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## New Provisional Members

none

## Full Membership:

Laura Martin

## From the President's Desk

We're approaching the "dog days" of August and the temperatures are almost unbearable! Did you know the term, "Dog days," actually refers to the fact that in the northern hemisphere this is the time of year when Sirius, "the dog star," makes its appearance above the horizon in the night sky? Sirius was Orion's faithful hunting dog. By the same mythology, Scorpio, the scorpion who killed Orion, dips below the horizon. This was a courtesy of the Greek gods so the two will never have to meet again.

It's a dry month for news. **Colleen Whalen** is recovering from her shoulder surgery although not as quickly as she would like.

**Marcia Ladendorff** attended the Instructors Meeting and it was so good to see her! **Erica Wilson** has also returned from Nebraska and is planning to teach Obedience and Rally skills again. Speaking of the instructors meeting, it's was a packed house, literally! We have a lot of new classes starting in September. Plus, an Intro to Agility class is planned for January! On a sad note, our sympathies, condolences and hugs go out to **Melissa Hess** on the loss of her beloved husband Tom Walsh. The premium for our November trials (the 12th & 13th) will be available September 1.

Our next General Meeting will be August 18th at 7:00. We're having a Plant Swap, so look around the yard and see what you might have. Bring a plant/Take a plant. See you there!

- Ginny

## August's Training Director's Report

August 2022 CLASSES All classes for summer 2022 ended on July 26. It was a very good year for classes with new instructors and more instructors certified for AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy, CGC and Trick Dog.

The coming year will build on this success by adding classes and more assistants! An instructors' meeting was held July 24 to map out the classes for 2022-23. Christine Peterson, the enrollment secretary, reported on the many people on the wait list for all the classes we offer and requests for classes we don't currently offer! The new schedule will be posted on K-9's website by early August. Be sure to enroll early if you want a class!

Sign up to be an assistant for a class and you will fulfill the annual 8-hour volunteer requirement to maintain active membership.

SEMINARS **Rachel Flatley** will return to K-9 for the second year with her tremendously helpful seminars for beginning trainers and handlers. In her seminars, Rachel teaches trainers how to advance their dog's obedience and rally skills through practical exercises and games. Rachel is also a problem solver that can work with trainers on specific issues. The first seminar for this year is scheduled for Sunday October 9. Registration information is available on K-9 website seminar page. For questions, email me at [anelsonphs @yahoo.com](mailto:anelsonphs@yahoo.com)

TRIAL NOVEMBER 12 & 13 K-9 Rally and Obedience trials will be held in Daytona Beach at the Obedience Club of Daytona training building. I will need several volunteers for both days to steward and manage the rings. We are hosting 2 rally trials and 2 obedience trials each day! It is possible to earn titles in one weekend. It's also a time to try a class in Random Rewards, a practice run in the ring with a real judge. It is sure to be a busy and full weekend for K-9 and the exhibitors. Be sure to mark your calendars now and reserve the weekend to show your dog(s) and/or volunteer as a steward. Let me know at [anelsonphs@yahoo.com](mailto:anelsonphs@yahoo.com) if you will volunteer.— *Alison Nelson*



# OTHER COAST • By Adrian Raeside

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C'MON, REX, OPEN THE DOOR! THIS SAUNA IS OVER 140 DEGREES, AND I'M BOILING IN HERE!

NOW YOU KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE LOCKED INSIDE A CAR ON A HOT DAY.



## THE CANINE LEARNING CORNER



### *Did you know?*



**Dogs Feel Envy** - If you have more than one dog, you may have noticed that one will act perturbed when the other one is receiving treats or attention. A study done at the University of Vienna had dogs perform an easy trick for a food treat, only after a period of time, only one dog in the group would receive the reward. The other dog would not only refuse to keep doing the trick but also showed signs of stress. When they repeated the experiment with just one dog in the room, that dog would keep doing the trick for a longer period after the treats stopped coming. This indicates that dogs *do* feel some form of jealousy



### **Small dogs live longer**

Smaller dogs tend to live longer than bigger dogs, and that's because larger dogs age faster. Within one study, large dogs were found to have a median lifespan of 13.38 years, while the median for small dogs was 14.95.



**Dog owners live longer** Not only do dog owners tend to live longer than people without dogs, dog owners are also more likely to survive and recover from major health events, such as heart attack or stroke. Why? "Interacting with dogs can boost your production of 'happy hormones' such as oxytocin, serotonin and dopamine," says the American Heart Association. "This can lead to a greater sense of well-being and help lower levels of the stress hormone cortisol. And having a dog can help lower blood pressure and cholesterol, ease depression and improve fitness.



