



K9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville Inc.



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welcome

New Full Members:

Diane Brush, Jamie Simpson

New Provisional Members:

Beth Mercier,
Patti & Phillip Sheppard,
Andrea & Brant Wills



President's Letter

We have a wonderful speaker for our General Meeting **April 18th**. Vickie and CJ Smith from Canine Companions for Independence will tell us about the organization and how to become a puppy raiser. We will have an **Ice Cream Social** prior to the meeting beginning at **6:30 p.m.** so be sure to come early!

Finally, we have made it to Spring! The pollen is about done, thank goodness. Our plan is to pressure wash the cement floor under the pavilion and give the club a thorough cleaning.



Anyone who has a crate at the club that is not being used, please take it home or put a sign on it stating that it's donated to the club. We are asking that you put your name on all crates that are used on a regular basis. A luggage tag works well. We have many more members who are training in our classes and have brought their own crates, so we are out of room, and it's difficult to clean the floor of leaves and debris. On **April 15th**, we will be getting rid of crates that are unmarked and not in use. If your crate is on the row facing rings A and B and it's not being used, it will be moved to the back row. If it does not have a name on it, it will be disposed.

Deb Hardman, President

DON'T FORGET

4/7 Grounds Clean Up Day

4/25 Newsletter deadline

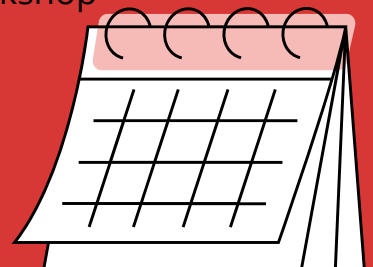
4/14 Show n Go 9am-12pm

5/4 & 5/5 K9 Trials @ Daytona Beach

4/15 Deadline to receive award
+
Unclaimed crate disposal

SUNDAYS Puppy Workshop

4/18 Ice Cream Social + General Meeting + Nominations





Newsletter Update

WHY IS EVERYTHING DIFFERENT?

Navigating the New K9 Tails

Review the newsletter breakdown carefully to get the ultimate reading experience!

The Cover:

- Every issue will have a cover with a table of contents. Each article has a red icon with a page number. Scroll down to the page number to find the article OR click the red icon and it will jump directly to the page.
- The “K9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville Inc.” red bar links directly to the K9 homepage.

What’s with all the red?

- Pay attention to anything in red. They highlight particularly important information, calls to action, or helpful clickable links. Links directing out of the newsletter will open in a new tab, app or in your current window depending on your device and program used to view K9Tails. IF the link opens in your current window, I suggest right clicking to open in a new tab to easily switch back to the newsletter (you do not need to do this for links taking you to different pages in the newsletter).
- The top right of every page has a red box with a dog house and page number. Clicking it takes you back home to the table of contents.
- The 2nd page will have a red box with important dates to remember. Dates related to an article in the newsletter will be linked to take you straight to the article for more details.

First, a huge thanks goes to Christine Peterson for her years of dedication as the K9 Tails editor. She has been instrumental in creating the foundation of what makes this newsletter so vital to K9 communication. Her wit and humour kept readers both entertained and informed. I’d also like to give a personal thank you from me (the new editor) for helping me transition and fill the big role you’re leaving behind.

MEET THE NEW EDITOR

Hi, I’m Amy and I’ll be serving as the new K9 Tails newsletter editor. Some of you might recognize me from various K9 classes either as a fellow student or teaching classes with Alaina. However, I’m probably most recognizable through my dog, Ji Li. If you’ve seen a pretty little white dog with a pink nose, that’s my girl!

I hope you enjoy the newsletter updates and stay tuned for more fun additions!

DID YOU NOTICE?

This month’s issue featured K9's funny “fools” for April Fools. Would you like to see your pup in the next issue? Email me pictures of your dog as a baby puppy and as an adult with the subject “Newsletter” and you might see a familiar face in the next K9 Tails! Email pics to:
amee763@hotmail.com



Training Director's Report

New Classes Underway!

