

### 2021 Board Members

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**K9 Website Calendar** - Colleen Whalen



### New Members

**Full:** none

**Provisional:** Janice Butler

### From the President's Desk

The Holidays are fast upon us! I hope you will join us for our annual Holiday Party/Meeting on Thursday, December 16th at 7:00 PM in the Clubhouse. There will be a short (I promise!) meeting followed by a pot luck dinner.

After dinner we will have our gift exchange game. Joining the game is optional but if you wish to play you **MUST** bring a gift. What kind of gift? Well, dog themed gifts are popular, of course. Alcohol is always a hit. Basically, anything you think other people/dog people would find desirable. There's a \$20.00 limit on cost but I've seen that ignored many times over the years. Find something others would find really, really cool – and give up any hope of going home with something you wanted for yourself. Bring your very best version of good sportsmanship.

For the pot-luck, you can coordinate dishes with me at ruskuski5030@att.net or text at 904 661 8999. That way, we can keep track of what's going to be on the buffet and won't have 12 desserts and 2 main courses.

The trials were a disappointment with such a low entry, but I was encouraged to see so many Rally Novice A entries. These people are the future of our sport and I think they all left happy. I want to thank all of you who volunteered at the trials and everyone who was friendly and welcoming to these newbies.

Rachel Flatley will be giving the second installment of her seminar Dec. 4 and we're looking forward to that.

There will be new classes starting in January and posted to the website in early December. Again, my sincere thanks to all the members who have volunteered their time to instruct.

I hope all of you have a joyous Holiday season and a wonderful 2022! - Ginny



**Join the Fun!  
K9's Holiday  
Party December  
16th!**



**What will you bring to share?  
An appetizer, salad, main dish or dessert?**



**Let Ginny know  
what you plan to  
bring**

ruskuski5030@att.net or  
text at 904 661 8999

**Don't forget the  
White Elephant Gift  
Exchange**



**What surprises will  
there be? You have to  
be in it to find out?**

## December's Training Director's Report



As most of you will have heard by now, I will be leaving Jacksonville in the next month or so to return to Missouri since both of the relatives who I moved here to be with me have passed.

I am not sure who will be assuming this position, but the President, with Board approval, will be making that decision shortly. In the interim, we (Alison, myself, Christine) are working to get a schedule of January classes posted on the website by December! Check it out for classes you might want to take.

I have enjoyed my time at K9 and have met wonderful people and had the pleasure to train with a number of you. Again, I can't thank those of you who have taught recently enough! Alison, Deb, and Christine have been so helpful to me and to the club, having given so much to make the new enrollment system work. K9 has changed a good deal in the past year and is now positioned, I believe, to become an even better club. I wish all of you well and will continue my membership to see how things are going. I will continue to be a part of the project with UNF students to set up an online registration process. This system will be tested in the spring and be ready to go as you enroll students in classes for next fall.

I wish all of you, and your dogs, a very, very happy holiday season!

--- Dianne

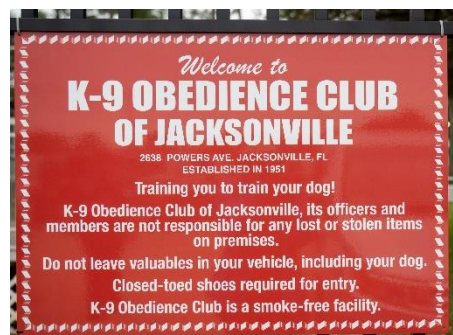
## K9 Dog Obedience Trial



**Betsy Raiford** was the trial photographer for the Rally and Obedience Trials on November 13 & 14. The K-9 Club is very grateful to Betsy for the hours she spent taking and editing pictures that will be used to also refresh the website.

Another big “Thank You” also goes to **Terri Reel** who provided enough decorations for 2 seasonal themed tables; Thanksgiving and Christmas for photographs. They were so Festive!!!

A “shout-out” goes to **Debbie Gilman** who used her artistic talent to paint the K9 name in the cement by the entrance and designed the new K9 Club sign that hangs on the gate. Did you notice?



A final “Thank You” goes to **Alison Nelson** who spent countless hours getting the club spruced up and ready for the show and supervised all those volunteers, who were too numerous to name, who came to assist.

## Rachel Flatley Seminar

The dates for the second Rachel Flatley seminar are January 23 and March 6, 2022. Both dates are on Sundays and will start at 9:00 AM. The format is the same--4 hrs of instruction. Reservations for private lessons will begin after Rachel has eaten lunch. You reserve your private lesson with Rachel directly and pay her the day of the lesson.

Registration is now open. Pay by December 1 to ensure we have enough people to pay the presenter fee. If I do not have enough, the seminar will be canceled.

