



2023 Board Members
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Full Members

Janice Butler

New Provisional Members

Gerry and Carol Lukach

From the President's Desk:

I would like to begin my first President's Newsletter by thanking all our K9 members for supporting our board during our recent election and the change of some of our officers. As your new President, I will do my best to support you in return by being attentive to our club's needs and assisting and leading our board effectively. I want to take this opportunity to thank Ginny for her wonderful leadership over the past five years. Her shoes will be a challenge to fill! Thank you Ginny for stepping up again and again and for taking such good care of the club. I will be turning to you for guidance as I take on my new role as President. I want to also give a huge thank you to Judy Fortner for her years of service as Corresponding Secretary. We certainly will miss your presence at our future meetings. I want to welcome Janice Butler as our new board member. Janice will be serving the combined positions of Recording and Corresponding Secretary. Lastly, I want to recognize our 2023-2024 Board of Governors: Deb Hardman, President; Alison Nelson, 1st Vice President, Deb Gilman, 2nd Vice President, Janice Butler, Secretary; Robin Wallen, Treasurer; Ginny Ruskuski, Past President, Christine Peterson, Sheila Garbecki, Colleen Whalen, and Juli Wilkison.

I need to also recognize Deb and Jack Gilman for all the many hours they have put into taking care of our K9 facility. They are wonderful stewards of the club's property and equipment. Deb really cares about K9 and keeps it looking as good as it does. It is hard to take care of an outdoor facility, and we so appreciate all their efforts. I don't have room to list all the things Deb

undertakes without being asked. Thanks Deb and your helper Jack.

We held a vote to approve the revised bylaws, and they were approved unanimously. This clears the way for the board to pursue the formation of a 501c3. We thank you for your support in this matter. We will keep you informed as this process progresses.

Our next trial will be held in Daytona October 7th and 8th. We will have two trials each day, with Rally and Obedience offered at each trial. Our judges will be Ken Kincaid, Aimee Kinkaid, and Nancy Watson. You can check our website at k9obedienceclub.org for the premium and entry form. A wonderful way to get to know other members and to learn about competitive obedience is to volunteer at the trial. It is so much fun, and we need your help. Look for an email from K9 with the trial premium and an electronic fillable entry form.

Alison is working hard to get our fall classes scheduled. Keep an eye on the website for the posting of these classes in the near future. All classes will begin in September. There should be something for everyone so be sure and sign up as soon as they post.

DEB HARDMAN



Ginny Ruskuski was presented a wall hanging as a thank you for being our President. The beautiful wall hanging was made and given to Ginny from **Debbie Gilman**. I think Ginny really liked it.

August Training Director's Report



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Keep an eye out for new classes coming soon!
If you want to become an instructor or assistant, or have an idea for a class
please email Alison Nelson (anelsonphs@yahoo.com).

Why Title A Dog?

Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores, a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain in record and in memory for as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better in that regard. And though the dog itself doesn't know or care that its achievements have been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count.

A title says your dog was intelligent and adaptable, and good-natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that please you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed.

And a title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with it because it was a good dog, that you believed in it enough to give it yet another chance when it failed, and that, in the end, your faith was justified.

A title proves that your dog inspired you to that special relationship enjoyed by so few; that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return.

And when that dear short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend, volumes of pride in one small set of initials after the name.

