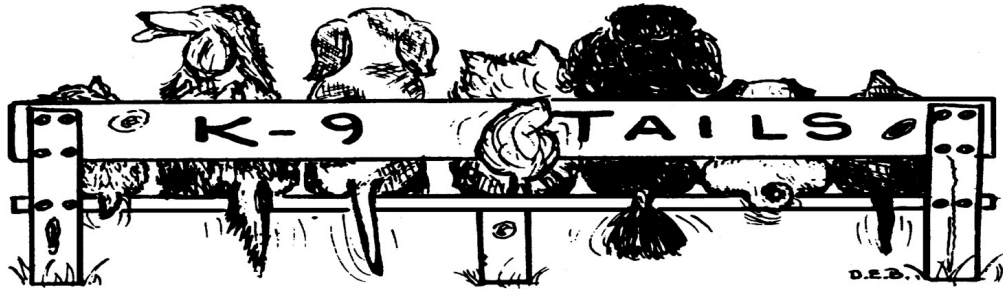


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New Members

I'm very sad to inform you that our own Steve Picciuolo has passed away. Steve was a very active member and Obedience/Rally judge for many years. He was always good about judging whenever needed – not just for our club but all clubs. He will be missed by all of us in Obedience, especially here in Florida.

Lots of news this month! Read on to “save the dates.”

We are offering our Spring Obedience and Rally Trials May 7 and 8 in Daytona. We will need volunteers for stewards. It's a fun weekend and an excellent opportunity to learn if you are training for

Rally or Obedience competition. (It's also a great way to make friends!) Again, your volunteer hours count toward Full Membership or next year's key requirement. You can sign up to help for whatever day would be convenient or both, if you're able. Please email Alison to volunteer at anelsonphs@yahoo.com

On Thursday evening, April 21st at 7:00PM we will hold another General Meeting. Our guest speaker will be Dr. William Abbott. Dr. Abbott board **certified in Dermatology** and is extremely experienced, knowledgeable and wise. He is a genius at solving persistent and expensive allergies issues. He is also very knowledgeable about dog foods. Since we are opening this meeting to the General Public, we hope you will find at least one person to bring to this interesting and informative presentation. This is a

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Full: Deb Hardman, Deb Gilman, & Christine Peterson

great opportunity to be a resource to our community and to show off our facility and membership.

Finally, **many of you have not turned in your 2021 gate keys. We need those keys for the future!** Please leave them in the jar on the table in the training area. Thanks!

Ginny



K-9 is fortunate to have several members that have earned the "AKC-CGC/ S.T.A.R. Puppy Evaluator" certification. This allows them to participate in AKC titling events such as testing for "Canine Good Citizen" and "Trick Dog" as well as instructing "S.T.A.R. Puppy" class. Educating the public about training and helping people understand how to be responsible dog "parents" is not only a public service, it is rewarding for the instructor. Long time K-9 members Colleen Whalen, Marcia Ladendorff, Marnie White and Melissa Hess as well as others have helped hundreds of people through the years with these classes.

Congratulations go to our newest CGC/S.T.A.R. Puppy certified members Debbie Gilman (March 2022), Ben Bond (January 2022), and Alison Nelson (2021), (and welcome to Erika Wilson, a new member that came to us with her certification). K-9's newest certified members worked their way through the process to become instructors by assisting, co-teaching and earning the AKC certification. The process is open to members, and K-9 is in need of more assistants and instructors.

If you are interested in more details, email Alison Nelson anelsonphs@yahoo.com
You can be assigned as a class assistant and start the journey!



**May 7 & 8,
2022**

Trials at Daytona Beach Obedience Club

Hosted by K-9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville

Saturday, May 7th

2 Rally Trials – Judged by Deb Neufeld

1 Obedience Trial – Judges: Connie Parrish & Leslye Pinnell

Sunday, May 8th

1 Rally Trial – Judged by Connie Parrish

1 Obedience Trial – Judges: Deb Neufeld & Leslye Pinnell



**Premium available on the
K-9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville Website.**

K-9 Membership Meeting is on April 21st at 7pm!

Come and join us for the meeting on April 21st! We have a lot of things going on at K-9 that we would like to share with you.

We will be voting on the new board members for the year. Our proposed Board of Directors is as follows:

President GINNY RUSKUSKI

VP1 ALISON NELSON

VP2 DEBBIE G

Treasurer ROBIN WALLEN

Membership COLLEEN WHALEN

Recording Secretary DEB HARDMAN

Corresponding Secretary JUDY FORTNER

BOARD JULI WILKISON

CHRISTINE PETERSON

SHEILA GARBECKI

Our program for this meeting is especially exciting. Dr. William Abbott, a board-certified dermatologist, will be here to talk to us about allergy and skin issues in our area. Dr. Abbott has been helping our local dogs out for a long time, and has so much knowledge to share! This one is a “don’t miss” meeting! Dr. William Abbott, Board Certified by American College of Veterinary Dermatology. Has years of experience addressing complex canine dermatological problems.