If you want a mesh bag or meal cards, tell Rachel directly and arrange payment with her.

Print the Seminar Registration form below, fill in and send with your check:

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**Seminar Registration form Rachel Flatley Seminar**  
at K-9 Obedience Club 2638 Powers Ave., Jacksonville  
2 Half Day Sessions Jan. 23 & March 6 at 9:00 AM

**Mail Check payable to K-9 Obedience Club to:**  
Alison Nelson, 1808 Fallbridge Lane, Ponte Vedra, 32081

***Entry fees are Nonrefundable***

Working Spot K-9 Member \$100; Nonmember \$120  
Audit (dogs do not attend) K-9 Member \$50; Nonmember \$60

(check one) \_\_\_\_\_ Working Spot or \_\_\_\_\_ Audit / Fee enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please print the following information clearly:

name \_\_\_\_\_  
address \_\_\_\_\_ city &  
zip \_\_\_\_\_  
telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
text message phone # if different \_\_\_\_\_  
email \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation will be sent via email.

Please note that you may video your dog while working, but no video of Rachel's lecture or working her dogs is permitted.



## 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

It's that time of year again for **ANNUAL DUES**: Dues are **\$35.00 per person** and **\$45.00 per family** for one year. The membership year is from January 1 through December 31. Emails reminders were already sent by Colleen Whalen (membership committee).

## Sunshine Committee

Sheila Garbecki has agreed to oversee 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.

## K9 Calendar

Colleen Whalen updates the Calendar on the K9 Website. For issues or additions related to the calendar please contact Colleen at [K9Whaen@comcast.net](mailto:K9Whaen@comcast.net).

Thanks to Colleen for keeping this updated.

## Facebook Page

Ginny Ruskuski administrates the Facebook Page. For issues or additions related to the calendar please contact Ginny at [Ruskuski5030@att.net](mailto:Ruskuski5030@att.net).

Thanks to Ginny for keeping an eye on the posts.

## Watch out for that Holiday Food

We all know **chocolate** is not good for dogs. As a rule, the darker the chocolate, the more toxic; while a 6-ounce bar of milk chocolate may have no effect at all on a 60-pound lab, but that same bar of dark chocolate could result in serious health problems.

Certain **nuts** can also be highly toxic to dogs, especially **macadamia** nuts and **walnuts**. Other nuts pose different hazards: choking, intestinal obstruction, and even seizures are common. Nuts are also high in fats, which can result in problems as mild as stomach upset or as serious as pancreatitis.

Trimmings and fat from your holiday meats can be problematic as well, watch out for those bones which can splinter and cause obstruction or lacerations of the digestive system. When in doubt, avoid giving your dog anything from the holiday table.

And never allow your dog to drink alcohol, even if they are over 21.

## MEET OUR NEW PROVISIONAL CLUB MEMBERS

My name is Diane Martin and my husband and I are the proud owners of Petey, a 13 month old Rat Terrier with a huge personality! I bet you could've guessed that he was a Pirate for Halloween! Aarrgh! Our last RT, Ricky, was almost 17 when he died in 2018, and he was such a good pup. So we decided after a couple of years that we needed another one. So far, Petey's a sweetheart and loves to play with any and every dog, no matter how big. We would love to take more obedience classes and see how he'd do in Agility or Nose Work, but we have a long way to go... My background is in Apparel sales for two major brands, Levi Strauss Dockers and Polo Ralph Lauren, but I'm retired now and have volunteered for San Marco Preservation Society for years. Looking forward to meeting everyone and making new friends!



## MEET OUR NEW PROVISIONAL CLUB MEMBERS

Hi, my name is Janice and Bella is my 7 year old Portuguese Water Dog. This is my third time joining the club and Bella is my 3rd PWD, though she is my first breeder re-home as an adult dog rather than my boys who were puppies from breeder friends.

I took classes at K-9 with both Angus & Zander, who each earned multiple titles during our time here and in Colorado. Bella's breeder was looking for someone that had experience living with and training PWDs, and I was fortunate enough to become the blessed new mom for this amazing girl. We rescued each other as I had unexpectedly lost Zander to Hemangiosarcoma a few months before Bella needed a new home. We have been working hard together, building our bond and helping her become a more confident girl out in the big world. We've enjoyed being in Terri's Skills class this quarter as we hope to get into the performance ring in 2022.

It's been great seeing familiar faces and meeting new people and I look forward to being active in the club again.







CONGRATULATIONS

## “Barks and Brags” Recent Trial Updates

### September 2021 Pals and Paws Agility Club

Sheila Garb has a super brag on Dannica her SUPERSTAR!!  
They had their 2nd ever agility trial yesterday with Pals & Paws agility club at the Equestrian Center. They entered Fast, Time2beat, Standard, and Jumpers. Well.... Dannica was a ROCK star... Sheila couldn't be more happy with her performances. She took home 2nd place in her Fast class, she was 4th place with a Q in Standard, In Time2beat she did not qualify for a Q, because of a dropped bar, but her run was outstanding. She took 1st Place in Jumpers.... Thanks to [Gill Chapman](#) for her coaching and my other agility friends for all your help.