A title earned is nothing less than love and respect, given and received, and permanently recorded. **-Sandra Mowery**

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The 2022 K-9 title award remembrance

2022 K-9 Title Awardees

Member	Dog	Title received in 2022
Debbie Gilman	Tugg	CGC and Beginner Novice
Deb Hardman	Cody	Beginner Novice B, Rally Novice
Sheila Garbecki	Dannica	RAE, & Rally Master, Agility Fast, Novice Agility, Novice agility Jumpers, Open agility and Open agility Jumpers.
Erika Wilson	Christopher	BN
Judy Fortner	Ani	CH, BCAT, GPDC, CGC, TKN, DCAT
Ann Ouchterloney	Rafa	AKC: NF, NA, OF, OAJ, CPE: CL3-F, CL3-H, CL3-S, USDAA: SSA, SG
Alicia Ziesmer	DJ	RI, C-ATCH, ChJU, OF, NA, NAJ, XF, CCSS-L1, CCSS-L2, C-SWP, C-SWP
Fran Gorman	Compass	Breed champion, NW2, Fast Cat,
Rebecca Grinsell	KAT	AXP
Rebecca Grinsell	Kali	MX, MJB, MFB, T2B2, CDX ,AS,
Rebecca Grinsell	Keela	Conformation Championship, RA, NA, NAJ, NF
Rebecca Grinsell	Kaiya	AX, AXJ, XF, HSAd,
Rebecca Grinsell	Kash	conformation Championship, SCN, SBN, SIN, RA,
Victoria Ford	Merlin	Elite Champion from NACSW, First miniature pinscher to earn Elite Champion title.
Alison Nelson	Coco	Graduate Open, Rally Advanced Excellent, Rally Advanced Excellent#2, Companion Dog Excellent, Rally Master
Alison Nelson	Rex	Companion Dog, Rally Advanced, Rally Excellent, Companion Dog Excellent, Graduate Open
Christine Peterson	Mokka	CGC
Janice Butler	Bella	CGC
Ben Bond	Magic	NPA, NPJ, NPF, Adv Rally
Betsy Raiford	Barkley	Elite 1 Nosework
Ann Hamlin	Penny	NW1, and DCAT
Silke Royer	Saga	RM, CD and SCN, 2022 Pyrenean Shepherd National Specialty Champion
Robin Wallen	Jasper	BN
Lisa Dodge	Quincy	RN: Rally Novice, ACT1J: Agility Course Test 1 Jumpers, RATI: Barn Hunt Rat Instinct, VHMA: Virtual Home Manners Adult
Lisa Dodge	Alice	CH: Champion, TKN: trick dog novice, VHMP: virtual home manners puppy
Karen Childers	Sailor	Elite 1, NW3 Elite, NW3-C, SWM, SIM, SCM, SIEE, SEEE, L1C, L1I
Juli Wilkerson	Wesley	CGC at K9
Juli Wilkerson	Audrey	CGC at K9, AKC NA, NAJ, and NF; USDAA-SSA (Standard Starters Agility)

2022 K-9 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



This year's recipient of the K-9 Outstanding Achievement Award is **Sheila Garbecki** who joined the club in 2011. **Sheila Garbecki** is currently showing in Obedience, Rally, Nosework, RAE, & Rally Master, Agility Fast, Novice Agility, Novice agility Jumpers, Open agility and Open agility Jumpers, to name just a few, with her cocker spaniel Dannica and now new puppy Josie. She is on the K-9 Board, is the Chairperson of the Sunshine Committee, has taught classes and ALWAYS has time to offer help to any dog team who needs advice. To sum it up, she will do anything to support K-9 and the sport of Dog Trailing. Her most recent – and most significant achievement, however, was -received through an email address and a write up about Dannica as where she placed the top 5 of all Cocker Spaniels. I was beyond excited and humbled.

Sheila did further research and found Dannica was actually **Number 3 Cocker Spaniel**. Dannica's registered name is Rotojet's Ready to Roll at Little life. . This will be during a dry period in Obedience and we hope we will see a much more successful entry. We gratefully give the Outstanding Achievement Award to **Sheila Garbecki**.

2022 K-9 GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Each year at our annual K-9 meeting recognizes a club member to receive the good sportsmanship award for their contributions during the previous year. The criteria for this award are those attributes that contribute to sportsmanlike behavior: being supportive to members, providing words of encouragement rather than criticism, having a positive attitude, being respectful of others, being willing to learn from their mistakes and helping others to do better by sharing similar experiences.

