



2021 Board Members

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- K9 Web Calendar** – C. Whalen



New Members
Full: none
Provisional: none

From the President’s Desk

Happy New Year!
 Let’s hope 2022 is an improvement on the last two years. Our Holiday Party/Meeting was a big success with enough members to make the occasion merry. There was a lot of good food and the gift exchange was a hoot! Thank you to all of you who attended and brought a dish. I think everybody had a good time.
 Check out the website – we have new classes starting in January, and big thanks to Juli Wilkison who has added a second Family Dog class due to overwhelming demand. Good news for Provisional Members! Hopefully we will be implementing our Mentoring Program in January! I hope to have details after the January Board meeting.
 I’ve been remiss!

When my sister passed away two months ago, K-9 sent me a lovely bouquet of flowers and I have not yet thanked all of you. The bouquet provided some cheer and distraction during a very sad time.

To all of you (and your dogs), my best wishes for a healthy, happy 2022. - Ginny



Holiday Party Recap

The holiday party was great fun! It started off with a brief meeting that adjourned quickly.

Based upon those who submitted their names to **Sheila Garbecki**, the **Titling Awards** were announced by **Alison Nelson**; 20 leather leashes were presented to members who earned one or more titles in the previous 2 years. A full list of winners and titles earned will be posted on the website.

The drawing for quilt, made and donated by **Debbie Gilman**, was next. The winner was none other than our own **Dianne Strickland**. She was delighted!

Next, we shared a real smorgasbord of delights, everything from soup to salads. The club has such a great group of cooks, and also people who know where to get yummy vittles. No one left hungry and I'm sure many recipes were shared.



After filling our stomachs, we moved onto the 'white elephant exchange'.

There were lots of desirable doggie themed gifts, many of which changed hands several times despite minor protests from their previous owners.

We're all looking forward to **Dennis Nelson** getting his ears pierced and wearing those dog bone earrings he won.



Fond Farewell to Dianne Strickland

We start 2022 on a sad note with a fond farewell to **Dianne Strickland** who begins another adventure in her life.

As many of you know, Dianne's niece was a victim of COVID 19 in 2021 and thus she made a difficult decision to move closer to family. By the time you read this Dianne, Saxon, Megan and Carson will be on their road trip to Missouri.

When Dianne joined K-9, 5 years ago or so, she joined a club that was struggling to offer quality Obedience training due to a lack of instructors and shortage of active members that would volunteer for the numerous roles that a dog club requires. Dianne also identified a missing ingredient in any successful club--ongoing fun activities for all members participate in. Being a seasoned and very successful trainer (OTCH and more titles) Dianne worked tirelessly to change K-9 for the better: She taught numerous classes sharing her expertise, became Training Director, set up obedience trials, updated the Constitution and Bylaws, arranged informative programs for General Meetings, mentored students, recruited new instructors, found ways for new members to support the club with volunteer hours--in short, Dianne revived K-9 Obedience in many ways that make this a better club for everyone.



Dianne, Carson, Megan and Saxon

While Dianne is physically leaving us for Missouri, she has pledged her continued support regarding the UNF initiative. More than that, her excellent accomplishments remain and serve as a model of how to form relationships that strengthen K-9 and get things done.

She will be missed, our loss is Missouri's gain, "Farewell Dianne!"

---Alison Nelson and Christine Peterson

January's Training Report

We've got a bunch of classes starting up in 2022. Three STAR puppy, Intro to Rally, Advanced Rally, Nose Work, Obedience & Rally Skills and 2 Family Dog classes.

Many classes are already full but there are still some spots in Intro to Rally and Advanced Rally on Monday evenings with **Sheila Garbecki** as our instructor. Both are really FUN classes and challenge even the handlers. Nose work taught by **Marcia Ladendorff** also has another Wednesday evening class.

Email K9 Dog Obedience Club (dgilmank9@gmail.com) if you're interested in signing up for one of them.



Thanks to all our instructors who volunteer their time and expertise to teaching owners and their dogs!

There has been a great response the Rachel Flately seminars. Here is a picture of the students currently having lots of fun learning with Rachel. The next series starts in January.