## CAUTION

Something else to watch out for –  
Meat Absorbent Pads

This was reprinted from a Facebook post by Joan Costello as relayed by a member of the Daytona Beach Obedience Club. It was suggested by Dianne Strickland –

*“Last night I made chicken. When you buy at the store it comes in a styrofoam tray lined with an absorbent pad.*

*I took the tray and pad and put into another bag and put in trash....this am Elektra tattled and brought me the styrofoam tray. I ran upstairs and found they (Luna , Elektra and Zsa Zsa ) had pulled the bag out of trash and the pad was missing ....I started googling and found out the gel in pad was nontoxic however it keeps expanding with fluid.*

*A call to poison control said if it had been within 2 hours, I needed to induce vomiting as the gel could expand and cause obstruction/ possible death. Since I wasn't sure which one was totally responsible so I was told to treat all suspects. I gave peroxide to the three suspects. Then we waited on the porch.....pretty soon I knew who ate most of the gel pad and already it had expanded to about the size of a basketball (like 20 x bigger than the gel pad ). This was a danger I had never realized. In future I will bag and immediately take outside to trash can. All the girls are fine now and looking for more mischief.”*

Something to be aware of for those who have garbage and/or counter surfers.

# Another Thing to Consider when buying Dog Treats



Hey, it's Mike!, Happy Wednesday.

Today, I'd like to share a crazy thing I witnessed the other day at a pet food store near my home. I was standing in the check out line near one of those BULK pet food "stations". You know, the ones that look a lot like salad bars you see at people food restaurants.

Anyway, the store was selling all kinds of unpackaged pet food and pet treats... laid out "buffet style" in open trays and bins. And I couldn't believe what I was seeing. I watched in horror as a customer picked and poked her way through dozens of bulk food items...Picking up pig ears with her bare hands, grabbing the plastic tongs to gather other treats and scooping up different kinds of kibble. Even more dreadful... She stooped down to offer her pet a chance to sniff and lick a few of the dog treats she held in her fingers.

But get this...

The worst part was watching her place those same, now contaminated treats her dog had just licked... back into those same open bins. The whole experience was shocking. Why am I telling you about this?

**Because watching this whole thing reminded me of just how risky it is to buy dog food and dog treats in bulk from open bins.**

And I hope that after reading today's email, you'll at least think twice before you buy bulk food products for your dog.

That's because...Bulk items like these are nowhere near being fresh. They sit out all day in open bins, exposed to the air.

Which means...

**They quickly become oxidized and lose much of their nutritional value, as each hour ticks by.**

In addition, they're far more likely to be contaminated with dangerous, disease-causing bacteria. Like Salmonella and Listeria...As shoppers touch other high-risk items in nearby bins.

And think about this...

**Bulk items have no labels. No batch numbers. No expiration dates. And no manufacturing or safety information.**

So, there's no way to know where they came from. Which countries made them. Or what safety standards were followed. They could even be imported from China, or other countries known for their inferior food quality standards. Or preserved with BHA or cancer-causing chemicals.

**And you'd never even know it.**

Here's the point.

I've never been a fan of bulk dog food and treats. Which is why I've never recommended unpackaged products like these to safety minded dog parents.

They're simply too risky.



### Don't Forget!!

#### The August Plant Swap

For the August meeting, bring your "starts" for a plant swap. For every start you bring, you can take a new start! This is a fun (and affordable!) way to add to your garden or patio plants.







## “Barks and Brags” Recent Trial Updates

### Daytona Training Club July 15, 2022

The Daytona Beach Rally trial was a very good day and very fun for **Alison Nelson!**

Rex--Title Rally Excellent B with a 100-pt. 1st place!! and a 98-pt. 4th place (earning the title in 3/3 runs)

Coco--Earned Rally legs 2 & 3 in the Triple Q (Master, Exc, Adv in same trial) High Triple Q honors both trials

3 perfect scores with fastest times  
four 1st place runs (4/6)



**Rex and Coco Nelson**

## BARKS and BRAGS Continued



**July 28 Foothills Cluster, Greenville, SC**

**Judy Fortner's** little red girl Ani did it again, another 5-point major to finish her championship, upon AKC approval of course!



### Dog Agility Competition of Florida

Rafa and **Ann Ouchterloney** competed for their first time in DACOF at the end of June. Rafa got two individual trophies in the 16 in Open classes - 3<sup>rd</sup> in Time to Beat and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Jumpers with Weaves (2). He also took 4<sup>th</sup> in Open Standard but no trophy! He was 3<sup>rd</sup> highest overall in the 16-inch Open class which was amazing since he is only 2.5 years old and has never competed in any event of this size before. DACOF is a team agility event. Our team came in 7<sup>th</sup> out of the 43 teams competing.

## BARKS and BRAGS Continued

### Obedience Club of Daytona

Well Sheila's little Superstar did it again. **Sheila Garbecki** had 2 rally trials put on by Obedience Club of Daytona. Dannica qualified in all 6 events. She took home four 4th placements, and she Earned her RAE (Rally Advanced/Excellent) title. She also tied for high triple award but missed getting it by time. They had such a great time.