Classes in Nosework, Obedience and Rally continue to expand, and most classes were filled quickly thanks to Christine Peterson's effort at contacting the wait list and previous students. K-9's instructors this cycle are Samantha Giacalone, Alaina George, Ben Bond, Sheila Garbecki, Fran Gorman, Becca Grinsell, Juli Wilkison, and a warm welcome back to Erika Wilson. These members work hard to present quality classes and do a fantastic job!

Members did not disappoint when it came to stepping up to assist with classes. Assistants for this cycle are Amy Trelford, Betsy Raiford, Susan Poole, Megan Richards, Jackie Payne, Livie Sayer, Samantha Giacalone, Jackie Newlands, Stacy Payne, Jaime Simpson, and Jennifer Rootham. THANK YOU ASSISTANTS! With assistants, the instructors are able to take the maximum number of students and ensure that everyone gets all the help they need.

By the way, are you aware that K-9 is fortunate to have 4 levels of Nosework being taught? Erika covers Intro to Nosework, Intro to Odor I and Intro to Odor II, while Fran Gorman covers Continuing Nosework. With assistants Betsy Raiford and Liz Watson, more members and others are able to explore the sport at K-9.

Finally, do you have an idea for a class you would like to take or a workshop? Email me and I will look into what interests our members.



Contact the Training Director

Email anelsonphs@yahoo.com

- to submit your ideas for a class or workshop
- to assist with a class this April-May or when classes begin in September

Join the Assisting Team!

Assisting is fun! What would YOU like to help with - puppies? Agility? Obedience? Rally? Nosework? Assisting in K-9 classes makes offering classes possible and allows the club to reach out to more dog owners. Assisting also builds your own training skills and understanding of a sport. I am always ready to find a class for you to assist with. Remember, if you volunteer to assist with a class, you earn volunteer credit to keep your membership active. Provisional Members can also get signatures for their membership requirement. Please email me if you can assist with a class this April-May or want to help when classes begin in September.



Training Opportunities

Show n Go is scheduled for **April 14 9am-12pm** and will have Obedience, Rally, and CGC testing for members and the public. There will also be an informal presentation and demo on how to steward in preparation for K-9 Spring Trials on May 4th & 5th. Steward presentations will be at the start of the Show N Go where **attendees can earn volunteer credit and provisional signatures.** Volunteers will also have the opportunity to sign up to steward at the trials with **Cheryl Loze.**

If you are entered in the trials and would like to work on a particular skill or do a run through, the Show n Go is the best venue for testing your teamwork. Also, the Daytona training center is open most Saturdays from 9:00-12:00pm where for \$15.00 you can train whatever you prefer. Get there early to sign up for 15 minute slots of ring time.



L-R: Stacy Payne/Riven, Linda Mikolay/Roxie, Cheryl Loze/Cole, Deb Hardman/Birdie

Competition Puppy Workshop

These workshops explore training that prepare young dogs for a future in sports. Teams learn a wide scope of topics and exercises including foundation skills for confidence in dog sports - obedience, rally, and agility. K-9 members with dogs 2 years old and younger are welcome to attend the free workshops offered by Alison Nelson on Sunday afternoons at 1PM.

Email

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for more information on workshops

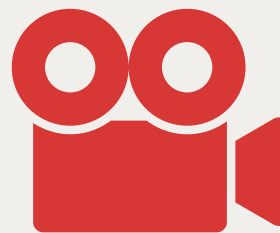
Trial Report - Save the Date!

K-9 Obedience and Rally trials are on **May 4&5** in Daytona Beach. In 5 weeks, the greatly anticipated trials will take on a life of their own. Whether you enter the trials or volunteer, being part of this very special event is an opportunity to gain something that you can't get anywhere else -EXPERIENCE. You will see handler and dog skills on every level, watch the sport in the final test under pressure, and gain an understanding of how classes and hours of practice build a team's confidence. If dog sports are your passion, this is the event for you!