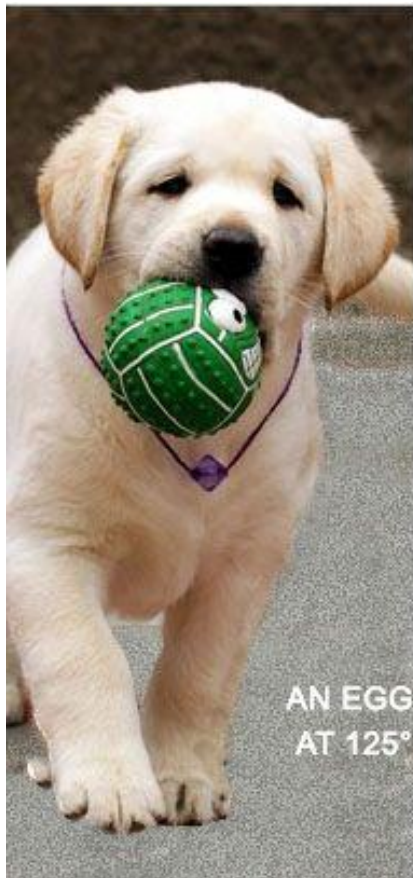
Our 2022 recipient has displayed these criteria and many more and is willing to help anyone do better with their canine partner. Our recipient is willing to help you train in a clear and constructive manner through encouraging members to have fun with their partners. If one method to train isn't working, she suggests other options, she is vested in having you succeed with your dog as a team. Our recipient became a member of the club in 2021 and after moving to the area jumped in by teaching numerous classes. I am pleased to award the 2022 Good Sportsmanship Award to **Erika Wilson**.

> PROTECT YOUR DOG'S PAWS



AIR TEMP	CONCRETE	ASPHALT
80°	95°	115°
85°	105°	130°
90°	125°	140°
95°	140°	155°

7 SECOND RULE - PLACE HAND ON THE SURFACE
TOO HOT FOR YOUR HAND, TOO HOT FOR YOUR HOUND



If the air is **HOT**,
the asphalt is **HOTTER!**

Press the back of your hand firmly against the asphalt for 7 seconds to verify that it will be comfortable for your dog.

When the air is this,
the temperature has been measured at this! *

<u>AIR Temperature</u>	<u>ASPHALT Temperature</u>
77°	125°
86°	135°
87°	143°



AN EGG CAN FRY IN 5 MINUTES AT 131° F
AT 125° skin destruction can occur in 60 seconds!

* These temperature correlations represent worst case scenario variables. Data Source: Berens J. Thermal contact burns from streets and highways Journal of the American Medical Association; 214 (11): 2025-2027"

Speaker Series – Katie Worley

Service Dogs, Therapy Dogs/Animals & Emotional Support Animals

What's the difference between them and which branch of the government defines and regulates them? Are certifications, special equipment and/or letters from your physician required?

Find out 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 17, 2023 at K9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville, Inc. **NO dogs permitted at this event except service dogs.**



Katie Worley, RMFT-I, will clarify these three types of dogs/animals that have very distinct roles along with qualifications, that are geared to improve the overall health of individuals.

Katie is a Registered Marriage and Family Therapist Intern (RMFT-I) in the state of Florida, currently working towards her licensure. Over the last four and a half years, she has worked at Starting Point Behavioral Healthcare and has seen firsthand how animals can help people when they are going through a difficult time in their lives. Incorporating a therapy dog into sessions allowed my clients to feel more at ease, enabling them to open and express themselves freely without fear of judgment.

Handouts and class schedules will be made available.

K9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville, Inc., 2638 Powers Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32207

If you know someone who has knowledge/experience on a topic our members could benefit from, send their contact information to **Colleen Whalen** directly, at K9Whalen@comcast.net

THE ANNUAL JULY MEETING



The purple orchid was a thank you to Ginny for being president from Deb Hardman.