There are still some spots left (see a description later in the newsletter).



MEMBERSHIP DUES

IT'S TIME TO
RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP

By now all of you should have received an email from **Colleen Whalen**, the chair of the membership committee. If you haven't received an email, please contact Colleen. The annual membership dues for 2022 are due now. Please send the completed form and your check made out to K9 Dog Obedience Club to Colleen as soon as possible.

If you need another form or have any other membership questions, please email Colleen (k9whalen@comcast.net).

Remember paying dues helps fund club activities and also provides active members (i.e., those who also contribute a little bit of time to club related activities) with substantially discounted class fees.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



The Daytona show is just around the corner and before you know it, it will be here. Hours volunteered will be put towards your Club hours that keep you as an "active" member. Start thinking now how you can volunteer to make the trial, and club, a success. Contact **Alison Nelson** for how you can help.

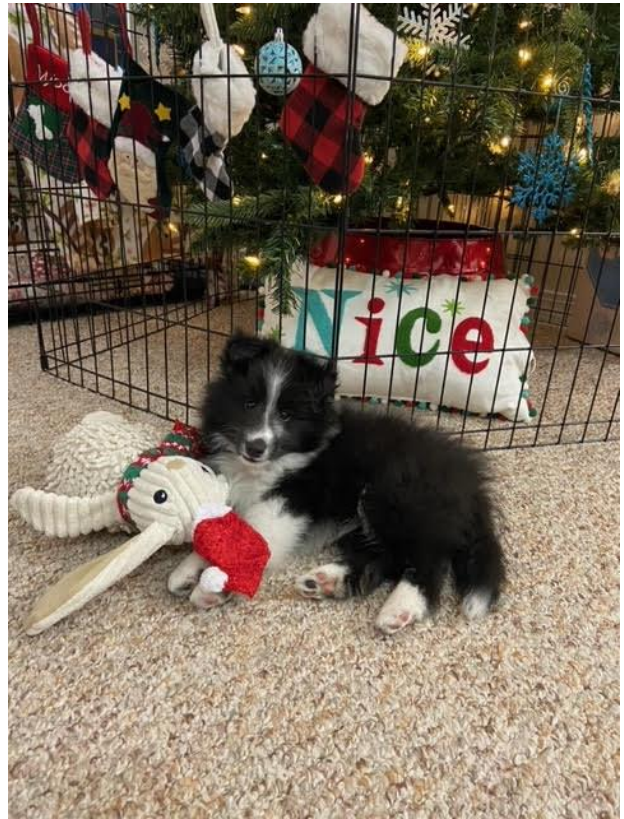
It's Puppy Time

Terri Reel has got a new puppy!

Welcome...Himarks Cryptic Blue Jeans "Levi".. he's a bi blue cryptic color.

Very small amount of blue Merle gray on white collar and a splash of silver under his left eye.. related to Jive and Mica.. 9 weeks old and full of himself.

We'll be seeing Terri and Levi soon in the STAR Puppy Class.



Levi is being good for Santa

Rachel Flatly Seminar January/March 2022

The dates for the second set of Rachel Flatly seminars 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. Reserve your private lesson with Rachel directly and pay her the day of the lesson.

If you want a mesh bag or meal cards, Rachel will be bringing some to the first class and after that it will be on a requested basis.

There are 2 working spots available and an unlimited number of audit positions.

Print the Seminar Registration form on the next page, fill in and send with your check:

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. 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) if you didn't receive one, please contact Colleen.

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. Thanks to Shelia for volunteering to serve on this committee.

Facebook Page

Ginny Ruskuski administrates the Facebook Page. For issues or additions related to the calendar please contact Ginny at Ruskuski5030@att.net. Thanks to Ginny for keeping an eye on the posts.

K9 Website 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. Thanks to Colleen for keeping this updated.

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





CONGRATULATIONS

“Barks and Brags” Recent Trial Updates

December 2021 Jacksonville Equestrian Center USDAA Agility Trial

Dannica and Sheila Garbecki came home with 2 first placements. One in Starters Gamblers, and one in Jumpers. Then she had her first ever Masters Rally trial; they came home with one double Q and additional Qualifying scores going towards a future Title.

