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Full Members

New Provisional Members

Linda Mikolay, Jennifer
Rootham

President's Letter:

I want to remind everyone about the club's Annual Christmas Party at K9 on Thursday December 21st. We will begin with a brief general meeting and then move to our cover dish dinner and gift exchange. Bring a wrapped gift valued at around \$20.00 and a dessert or dinner dish for our meal. Bring your food in a serving dish with a spoon or fork if required. This is a great opportunity for newer members to meet members and feel a part of the club. I hope to see you there.

On Saturday December 25th, Alison Nelson taught an excellent two-hour workshop on "Find Heel and Marking Accuracy". Let Alison, our training director, know if there is a topic you would like to cover in the future in a one day workshop.

On December 16th, Rachel Flatley will be returning to K9 for a one-day seminar on "Attention, Engagement, and Focus". It will be from 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. Go to our website under seminars and workshops to register. The cost is \$125.00. I have attended all of Rachel's workshops that K9 has offered in the past and taken private lessons from her in Gainesville. I always learn so much. This is an opportunity you will not want to miss. This seminar will be helpful for any level participant. Registration closes soon so go online and sign up.

I have been reading a lot about the respiratory virus that is making so many dogs seriously ill. Recommendation from vets is to avoid dog parks and to see your vet immediately if your dog exhibits any signs of illness.

Wishing everyone a very happy holiday season,

Deb Hardman, President

December Training Director's Report



New Classes to begin in January!

If you want a class on a specific topic, please let Alison Nelson know.

GENERAL MEETING/POTLUCK/VOLUNTEER PRIZE DRAWING/GIFT EXCHANGE

It's that time of year again when we have our December Pot Luck. Please join us for a fun filled evening on December 21st at 7pm until



We will have our general meeting first, then our volunteer recognition (quilt/afgan drawing) followed by our buffet and then the gift exchange. Hope to see all of you there!!



K9 Obedience November Workshop

Alison Nelson conducted a free workshop for members on "**Find Heel and Marking Accuracy**". Participants gained an understanding of how heel position impacts much of obedience training.



Alison Nelson and Coco show a sit that is too far back in heel position



Alison Nelson and Coco show the proper heel position



Rex Nelson shows how the platform size doesn't matter for him; he knows how to sit properly in heel position



Cheryl Loze and Ella demonstrate the use of a platform to get a good heel position

K9 Obedience November Workshop



Sheila Garbecki and Josie practice their platform skills



Terry Martin gets a few pointers from **Alison Nelson** on introducing the use of a platform in teach proper heel position



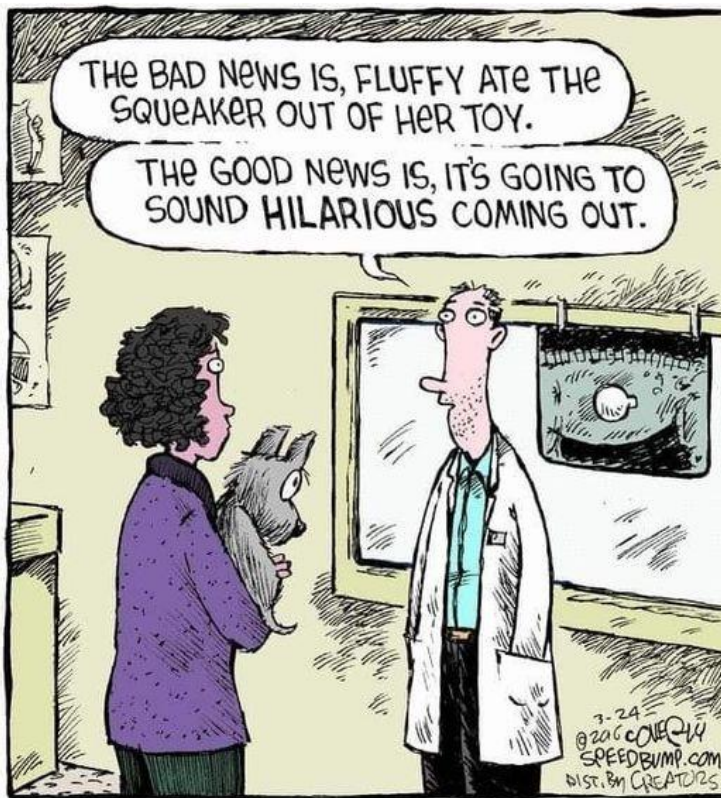
There was a ring full of members working on their newly learned heeling skills



