to the dog, but also to the Guardian. I saw a lot of Guardians struggling to manage behaviors that often stem from those types of backgrounds, and it sadly often led to the Guardian needing to rehome or return the dog to the shelter. Our organization exists to help Guardians overcome these challenges during this transition and in doing so, we can eliminate the need for rehoming and abandonment.



Q: If you weren't leading this non-profit, what would you be doing?

A: I always tell people that I would probably be working at Wawa because I love it so much, but this is a really hard question to answer because inevitably, I would end up back here, trying to help people and build this organization whenever somebody would mention a dog. This is what I was meant to do.



Q: How can donors and supporters best help you achieve these goals?

A: There are many ways! Anyone can donate on our website, and as I said, we need volunteers for our fundraising committee, but most of all, I think having our community and supporters really promoting our organization's impact and sharing their stories in person but especially on social media, could really help enhance our presence.

Q: What training style do you and the other OHD coaches adhere to?

A: AHHH..this question! So..this is why I don't use the word trainer. The word "trainer" sort of sets a boundary between the professional and the Guardian. We use the word Coach because we actively coach each Guardian through the process. Can I train your dog? Absolutely-but I don't live with your dog. You do. Which means you need to understand why and how to create what I call a "dialogue" with them. In general, by using the AKC Canine Good Citizen test as a baseline, we work with the Guardian and their dog so they can confidently and correctly achieve those 10 requirements. The approach we take to help them achieve their goals often has to be creative and flexible because every dog and Guardian learn differently, but whatever methods we teach has to feel organic to the Guardian so they can continue to build that confidence and skill on their own.

Q: What are your goals for OHD over the next year?

A: We started in 2021, and over the years it has become more critical that we have our own space to be able to continue to help our community. So this year our goal is to begin large-scale fundraising to purchase land. I know it will take time, but if I can get some people who have experience in that level of fundraising, we should be able to create and launch a campaign before next year.

-Melissa M.



LOCAL Spotlight

Raise Your Glass Wine Bar & Food

7415 NW 4th Blvd suite 30
Gainesville, FL 32607

Enjoy their dog-friendly brunch out on the patio every Saturday and Sunday from 11:30-1:30!

Owned by U.S. Navy veteran Jace Tyler and co-owner Daisy Cottle, Raise Your Glass was named Best New Business of 2025 by the Greater Gainesville Chamber of Commerce.

The team regularly partners with local nonprofits, hosting events and fundraisers that give back to the community. RYG is a place where locals come together to sip, connect, and celebrate community.

Mention Oh Hey, Dog! and get \$5 off on a wine flight!

Before you go...

Fundraising is the fuel that powers everything we do.

It allows us to expand our programs and build the resources needed to meet our goals and we need your help.

Please consider donating to support Oh Hey, Dog - It's simple!

Just click this [link](#) ←



Givebutter

Playgroup →

Saturday Sunday 8-10am
Tom Petty Dog Park

Pack Walks →

Saturday Sunday 6:30pm
Depot Park

Trailblazers →

Wednesdays 10am

DON'T MISS OUT!

APR 25 **Barks and Brunch**
Raise Your Glass
11:30am - 2:00pm

JUN 20 **Public Board Meeting**
Millhopper Branch
2:00pm - 3:30pm

JUN 27 **Ticketed Fundraiser**
Raise Your Glass
6:00pm - 8:00pm



Volunteers Needed!

Oh Hey, Dog! is looking for volunteers who want to make a difference!

As we work toward our goal of purchasing land to expand our programs and coaching opportunities, community support is more important than ever!

Whether you can help at events, support fundraising efforts, or lend a hand behind the scenes, your time and talents help move our mission forward.

Do Nothing Picnics ARE BACK!!

Join us on first Sunday evening of the month after Pack Walk at Depot Park!

4/5

5/3

6/7

Trailblazers

- April → Lake Pithlachocco: Sparrow Trail (2.6 miles)
- May → Blues Creek Ravine Preserve (1.6 miles)
- June → Jonesville Park (1 mile)

This IS Your Business is a way to keep the community up to date on all the programs and activities we offer, and to share our goals for the future.

If you are interested in contributing to our quarterly newsletter, please contact Melissa at

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