### October 2021 Brevard County Dog Club at Daytona Beach

Alison Nelson’s Coco earned 5th Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE) Leg.

Rex earned 2nd Rally Intermediate leg.



Coco and Rex

## “Barks and Brags” Recent Trial Updates Cont’d

### November 2021 K9 Obedience Club Trials

Rex, Alison Nelson, Rally Intermediate title  
Novice B-2 legs

Coco, Alison Nelson, RAE (Rally Advanced  
& Excellent) leg 6



Rex and Coco

### November 2021, K9 Obedience Club

November 13, 2021 came very quickly for Tugg and I. The weeks leading up to it were very busy. Besides getting the club grounds spruced up, I had a full schedule outside of K9.

I was worried that we were not ready for an intermediate test after his long layoff after surgery. But, we were determined to give it a shot. We went last in our class. I had read the wrong map and had not practiced figure 8's with distractions! It was the first sign, so we were off to a tough start. We finished and the judges call us back into the ring. I was shocked when I read the scores and saw we had a 91! I was amazed to score a 91 to earn our intermediate title and get a first place as well.

I am so proud of Tugg and his fighting spirit in light of surgery for two herniated discs.



Debbie Gilman and Tugg

## “Barks and Brags” Recent Trial Updates Cont’d

### November 2021 K9 Obedience Club JAX

Jean Corker and her Bernese Mountain Dog, placed 2nd with a qualifying score in rally intermediate



### November 2021 K9 Obedience Club of JAX

Dianne Strickland and Carson went High Combined on Saturday and High in Trial on Sunday earning Carson's first UDX leg on Saturday.



## “Barks and Brags” Recent Trial Updates Cont’d

We finally got our picture made for Saxon’s Obedience Trial Championship (OTCH) earned in 2019. Thanks to Betsy for the great photo and to Terri for the nice setup!

Saxon also began his Rally career with a first place on Saturday and a second place on Sunday for his RN title. (not so bad for a 10 1/2 year old!)



### November 2021 K9 Obedience Club of JAX

Ben Bond and Magic got their Rally Novice Title



### November 2021 K9 Obedience Club Rally Trials

"Many K9 Obedience Club Rally students qualified and placed in the November trial.

Way to go Team K-9!"  
 Here's the list:  
 Robin Wallen  
 Deb Hardman  
 Jean Coker  
 Julie Schuneman  
 Jaime Simpson

# ***Estate Sale***

**1441 Palmer St, Mayport  
December 9, 10 & 11**

**I'm having an estate sale of my niece's belongings. Need some Christmas decorations or presents or stocking stuffers?**

**Furniture:** couches, recliners, bedroom suites, dining suite, office stuff, Adirondack chairs.

**Fishing materials**

**Christmas stuff**

**China Sets**

**Jewelry**

**Cut glass**

**Exercise equipment**

**Yard implements**

**Kitchen appliances**

**Beach cruiser**

**Kayak**

**Baskets**

**Linens**

**And much, much more!**

**Paid advertisement from Dianne Strickland**

## Titling Awards LAST CHANCE

**One final reminder to all those  
Tardy HANDLERS THIS IS YOUR  
LAST OPPORTUNITY!!!!**



It's catch-up time for K-9 title awards!! Did you earn one or more titles with your dog(s) in 2019 and/or 2020? If so, congratulations are in order AND you will be awarded one beautiful leather leash in recognition of your achievement(s).

Awards will be handed out at the December Christmas party on December 16, 2021 at K-9.

TO RECEIVE YOUR AWARD, FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Send the following information to Sheila Garbecki with an email to [sbgarb1@yahoo.com](mailto:sbgarb1@yahoo.com)
2. Put Dog Titles received 2019 and /or 2020 in the Subject line
3. State your name, dog's name, title--(for clarity give the letters and the words with the sport i.e., CD (Companion Dog in Obedience), year of title, club/place where titled
4. Send to Sheila by December 9<sup>th</sup> Include all the dogs and titles you have earned during 2019 and during 2020.

Although you will be awarded one leash regardless of how many titles you earned, all the titles will be printed in the "Tails" newsletter and on a new "Titles" page for K-9 website. Remember, some members will not know what the title letters stand for or what sport it's in, so it's important to include this. K-9 is proud of its members!! Keep in mind that the many achievements of K-9 members, their personal experience and success in dog sports is what sets us apart from other training programs and facilities with classes.