Dr. Abbott is not only an expert in the field of dermatology but is also an extremely talented veterinarian. He is a bit of a legend in the Jacksonville area based on his skills and knowledge. He is professional, personable, and wise. He thinks both holistically and medically when planning a treatment modality. He does not believe in treating dogs exclusively with steroids. He tests the allergic sites and creates specific medications and treatment plans to address allergy issues get to the root of the problem. He focuses on resolving allergies on a long term basis vs masking the allergic reactions with steroids.

Dr. Abbott is also an expert in commercial foods and canine diets, not only for allergy symptoms, but also for maximum health.

Upcoming Show-n-Go's

K-9 will have a Rally and Obedience Show N Go on Sunday April 24 from 10:00 -- last sign in for runs at 12:20. Members, contact Ginny Ruskuski to volunteer for the event. We need help setting up and stewarding. Earn volunteer credit and a free run!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Email **Alison Nelson** at anelsonph@yahoo.com to sign up for one or both days

K-9 Obedience and Rally trials are right around the corner and I need members to sign up to steward! Check your calendar for May 7 & 8. the K-9 trials are held at Daytona Beach as last year.

No worries about what weather conditions, no weeks of repairs with hours upon hours of cleaning and pressure washing the grime collected from the building project next door, no rolling and rerolling of mats. Just get in your car, buckle your seat belt and relax for a ride to Daytona Beach training facility where all the rings are set up and the equipment is ready to use! The air conditioning is on and there's plenty of parking!

Earn your volunteer hours credit in one weekend! Please let Alison Nelson know ASAP if you can commit to helping run our trial! Thank you!!



Trials are a GREAT way to learn more about showing, see wonderful performances and visit all day with fellow members TALKING DOGS!!

MEMBERS RESPONSIBLE TO TRACK AND TURN IN THEIR VOLUNTEER HOURS THEMSELVES

In order to be considered an active member of K-9, all members must volunteer at least 8 hours per year. Active members are eligible to "rent" a gate key to the club and receive a class discount for completing their volunteer hours. Currently, the volunteer hours in 2022 will go toward members' active status for 2023. To make this process efficient, all K-9 members will be given a card (pictured here) to track their volunteer hours--THEMSELVES. The card on which they will record their hours will be turned in to Alison Nelson at any point after the hours have been recorded. Cards may also be dropped into the mail slot on the side door of the clubhouse front porch. CARDS WILL BE HANDED OUT APRIL 21 AT GENERAL MEETING

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8. **Are you a handy housekeeper?** The club house can always use a straightening up and light cleaning (including the bathrooms indoors and out!!) Contact Deb Gilman
9. **Help with Club business operations**, it might entail making phone calls, filing, sorting things, etc. contact Deb Hardman
10. **Offer to do something you see needs attention that is not on this list!** Contact Alison Nelson

 <p>CONGRATULATIONS</p>	<h3>“Barks and Brags” Recent Trial Updates</h3>
	<p>Alison Nelson and Coco Obedience Open Title 3/26/22 Judge Nancy Watson Orlando, Central FL Dog Club</p>


Deb Hardman and her lovely poodle Cody were officially certified as an Alliance of Therapy Dogs Team! Their final evaluation was done at the Amazon Warehouse by the airport. Go Cody and Deb!


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April 2022					
Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
02-03	O	Orlando Dog Training Club	Orlando	Mar 16	S. Sherman, DE Tessmann Van Leaven, B Lee, AS Albert
09	O, RLY	Greater Orange Pk Dog Club	Elkton	Mar 23	R Cox, Rly ENA, O PJA
09-10	O, RLY	Dog Training Club of Tampa	Tampa	Mar 25	O ENA, R Cox, RLY ENA
30	O; RLY	Imperial Polk Obed Club	Lakeland	Apr 13	MC Burford, BL Roland; BJC Critelli

May 2022					
Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
01	RLY	Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach City	Lake Park	Apr 13	RR Withers
01	O	Imperial Polk Obed Club of Lakeland Fl	Lakeland Fl	Apr 13	BL Roland, MC Burford
07-08	O; RLY	Dog Training Club of St Petersburg	St Petersburg	Apr 20	O Chever; NE Noonan; O Chever
07-08	RLY; O	K-9 Obedience Club Jax	Daytona Bch	Apr 20	L Pinnell, C Parrish; DP Neufeld
14-15	RLY	Indian River Dog Training Club	Palm May	Apr 27	NE Noonan, L Mills; ENA
21-22	RLY	Imperial Polk Obed Club	Lakeland	May 04	ENA
28-29	O	Miami Obedience Club	Lake Park	May 11	CA Klein; RE Seeley

RLY (Rally), O (Obedience), NA (Not yet Approved, TBA (To Be Announced) RLY (Rally); O (Obedience); ENA (event not approved), P (pending), PJA (pending judge approval)