Jacklyn Payne and Eleanor work on getting a onto the platform

“SHOW N GO”

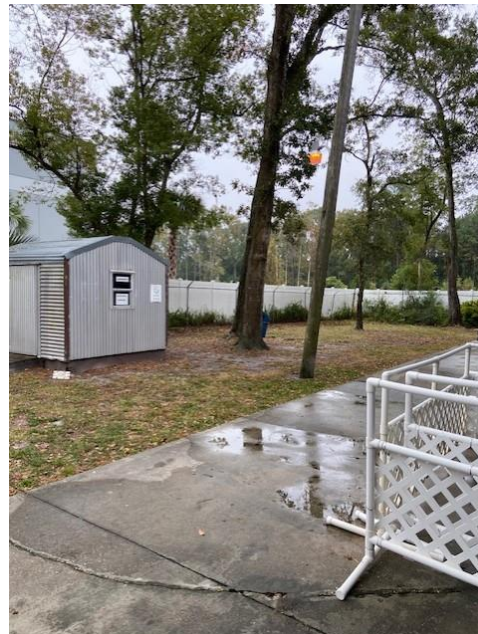
Thank you to **Lisa Brody, Cindy Chambers, Patty Leonard** and **Olivia Sayer** for helping at our November Show n Go.



THANK YOU TO ALL THAT HELPED

Thank you to the crew that came in November to clean up the club grounds. Everyone really got in there and we accomplished so much. We had over 20 bags of leaved anodyne needles filled. Thank you, David and Janet English Carol and Mike Fitzsimmons, Patty Leonard, Olivia Sayer, and Liz Watson.

I'm sorry if I missed anyone! Let me know if I did so I can give you credit for the time volunteered. Debbie Gilman 610-597-5454



CLEAN UP IN NOVEMBER



Rachel Flatley Seminar

SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE

1 Day – Saturday, December 16, 2023 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
\$125.00

Held at K-9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville, 2638 Powers Avenue, Jacksonville, 32207

“ ATTENTION, FOCUS, & ENGAGEMENT”

Rachel Flatley is no stranger to K-9! She has presented numerous seminars and given private lessons afterward to many participants. Rachel's instruction is clear, fun and can change your training for the better. Her instruction and practical experience have been an important part of helping K-9's new trainers learn about the best practices of training dogs. Her topic will concentrate on the foundation needed for all obedience and rally—ATTENTION. She will provide a one full-day seminar that is appropriate for anyone who wants to teach attention or who might find they are struggling getting or maintaining their dog's attention". The seminar is described below:

"Attention, Focus, Engagement -- Learn techniques and games for teaching attention and how to make your training and time in the ring look more alike. Learn about things you are doing that may be undoing all the hard work on attention, focus and engagement. Teach your dog that a distraction is actually a cue to pay attention

REGISTRATION FORM

Rachel Flatley Seminar at K-9 Obedience Club Registration form “ATTENTION, FOCUS & ENGAGEMENT”

2638 Powers Ave., Jacksonville

1 Day Session December 16, 2023

Entry fees are Nonrefundable

Working Spot \$125.00

Registration closes Friday December 15, 2023. Payment with PayPal instructions below. Send registration form to address below.

Please print the following information clearly:

Name _____

Address _____

City & Zip _____

Telephone _____

Text message ph # if different _____

Email _____

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

Pay using PAYPAL to: k9obediencclubjax@gmail.com

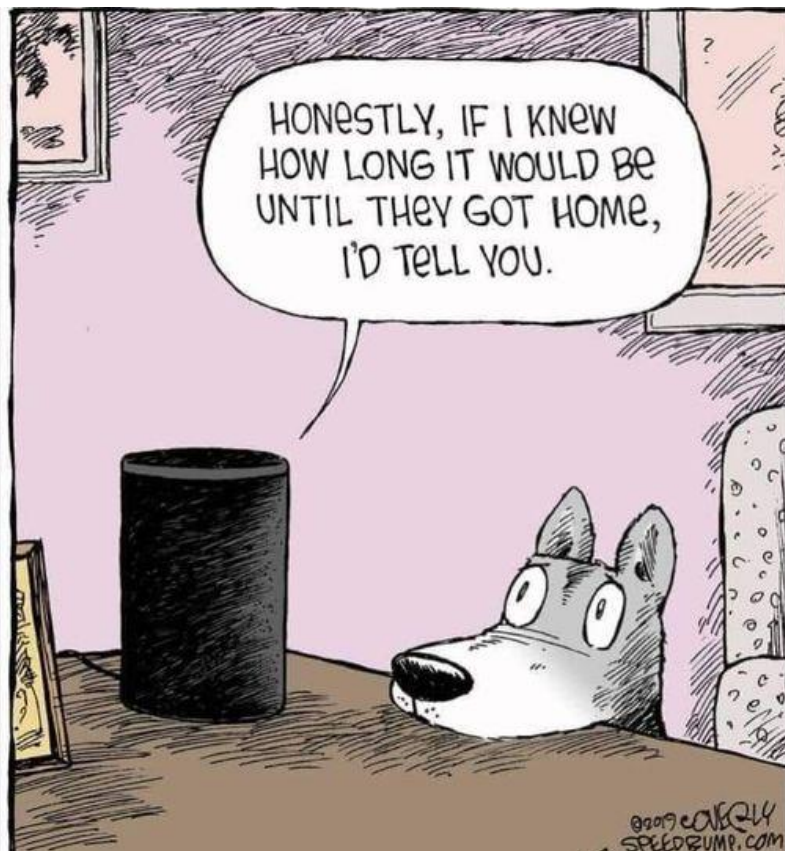
note that payment is for: K-9 Rachel Flatley Seminar Dec 16, 2023

Mail your registration form to:

**Alison Nelson
1808 Falbridge Lane
Ponte Vedra, FL 32081**

Last Call for 2023 Volunteer Hours

Before time and opportunities run out. Remember members, in order to receive the substantial class discount in 2024 you need to be up to date on both your annual dues and volunteer hours. **In addition, you will get your name into the drawing for a chance to win a quilt or afghan.**





“Barks and Brags”



Rebecca Grinsell’s Kali earned her Master Agility Championship title (MACH) at the April NorAust trial.



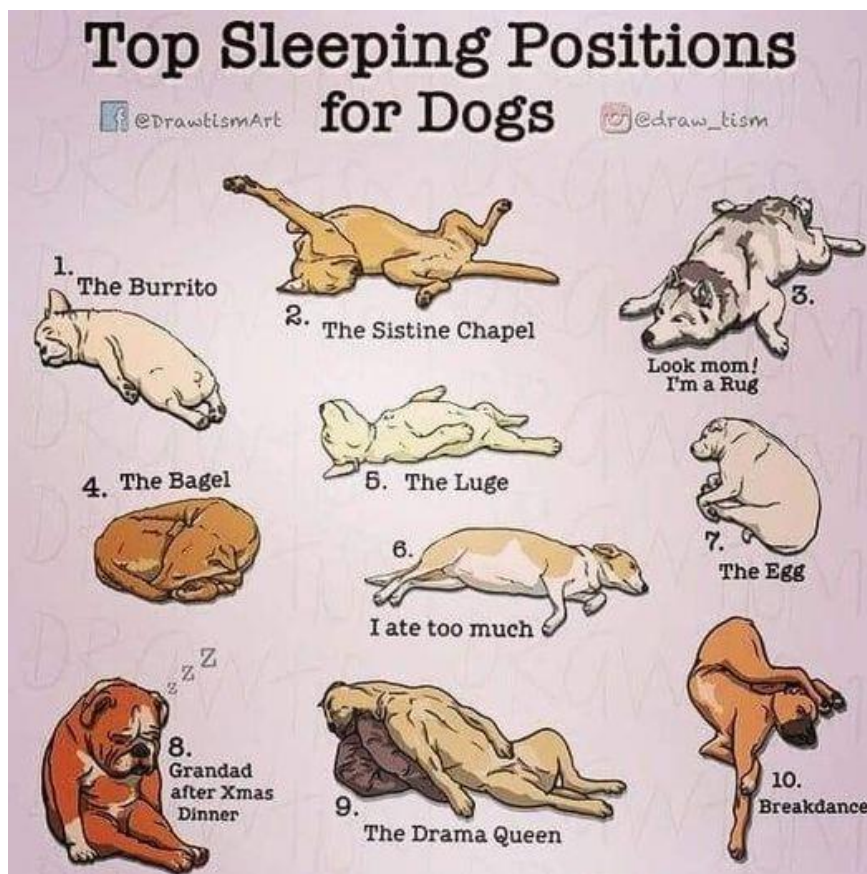
Rebecca Grinsell’s Kaiya earned her Master Agility Championship title (MACH) at the October NorAust trial!