Cheryl has openings for stewards on both May 4 & 5. Email her at cloze64@gmail.com to sign up for one or both days.

Donations for the trial are welcome. You can make a contribution to the ribbon/award fund, supplies, or snacks and beverages for the hospitality room or as a memorial to a beloved dog.

Email
anelsonphs@yahoo.com
to donate, to volunteer or to ask questions.



Click here for an overview about stewarding with this video made by Ken Kincaid who judged our October trial

Building & Grounds Report

Building & Grounds has replaced the malfunctioning light on the telephone pole by the potty area. The rotten telephone pole will be cut down the first week of April.



Text **Debbie Gilman** at
(610) 597-5454
to help **April 7th!**

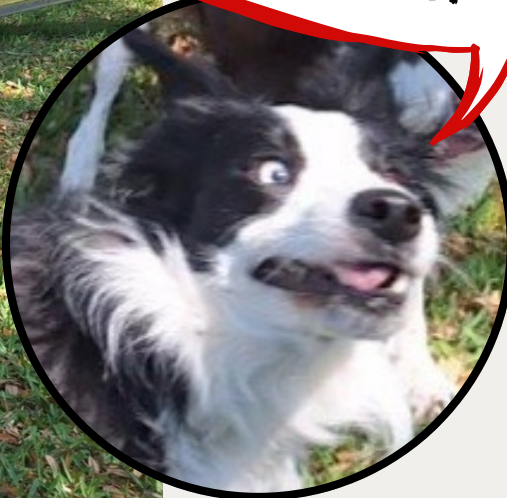
Clean Up Day: April 7, 10am-1pm

We'll be raking leaves, picking up branches, washing gates and may also be painting the two restrooms. We have one painter on board. Bring any painting supplies you may have. We could use brushes, roller handles etc. We have a good time getting to know one another as we work. Bring your volunteering card and you will get credit towards the quilt raffle in December!

L-R: Camera ready Audrey, graceful Jean, and mama Raisin with Jean's brother Wesley creeping in the way back.



Outta my way!
We gotta go get the
good cookies at
Show n Go!



K9 Repping @ Pup-A-Pawlooza!

Our member Silke Schroder was asked by the Rotary club to organize a Pup-A-Pawlooza event as a fundraiser for St John's County's Humane Society. She reached out to K9 for help. Susan Poole, Sheila Garbecki, Samantha Giacalone, Rhonda Taylor, and Alicia Ziesmer represented K9 Obedience Club and went down to St John's County Fairgrounds Saturday, March 23rd to volunteer and assist Silke Schroder. It was a beautiful day and everyone who came had a great time.

Show n Go

April 14th from 9 to Noon - Cash only!
Last sign up at 11:15am

Rally \$10.00 for 2 runs. Rally starts with Novice and works *up.* In other words, we'll start with Novice at 9AM until 10AM, then Advanced, then Excellent, then Masters.

Obedience - \$10.00 per run. Obedience starts with Utility and works *down.* So, Utility starts at 9AM, then Open, then Novice.

There will be CGC testing (\$20.00) and Trick testing (\$10.00 per level).

All are welcome. We hope to see you there!



Ice Cream Social

6:30pm



K9 General Meeting

April 18th 7-8pm

Speaker

8:15-9:15pm

Our guests will be CJ and Vickie Smith from the service dog organization Canine Companions for Independence (CCI). You'll learn about CCI's breeding program, what's required to become a volunteer service puppy raiser, and the training methods used. Jacksonville has a group of CCI Puppy Raisers that train at our facility. After several months of foundation training, the puppy goes back to CCI's regional office in Orlando where staff members start their advanced training.

This presentation is not about how to obtain or train your own service dog. NO dogs permitted at this event.

Contact Colleen Whalen
at
k9whalen@comcast.net
with any questions.