Dannica also participated in a Nose work trial, while she did not earn her NW2 title, she found all but one hide and she took 3rd place in the interior building search with 2 pronounced from the judges.



Sheila and Dannica

November 2021 Agility Trial at Pals-n-paws,

Juli Wilikison and Audrey competed in their 1st ever agility trial. Audrey was amazing, happy, engaged, and enjoyed herself immensely.



In addition, they managed to earn a qualifying leg in Novice Standard with a 95 and 2nd place!

December 2021 - Obedience Club of Daytona

Alison Nelson and Coco. Open A, leg 1,
2nd place



Coco

December 2021 Royal Canin Championship, Orlando, Fl.

Belladonna's Antonella (Ani)
Puppy Sweepstakes's 6-9 month
took 1st place



Ani

THE CANINE LEARNING CORNER



Did you know?

Dogs have 18 muscles to move their ears.

Dog ears are good for more than just taking *scratches*. There are 18 muscles which allow dogs to move their ears in very intricate ways. That's very important for picking up sounds. Plus, your dog's ears give you a clue as to how they're feeling: If they're laying flat back against their head, your pooch may be scared. If they're pointing straight up, they're alert and on the case, and they tend to droop it could be they've done something they shouldn't have.

A dog's nose is its fingerprint

Dog noses have unique patterns that can serve to identify them, similar to human fingerprints. In April 2021, IAMS dog food company launched an app that uses this fact to help reunite lost pups with their owners. The app is called NOSEiD. After you download NOSEiD, scan your pet's nose and upload it to their database. If they ever escape your yard, any concerned human who finds them can search the app for a match.

Dogs may be able to fall in love with you.

Thanks to science, you can know, for a fact, that your dog loves you back. A 2015 study at Azabu University in Japan found an uptick in the level of oxytocin (sometimes known as "the love hormone") in both dogs and their owners when they stare at each other.

Dogs do sweat but only through their paws

Dogs have sweat glands but only on their paws, not the rest of their bodies. Since that area is so small it isn't enough to cool them down. That's why they ventilate and exchange heat primarily through panting

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	Okaloosa Kennel Club	Tallahassee	Feb 09	RR Withers, DP Neufeld RLY (TBA)
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

March 2022					
Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
05-06	O, RLY	Pensacola Dog Fanciers Assoc	Pensacola	Feb 16	J Kern, RL Garvin, ENA (R)
11-13	RLY	Sarasota Obed Training Club	Myakka City	Feb 23	ENA
19-20	O	Jupiter-Tequesta Dog Club	Jupiter	Mar 02	CA Boyles, RR Withers
26-27	O	Central Florida Obedience	Orlando	Mar 09	AS Albert, DP Neufeld, RR Withers

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

K9 Club Events Calendar for January

Monday 5:30 PM Rally Beginner 1/10 to 2/14/22 6:30 PM Rally Advanced 1/10 to 2/14/22 6:00 pm Star Puppy 1/10 to 2/21/22 7:15 pm Star Puppy 1/10 to 2/21/22		Friday	
Tuesday 6 PM First Tue of the Month - Guide Dogs of Northeast Florida 6:30 PM Nose Work 1/11 to 2/22/22		Saturday: 10:30 AM Obedience & Rally Skills (Ring 2) 1/8 to 2/12/22 2:30 PM Family Dog 1/8 to 2/19/22 4:00 PM Family Dog 1/8 to 2/19/22	
Wednesday 8-10 AM Obedience folks train together 6:00 pm Nose Work 1/12 to 2/23/22 7 PM Conformation Drop Ins 1/5, 1/19 & 1/26/22		Sunday 8-10 AM Obedience folks meet to train	
Thursday 2 nd Thurs Board of Governors Meeting at K9			

	<h3>Upcoming Events at the K9 Club</h3>
<p>Jan 29 at 9:00am Rachel Flatley seminar #3</p>	<p>K9 For Warriors will be coming to the club soon to tell us about their exciting work. Watch out for that!</p>

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