“Barks and Brags” cont’d



Rebecca Grinsell’s Kash earned his 4th QQ towards his MACH at the October NorAust Agility trial!

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



UPCOMING FLORIDA TRIALS

December 2023					
Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
08-10	RLY, O	Obed Club of Daytona	Daytona Bch	Nov 22	TG McCall, RH Knight, CA Knight
13-15	O, RLY	Orlando Dog Training Club	Orlando	Nov 24	CA Knight, R Cox, LL Seale, D Eddins
30-31	O	Miami Obedience Club	Miami	Dec 13	L Seeley

January 2024					
Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
11	ORLY	Hernando Cty Kennel Club	Brooksville	Dec 27	C Melt-Trumbly, L Rixham, PPP
13-14	O	Obedience Training Club of Palm Bch Cty	Lake Park	Dec 27	PPP
13	RLY,O	Pasco Florida Kennel Club	Brooksville	Dec 27	M Becker, O Chever Jr
19-21	O	Marion Alachua Dog Train	Ocala	Jan 03	DP Neufeld, K Kincaid
21	RLY,O	Manatee Kennel Club	Brooksville	Jan 03	M Becker, CA Klein
27-28	O,RLY	Five Flags Dog Training Club	Pensacola	Jan 10	J Kern, ENA, L Pinnell
27-28	RLY,O	Greater Gainesville Dog Fanciers Assoc	Ocala	Jan 10	B Hornfisher, R Hornfisher

February					
Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
16-18	O, Rly	Lakeland Winter Haven	Lakeland	Jan 31	CA Klein, L Currey, O Chever, Jr, M Becker
18	RLY,O	Tallahassee Dog Obed Club	Tallahassee	Jan 31	R Hornfisher, B Hornfisher, MC Burford
19	RLY,O	Ochlockonee River Kennel Club	Tallahassee	Jan 31	MC Burford, R Hornfisher, B Hornfisher
20	O,RLY	Okaloosa Kennel Club	Tallahassee	Jan 31	R Hornfisher, MC Burford, B Hornfisher
24-25	O,	Indian River Dog Training Club	Palm Bay	Feb 07	DE Tessmann-Van Leaven, L Pinnell
24-25	RLY	Dog Training Club of St Petersburg	St. Petersburg	Feb 16	N Heidt, W O'Brien, ENA

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 December

Monday 6:00pm 6:00pm	STAR Puppy Advanced Puppy	Friday	
Tuesday 6:00pm 6:00pm 7:15 pm 7:15pm	STAR Puppy Agility Foundations Family Dog Canine Good Citizen	Saturday:	
Wednesday 8-10am 9:30am 11:00am 12:15pm 6:00pm 6:00pm 7:00 pm 7:00pm	Obedience folks train together Advanced Rally Intermediate Obedience Intermediate Obedience STAR Puppy Advanced Rally Continuing Nose Work Conformation Drop In's	Sunday 8-10am 10 am 11:45	Obedience folks meet to train Intro to Nose work Intro to Odor
Thursday 2 nd Thurs	K9 Board of Governors Meeting		

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



Dates to Remember at the K9 Club

Dec 7 7:00pm Board of Governors Meeting	Dec 21 General Meeting/Potluck
Dec 16 – Rachel Flatley Seminar	Dec 31 New Year's Eve



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

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

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 peteronchris7@hotmail.com. If not received by the 25th of this month it will be included in the next issue.

THIS IS THE MONTH OF THE DRAWING!!



Thanks to **Debbie Gilman** who made and brought the quilt to the general meeting. Look at the design on the underside. It is so soft to the touch. The dog houses have names of some of our K-9 member's dogs.

Get those volunteer hours in, you get a ticket for the hours you volunteer. A drawing of all the collected tickets will be done at the holiday party and the winner will get the quilt or

There is a second chance to win a prize this year!



Olivia Sayer made a beautiful afghan that she donated to the Club.

Notice it's Jaguar's colors. Isn't it beautiful.

Thank you, Livie!