The weather didn't cooperate as is typical for July so the meeting and potluck was held indoors. Although we were a bit cramped a good time was had by all. No one went home hungry.

This Fuzzy Caterpillar Conceals a Venom Unlike Any Ever Seen in Insects

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Asp

caterpillars are among the most venomous caterpillars in the Americas. ([Judy Gallagher/Flickr/CC BY 2.0](#))

Caterpillars with a notoriously painful sting may have evolved their venom with help from ancient microbes, according to a new study led by scientists from the University of Queensland in Australia.

Their analysis has uncovered signs that a process known as horizontal gene transfer may have allowed sequences for toxins to jump from bacteria to the insect some time in their evolutionary past.

While the caterpillar's venom remains largely shrouded in mystery, researchers say its molecular secrets could turn out to be surprisingly beneficial for us.

The caterpillars wielding this venom are larvae of flannel moths (*Megalopyge*); a soft, fuzzy genus native to North and South America. They're sometimes called "**puss caterpillars**," since their luxuriant coats of hairlike bristles can make them look like caterpillar-sized cats. But that's not their only nickname. Also known as **asp caterpillars** there's a hidden danger below those bristles. The caterpillars' fur obscures an arsenal of venomous spines, which can inject powerful toxins into any would-be predators or hapless humans who touch them. This venom causes an immediate and intense burning pain commonly inspiring descriptions such as "being hit with a baseball bat," "walking on hot coals," or "the worst pain a patient has ever experienced," the researchers write.

Some animal venoms have proven useful to humans in recent years, and a growing field of research now views them as potential goldmines. Certain snake and spider venoms, for example, show "amazing potential" to inspire new medications, the study's authors say.

Keep an eye out at K-9 as there have been several sightings and some members have been stung. Make sure when you move equipment to look before you touch or wear gloves.



CONGRATULATIONS

“Barks and Brags”

Daytona Beach July 15, 2023

Carol Fitzsimmons’ Grace earned her second leg in Beginner Obedience



Carol Fitzsimmons, Grace and Judge Kincaid

Daytona Beach, July 15, 2023.

Rex (**Alison Nelson**) UDX leg 1; Rex qualified in Open B and Utility B with 4th place in each class, first time in the ring for Utility Dog Excellent



Alison Nelson and Rex

“Barks and Brags” Cont’d

MADTA July 2023

Samantha Giacolone’s

Peach (GSP- Woodlyn the Sweet Cide RI CGC TKI) and Mango (Aussie - T-N-T’s Ghost Water RI BCAT ACT1 CGC TKA) have been competing in Rally this summer. “The Fruits” both earned their Intermediate Rally titles at our last trial at MADTA and now will be competing next month in Daytona to finish their Advanced titles.



Mango, Samantha and Peach

When submitting a brag please add “**Brag**” to the email subject line.

Thanks

UPCOMING FLORIDA TRIALS

August 2023					
Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
05-06	RLY	Dog Training Club of Tampa	Tampa	Jul 28	L Mills, PM Young
05-06	O	Aust Shep Club Central FLA	Orlando	Jul 26	K Kincaid, AP Kincaid
11-13	RLY, O	Mid Fla Gold Retriever Club	Daytona	Jul 26	SP Emerson, NE Noonan, C Mett, CA Klein
19-20	O	Sarasota Obed Training Club	Myakka City	Aug 09	L. Seeley
26-27	RLY	Dog Train Club of St Petersburg	St Petersburg	Aug 18	J Kern, PP Barras