Proposed Slate

President – Deborah Hardman
1st Vice President (Trial Chair) – Alison Nelson
2nd Vice President (Chief Steward) – Cheryl Loze
Treasurer – Robin Wallen
Secretary – Samantha Giacalone
Member (Sunshine Committee) – Shelia Garbecki
Member (Membership) – Stacy Payne
Member (Community Outreach) – Juli Wilkison
Member (Enrollment Secretary/all around position) – Christine Peterson



Submit Your Nominations April 18th

Is there someone missing that you think should be considered for the board?

Any member attending the April 18th General Meeting may make additional nominations. The nominating member shall present a written statement from the proposed candidate showing willingness to be a candidate to the Secretary (Sam Giacalone).

Note: No one may be a candidate for more than one position. Additional nominations which are provided for herein, may be made only from among those members who have not accepted a nomination of the Nominating Committee.

Barks & Brags



Sheila Garbecki's Cocker Spaniel Dannica has earned the distinct honour of being invited to the Rally Nationals!

Email amee763@hotmail.com to submit your brag!

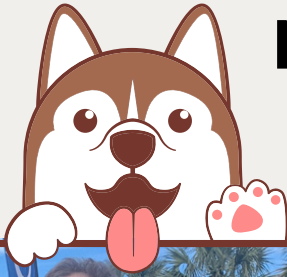


Report 2023 Title Awards!

Email **Erika Wilson** at erika@hamilton.net by **April 15** to receive your award!

Email the following:

1. "2023 Titles" in the subject line
2. In the email body:
 - o Your name
 - o Dog's name
 - o Title(s) such as CD, RN...
 - o Year awarded
 - o Club & place where you titled



New Provisional Members!



Andrea and Brant Wills, residents of Jacksonville since 2016, share a deep passion for dogs that began when they welcomed their first English bulldog puppy, Shosti, into their lives as newlyweds in 2010. As newcomers to bulldog ownership, they became involved in the Bulldog Club of Hampton Roads in VA. Their family has recently expanded with the addition of Ryker, a 13-month-old English bulldog, who has been actively participating in various classes at K9 Obedience.

Ryker is on a path to achieving titles in various dog sports, including trick dog, rally, and a CGC certification, reflecting the family's commitment to nurturing their pets' talents and abilities.



Both Andrea and Brant come from families with a shared love for dogs. Andrea's parents have a history of showing springer spaniels, dachshunds, and German shepherds, while Brant's mother specialized in training diabetic alert service dogs. Outside of their canine interests, Andrea is a musician and an Associate Professor of Percussion at the University of North Florida, while Brant works as a software engineer for DiscoverTec. Their paths first crossed as musicians and members of the Santa Clara Vanguard Drum and Bugle Corps during college. As a couple, they also enjoy pursuing marathons together as a shared hobby.

Welcome to K9!



K9 Class Calendar for April

Monday

6:00pm CGC prep

6:30pm Beginner Rally

Friday



Tuesday

6:00pm CGC prep

6:00pm Agility Foundations

7:15pm Advanced Puppy I

Saturday

10:00am Family Dog

12pm Intro to Nosework

1:00pm STAR Puppy

Wednesday

9:30am Advanced Rally

6:00pm STAR Puppy

7:15pm Advanced Rally

Conformation Drop In's

Sunday


11:30am Intro to Odor II (off site)

Thursday

10:00am Obedience and Rally Skills

11:15am Obedience and Rally Skills

6:00pm Continuing Nosework (off site)



**Click to check the
K9 web calendar
for last minute
updates**

Upcoming Florida Trials

APRIL 2024

Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
4/6-4/7	O, RLY	Greater Orange Park Dog Club	Elkton	3/20	E McCarthy, MJ Mello, C Mett-Trumbly
4/6-4/7	RLY	Dog Training Club of Tampa	Tampa	3/22	L Currey, NJ Watson
4/9	O, RLY	Flat-Coat Retriever Soc	Ocala	3/13	DP Neufeld, AP Kincaid, K Kincaid
4/13-4/14	O	Dog Obed Club of Lee Cty	N Fort Myers	3/30	R Cox
4/19-4/21	O	Marion Alachua Dog Train	Ocala	4/3	C Mett-Trumbly, L Seeley
4/27-4/28	RLY	Obed Train Club of Palm Bch	Lake Park	4/10	J Rogers, RE Miller
4/27-4/28	O	Imperial Polk OBed Club of Lakeland	Lakeland	4/10	LM Unger, L Currey, DP Neufeld