December					
Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
10	RLY	Obedience Club of Daytona	Daytona	Nov 24	RE Miller
11-12	O	Obedience Club of Daytona	Daytona	Nov 24	AS Albert, C Parrish, RR Withers
15-17	RLY; O	Orlando Dog Training Club	Orlando	Nov 17	N. Hayes; NJ Watson, RR Withers, E Chase

January 2022					
Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
6-7	O, RLY	Hernando County Kennel Club	Brooksville	Dec 22	K Kincaid (O), BJC Critelli (RLY), O. Chever (O), K Kincaid (R)
8-9	RLY, O	Pasco Florida Kennel Club	Brooksville	Dec 22	C Parrish (RLY), C. Parrish, D. P Neufeld (O)
15-16	RLY, O	Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County	Lake Park	Dec 29	RJ Withers, NJ Watson
15	O	Clearwater Kennel	Brooksville	Dec 29	DP Neufeld
16	RLY, O	Manatee Kennel Club	Brooksville	Dec 29	DP Neufeld (RLY), TBA (O)
21-23	O	Marion Alachua Dog Training Association	Ocala	Jan 05	BW Selton, RH Knight, CA Knight
29-30	RLY, O	Greater Gainesville Dog Fanciers Assoc	Ocala	Jan 12	J Nocilly, L Pinnelli
29-30	O, RLY	Five Flags Dog Training Club	Pensacola	Jan 12	BL Roland, DP Neufeld, L Pinnell (RLY)
29-30	RLY, O	Dog Obedience Club of Lee County Florida	Punta Gorda	Jan 12	BJ Crim Critelli, RH Knight (O)

February 2022					
Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
18-20	RLY, O	Lakeland Winter Haven Kennel Club	Lakeland	Feb 02	BJ Crim Critelli, O Chever Jr, K Kincaid
20	O	Tallahassee Dog Obedience Club	Tallahassee	Feb 09	L Pinnell, DP Neufeld, AP Kincaid, O Chever Jr, N Heidt
21	RLY, O	Ochlockonee River Kennel Club of Florida	Tallahassee	Feb 09	W O'Brien, L Pinnell
22	RLY, O (NA)	Okaloosa Kennel Club	Tallahassee	Feb 09	NA
26	O	Dog Training Club of Tampa	Tampa	Feb 11	L Seeley, RE Seeley
26-27	O	Indian River Dog Training Club	Palm Bay	Feb 09	RH Knight, CA Knight, RE Seeley
27	O	Ochlockonee River Kennel Club of Florida	Tallahassee	Feb 09	TBA

RLY (Rally), O (Obedience), NA (Not yet Approved, TBA (To Be Announced) RLY (Rally); O (Obedience); NYA (not yet approved), P (pending)

## K9 Club Events Calendar for December

<b>Monday</b> 5:30 PM 6:30 PM	Rally Beginner 11/29-1/22/22 Rally Advanced 11/29-1/22/22	<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b> 6 PM  6:00 PM 7:15 PM	First Tue of the Month - Guide Dogs of Northeast Florida Star Puppy 12/7,14 Star Puppy 12/7,14	<b>Saturday</b> 4:00 PM	Family Dog 11/6-12/11
<b>Wednesday</b> 8-10 AM 9:30 AM 7 PM	Obedience folks train together Obedience/Rally Skills 12/15- Conformation-Run-Throughs early Dec; R. Grinsell	<b>Sunday</b> 8-10 AM	Obedience folks meet to train
<b>Thursday</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs Dec 9 7PM Dec 16 Dec 25	Board of Governors Meeting at K9  <b>Holiday Party and Gift Exchange</b> CHRISTMAS		



### Upcoming Events at the K9 Club

**Dec 4 at 8:30am Rachel Flatley seminar #2**

**Dec 16 at 7pm** – It's finally here the **Annual Christmas party** with the well-known gift exchange (AKA White Elephant). Hope to see you there!



## **LAST CHANCE for the QUILT DRAWING**

The large lap quilt with a luxuriously soft back brown panel that will be heaven to keep us warm when it gets cool again. And since it won't get cool again any time soon, we won't raffle it off until the December Meeting/celebration.

### **BUT...**

In the meantime, any time you attend a K9 meeting or participate as a worker/helper at any event sponsored by K9, you'll get a free ticket to drop into the bucket at the December event.

For those of you who aren't able to join us, tickets will be available for \$5.00 at any event or you can send your check made out to K9 to: Dianne Strickland, 9013 Ft. Caroline Rd, Jax, FL

**And here's the  
Tugg approved  
quilt**



#### **NEWSLETTER EDITOR DEADLINE:**

Please email any material you would like included in the Newsletter to [petersonchris7@hotmail.com](mailto:petersonchris7@hotmail.com) by the 20th of this month.