September 2023					
Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
03	O	Dog Training Club of St Petersburg	St Petersburg	Aug 16	L Pinnell, PN Gannon, D Eddins
04	O	Tampa Bay Area Shetland Sheepdog Club	St Petersburg	Aug 16	N Grimm, L Pinnell
09-10	RLY	Indian River Dog Training Club	Palm Bay	Aug 23	L Currey, DP Neufeld
16-17	RLY	Imperial Polk Obed Club	Lakeland	Aug 30	NE Noonan, CA Klein, PPP
22-24	RLY	Marion Alachua Dog Training	Ocala	Sep 06	K Kincaid, AP Kincaid
23-24	O	Orlando Dog Training Club	Orlando	Sep 06	TBA
30	RLY	Orlando Dog Training Club	Orlando	Sep 13	TBA


October 2023					
Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
01	Rly	Orlando Dog Training Club	Orlando	Sep 13	N Heidt, BJC Critelli
01	Rly, O	Dog Obedience Club of Hollywood	Davie	Sep 20	CA Klein
07-08	Rly, O	K-9 Obedience Club JAX	Daytona Bch	Sep 20	ENA, AP Kincaid, K Kincaid, NJ Watson
14-15	Rly	Aust Shep Club Central Fla	Ocala	Oct 14	ENA
19	Rly, O	Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club USA	Ocala	Sep 27	BJC Critelli, J Kern
20-21	Rly	Sarasota Obedience Training Club	Myakka City	Oct 13	E McCarthy, NE Noonan
21-22	O	Imperial Polk Obed Club of Lakeland	Lakeland	Oct 4	S Sherman, MC Burford, R Cox
21-22	O	Jupiter-Tequesta Dog Club	Jupiter	Oct 4	CA Knight, RH Knight

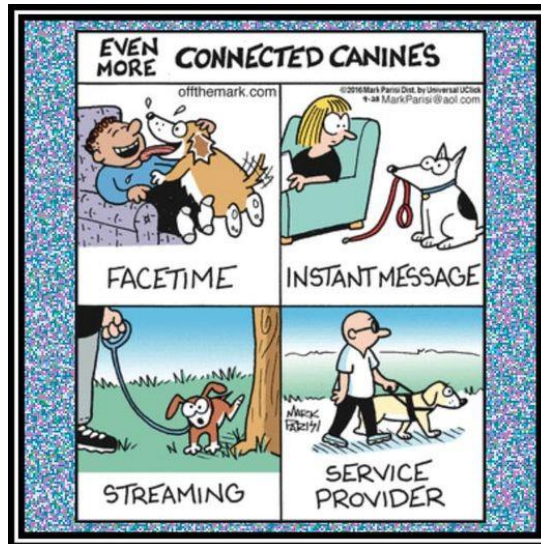
RLY (Rally), O (Obedience), PO (preferred Obedience), NA (Not yet Approved), TBA (To Be Announced) ENA (event not approved), P (pended), PJA (pending judge approval), PPP (Pending Panel Processing)

K9 Club Events Calendar for August

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

Please check the K-9 web calendar for any last-minute updates

	<h3>Dates to Remember at the K9 Club</h3>
Aug 10 7pm Board of Governors Meeting	Aug 17 General Meeting with speaker





K9 Webpage

For questions or comments related to the K9 Web pages please contact **Alison Nelson** at anelsonphs@yahoo.com. Thanks to Alison for updating the website.

Membership Committee

Any membership questions can be sent to **Coleen Whalen** (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.

Building and Grounds

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

Facebook Page

Ginny Ruskuski administrates the Facebook Page. For issues or additions related to the Facebook please email Ginny 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.



Nature’s Miracle

Program Committee

Colleen Whalen and **Deb Hardman** are out program committee. If you have suggestions for speakers contact with Colleen contact **Colleen Whalen** (K9Whalen@comcast.net) or **Deb Hardman** (debhardman1@comcast.net) with suggestions.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please email any material you would like included in the Newsletter to petersonchris7@hotmail.com. If not received by the 25th of this month it will be included in the next issue.

SNEAK PEEK AT THE FINISHED QUILT



Courtesy of Deb Gilman