May 2024

Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
5/4-5/5	O, RLY	Dog Training Club St Pete	St Pete	4/26	DP Neufeld, C Caballero
5/4-5/5	O, RLY	K9 Obedience Club of Jax	Daytona Bch	4/17	CA Knight, RH Knight, J Rogers, M Becker
5/11-5/12	RLY	Indian River Dog Train Club	Palm Bay	4/24	M Becker, K Hazelet
5/13-5/14	O, RLY	Boston Terrier Club of Amer	Tampa	4/17	DP Neufeld, L Pinnell
5/18-5/19	RLY	Imperial Polk Obed Club	Lakeland	5/1	K Kincaid, AP Kincaid
5/24-5/26	O	Miami Obedience Club	Miami	5/8	L Seeley
5/31	O	Orlando Dog Training Club	Orlando	5/15	L Currey, RH Knight, CA Knight

Upcoming Florida Trials

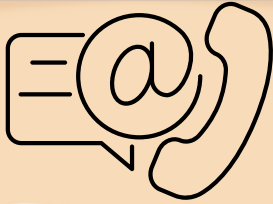
JUNE 2024

Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
6/1-6/2	RLY	Orlando Dog Training Club	Orlando	5/15	NE Noonan, L Currey
6/1-6/2	O, RLY	Tallahassee Dog Obed Club	Tallahassee	5/17	J Kern, C Caballero
6/8-6/9	O	Obed Club of Palm Beach	Lake Park	5/22	O Chever Jr.
6/14	RLY	St Pete Dog Fanciers Assoc	Tampa	5/29	M Becker
6/15-6/16	O	St Pete Dog Fanciers Assoc	Tampa	5/29	RE Seeley, ENA
6/15-6/16	RLY	Marion Alachua Dog Train	Ocala	5/29	ENA
6/22-6/23	O	Imperial Polk Obed Club of Lakeland	Lakeland	6/5	NJ Watson, RH Knight, CA Knight

RLY (rally), O (obedience), PO (preferred obedience), NA (not yet approved), TBA (to be announced), ENA (event not approved), P (pending), PJA (pending judge approval), PPP (pending panel processing)



Contact Us



K9 Webpage

For questions or comments related to the K9 web pages, please contact **Alison Nelson** at **anelsonphs@yahoo.com**

Membership

Any membership questions can be sent to **Colleen Whalen** **K9Whalen@comcast.net**

Sunshine

Sheila Garbecki oversees the "Sunshine Committee." If you know of a member in need of cheering up or well wishes from the club, email **sbgarb1@yahoo.com**

Building & Grounds

If you see something that needs cleaning or repairing, please let **Debbie Gilman** know about it by text **610-597-5454** or email **debgilman10@gmail.com**

Facebook

Janice Butler, Deb Hardman, and Juli Wilkison administrate the Facebook page. For issues or additions related to Facebook, email Janice, Deb or Juli

K9 Web Calendar

Colleen Whalen updates the calendar on the K9 website. For issues or additions related to the calendar, please email **K9Whalen@comcast.net**

Wishlist



Nature's Miracle

Program Committee

If you have suggestions for speakers, contact **Colleen Whalen** at **K9Whalen@comcast.net** or **Deb Hardman** at **debhardman1@comcast.net**

Newsletter

Email material to include in the newsletter to **amee763@hotmail.com** with the subject "**Newsletter**" by the 25th of this month. If not received by the 25th, it'll be included in the next issue.