## UPCOMING FLORIDA TRIALS

August 2022					
Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
06-07	RLY	Dog Training Club of Tampa	Tampa	Jul 29	PM Young
12-14	RLY; O	Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club	Daytona Bch	Jul 27	ENA; TG McCall, DP Neufeld, C Parrish, LM Unge
20-21	O	Sarasota Obedience Training Club	Myakka City	Aug 03	O Chever; ENA
27-28	O, RLY	Dog Training Club of St Petersburg	St Petersburg	Aug 10	CA Klein, BJC Critelli

September 2022					
Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
03-04	RLY	Australian Shepherd Club of Central Florida	Lakeland	Aug 24	ENA
04	O	Dog Training Club of St Petersburg	St Petersburg	Aug 17	CS Wray, CM Maurer, D Maurer
05	O	Tampa Bay Area Shetland Sheepdog Club	St. Petersburg	Aug 17	K Kincaid, AP Kincaid
10-11	RLY	Indian River Dog Training Club	Palm Bay FL	Aug 24	ENA
17-18	RLY	Imperial Polk Obedience Club of Lakeland Fl	Lakeland, FL	Aug 31	ENA
23-25	RLY	Marion Alachua Dog Training Assoc	Ocala, FL	Sep 07	BJC Critelli, E McCarthy, J Kern
24-25	O	Orlando Dog Training Club	Orlando	Sep 07	ENA

October 2022					
Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
01-02	RLY	Orlando Dog Training Club	Orlando	Sep 14	ENA
01-02	O	Australian Shepherd Club of Central Fl	Lakeland	Sep 21	J Kern, Pending
01-02	RLY	Dog Obedience Club of Hollywood, Inc	Davie	Sep 21	CA Klein
13-15	O,RLY, PO	German Shepherd Dog Club	Ocala	Sep 22	J Caputa, KA Cook, R Cox
21-23	RLY	Sarasota Obed Train Club	Myakka City	Oct 14	R Hornfisher, BJC Critelli
22-23	O	Jupiter-Tequesta Dog Club	Jupiter	Oct 05	L Seeley
22-23	O	Imperial Polk Obed Club	Lakeland	Oct 05	RH Knight, CA Knight, ENA
29-30	RLY, O	Brevard Cty Dog Train Club	Daytona Bch	Oct 12	ENA
29-30	RLY, O	Dog Training Club of Tampa	Tampa	Oct 21	ENA, J Kern

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)

## K9 Club Events Calendar for August

<b>Monday</b>		<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b> 6 PM	First Tue of the Month – Guide Dogs of Northeast Florida	<b>Saturday:</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b> 8 -10 AM 7:00 PM	Obedience folks train together Conformation Drop Ins	<b>Sunday</b> 8-10 AM	Obedience folks meet to train
<b>Thursday</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs	K9 Board of Governors Meeting		

Please check the web calendar for any last-minute updates

	<h3>Upcoming Events at the K9 Club</h3>
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**August 11<sup>th</sup>** K9 Board Meeting 7 pm

**August 18<sup>th</sup>** General Meeting  
7pm

**August 18<sup>th</sup>** - Plant Swap at the General Meeting



## K9 Webpage

**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](mailto:anelsonphs@yahoo.com). Thanks to Alison for updating the website.

## Membership Committee

Any membership questions can be sent to Coleen Whalen ([k9whalen@comcast.net](mailto:k9whalen@comcast.net))

## Sunshine Committee

**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](mailto:sbgarb1@yahoo.com). Thanks to Shelia for volunteering to serve on this committee.

## Facebook Page

**Amy Wiley** and **Ginny Ruskuski** co-administrate the Facebook Page. For issues or additions related to the calendar please email Amy [makumshine@bellsouth.net](mailto:makumshine@bellsouth.net) or Ginny [Ruskuski5030@att.net](mailto:Ruskuski5030@att.net).

## K9 Website Calendar

**Colleen Whalen** updates the Calendar on the K9 Website. For issues or additions related to the calendar please contact Colleen at [k9whalen@comcast.net](mailto:k9whalen@comcast.net). Thanks to Colleen for keeping this updated.



## Nature's Miracle

**Club Email** K9 Email – The club is using the email address [dgilman9@gmail.com](mailto:dgilman9@gmail.com). Please make sure to change in your contact the name to “**K9 Dog Obedience Club**” rather than an individual’s name

### NEWSLETTER EDITOR DEADLINE:

Please email any material you would like included in the Newsletter to [peterpersonchris7@hotmail.com](mailto:peterpersonchris7@hotmail.com). If not received

by the 25th of this month it will be put in the next issue.

## VOLUNTEER INCENTIVE

Here's an update of the quilt by **Deb Gilman**.  
It's finished and has been inspected and approved by Tugg.  
Isn't it beautiful!!



### Volunteer Hours Drawing

The quilt drawing last year was not a one-time event.

There is a quilt drawing in 2022!

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.

You can get 1 ticket for each volunteer session. If you do 8 hours in one day you will receive 2 tickets. Don't forget to sign in when you volunteer to be counted.

Help the club and get a chance to win a quilt.  
Good luck and get volunteering!!