	<h2>Upcoming Events at the K9 Club</h2>
	<p>April 21 – Dr. Abbott Canine Dermatologist</p>
<p>April 21– General Membership meeting April 24 – Show-n-Go</p>	<p>May 7,8 – K9 Obedience Club Trial in Orlando May 22 – Show-n-Go</p>
	<h3>K9 Webpage</h3> <p>Alison Nelson watches over the K9 Website (excluding the calendar). For questions or comments related to the K9 Web pages please contact Alison at anelsonphs@yahoo.com. Thanks to Alison for updating the website.</p>
<h3>Membership Committee</h3> <p>Some of you still haven't turned in your keys from last year!</p> <p>PLEASE leave it in the jar on the table by the little brick monument in the training area. We need to use those keys in the future! Thank you!</p>	<h3>Sunshine Committee</h3> <p>Sheila Garbecki oversees the "Sunshine Committee". If you know of a member in need of "cheering up" or "well wishes" from the club, please contact Sheila at sbgarb1@yahoo.com. Thanks to Shelia for volunteering to serve on this committee.</p> <h3>Facebook Page</h3> <p>Amy Wiley and Ginny Ruskuski co-administrate the Facebook Page. For issues or additions related to the calendar please email Amy makumshine@bellsouth.net or Ginny Ruskuski5030@att.net.</p>

<p>K9 Website Calendar</p> <p>Colleen Whalen updates the Calendar on the K9 Website. For issues or additions related to the calendar please contact Colleen at K9Whalen@comcast.net.</p> <p>Thanks to Colleen for keeping this updated.</p>	 <p>Bottled Water</p>
<p>Club Email K9 Email – The club is using the email address dgilmank9@gmail.com. Please make sure to change in your contact the name to “K9 Dog Obedience Club” rather than an individual’s name</p>	
<p>NEWSLETTER EDITOR DEADLINE:</p>	<p>Please email any material you would like included in the Newsletter to peteronchris7@hotmail.com by the 20th of this month.</p>

<h2>VOLUNTEER INCENTIVE</h2>	
	<p>Volunteer Hours Drawing</p> <p>The quilt drawing last year was not a one-time event.</p> <p>Plans are in the works for a 2022 drawing!</p> <p>So, if you like quilts to keep you warm, when the weather is for cold, keep an eye on the calendar for chances to volunteer.</p> <p>You can get 1 ticket for each session. If you do 8 hours in one day you will receive 2 tickets.</p> <p>Help the club and get a chance to win a quilt.</p> <p>Good luck and get volunteering!!</p>
<p>Here’s a sneak peek at the fabrics. Lots of dogs, bright colors and a cuddle fabric backing.</p>	

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DOB 06/25/2007 - DOD 4/5/2022



Today was a very sad day for our home. Miss Missy Mae crossed over the rainbow bridge. She almost made 15 years old. My heart aches so much. She was such a good girl. She did agility with me even though it wasn't her favorite thing to do, but she did because I asked her to. She enjoyed Rally until she lost her hearing. She like nose work, but she figured out if she kept alerting odor or no odor, she might get a treat whether there was odor or not, little stinker...She even let me dress her up in silly costumes. She had been struggling with kidney disease for quite some time. So on this beautiful sunshining day, with the help of

Dr Katie Stender at my home, she went over the rainbow bridge. She is now with Cassie, & Maggie, Shadow, Patches and Rascal. Run free beautiful girl. I love you so much, my heart aches. Until we meet again.

Stephen A. D. Picciuolo (90 years of age) of Jacksonville, Florida passed away on Sunday, March 20, 2022, after an extended illness. Stephen graduated from Boston University with a master's degree, retired from the U.S. Navy as a Captain, and later taught in the public school system for 16 years. Captain Picciuolo gained many awards throughout his military career: Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Navy Commendation Medal. He had three Vietnam Attack Carrier Combat Tours flying the A-4 Skyhawk (over 2,000 hours in A-4 and 600 Carrier Landings). Stephen was Commanding Officer of Attack Squadron 45 at NAS Cecil Field.

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Stephen became involved with purebred dogs in 1961 when he and his wife, Maryrose, a Life Member of the American Spaniel Club, became members of a Cocker Spaniel Specialty Club. He began to show in Obedience in 1986. Most recently, he actively trained and showed Cocker Spaniels, Dobermans, and Vizslas in Conformation, Obedience, and Rally. His love for training dogs and competing took him into the world of judging. He judged all Obedience and Rally Classes for the American Kennel Club, the Australian Shepherd Club of America, and the FCI (Federation Cynologique Internationale). Stephen was a well-

known and loved judge for almost 30 years.

Stephen belonged to the Vizsla Club of America, Doberman Pinscher Club of America, The South Atlantic Cocker Spaniel Club of Jacksonville, and the K-9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville. He had been President of the K-9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville for 8 years and was past President of the South Atlantic Cocker Spaniel Club of Jacksonville. Stephen judged at the American Spaniel Club in 2015. He enjoyed teaching Basic and Advanced Classes for K-9 and conducting seminars.

He will be missed.