



Happy 4th of July!



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Full Members

Janice Butler

New Provisional Members

Gerry and Carol Lukach

From the Desk

Too bad Mother Nature didn't cooperate last month and we unfortunately needed to cancel many of our June activities including classes, the special meeting, annual meeting and potluck celebration. No worries we've been talking to the Rain God and asking for a break and with any luck we will have good weather for our July meetings.

The **Special Meeting** will be held **Thursday July 6th at 5 to 7 pm**, just before the annual meeting to approve the by-law revisions. All active members (full members current on their dues) are encouraged to attend. We specifically put the time earlier for those concerned about driving at night to be able to vote. Just drive up and vote if you can't stay due to your busy schedules, we really need you're participation.

At the **Annual Meeting** on **July 6th at 7:30 pm**, we will be acknowledging those handlers and dogs that earned a title last year, as well as announcing 2022 recipients for the good sportsman and outstanding achievement awards.

We will also celebrate with our potluck feast, we have such great cooks in our club, so be sure to save an appetite to enjoy all the treat that will be available.

See you at the meetings! - Christine

July Training Director's Report

You would think that news items would slow down in the heat of summer at K-9, but there is always something to report, inform and request you, the members, about!!

First, a request about the ring gates. All of K-9 property and equipment, including ring gates, is for our members to use at their convenience with one stipulation: If you rearrange ring gates for a specific training session (and members are welcome to do so), please return the ring gates to their original ring and arrangement. This is especially important for Ring A with the sectioned off cubicles in which many full to capacity STAR Puppy and Family Dog classes are held ongoing and year-round. Rearranging the gates is time consuming and tiring for a single instructor who then will instruct full classes, often back-to-back--and may have to blow the rings free of debris as well. Putting gates back in a "classroom-ready" arrangement is a great way to support the instructors who do so much for K-9!

NEW CLASSES--I would like to hear from the membership about what classes they are anxious to have offered. Send me an email and tell me what you want to learn.

*New class schedule will post on the website in August for the fall.

*Provisionals and full members--email me to assist with classes. This is a great way to get your provisional requirements filled and fulfill your 8 volunteer hours to stay an active member.

***How about becoming an instructor?** Share your experience and expertise with others, offer something fun that you really enjoy, or join the STAR Puppy instruction team. K-9 is a preferred dog training center in Jacksonville because trainers have first-hand knowledge and achievements in several sports.

October 4 & 5 Obedience and Rally Trials--K-9 will host trials in Daytona Beach Ken and Aimee Kincaid and Nancy Watson will judge the trials. Mark your calendars to steward or compete. **Would you like to donate something to the trial?** There are many ways to support the trial with donations. Hospitality items are welcomed such as cookies, snacks and beverages. Awards can be donated in the form of money toward the ribbon fund, cash awards for High in Trial winners, and special awards. Special awards can be given to your favorite breed or your favorite class and level category (for example, high scoring golden retriever in Rally Novice A) and can commemorate as well as be something practical--a beautiful crate mat, a wall hanging, a leash, a gear bag--the possibilities are numerous. Awards are listed in the premium which is soon to be compiled, so think about it and let me know if you wish to donate soon!

I hope to hear from you soon as we prepare for the busy fall--it'll be here before we know it!

Alison Nelson anelsonphs@yahoo.com

Eight Ways to Keep Dogs Calm During Fireworks and Thunderstorms

Some easy-to-follow suggestions to lower stress levels when noise comes from the skies.

1. Don't Bring Dogs Outside When Fireworks Are Going Off

Don't take your dog to a fireworks show. Unfortunately, your neighbors might be having a show of their own. To keep dogs calm during fireworks, do evening routines ahead of time. Go for a walk (the longer, the better) before it gets dark. Feed your dog dinner before it becomes night. And take them out for their evening potty break after the fireworks end.

2. Make Them a Safe Space

Play it safe by putting their bed or crate somewhere that's quiet and away from windows. If you're going to crate, keep the door open. Your dog doesn't want to feel trapped. You also shouldn't lock them up in a room. A dog should feel free to decide where it's safe for them.

3. Fight Noise with Noise

Mozart to the rescue. Play music, turn on the TV or leave a fan on when thunder is booming and fireworks are exploding. These sounds can help drown out scary outdoor noises. Classical music seems to work best for keeping dogs calm during fireworks and thunderstorms.

4. Close the Curtains

A curtain call could help because flashing bright lights can be distressing to your dog. In addition to closing the curtains, you might also want to turn on a few more lights in the house. This could help minimize the scary effects of lightning or fireworks.

5. Escape-Proof Your Home and Yard

The quickest way to a dog's heart is through their stomach. So, this year, give your dog a gift that makes their tail wag in anticipation! From meat-flavored dog bones to dog-friendly Christmas cookies, your dog will be drooling over these holiday treats.

6. Ensure Your Dog Is Wearing a Pet ID Tag

Worst case scenario: your dog still found a way to escape when the fireworks or thunder started. Best case scenario: your dog was wearing their collar and ID tag. A reflective collar would be even better for any nighttime searches.

7. Use Calming Aids and Products

Help is on the way in the form of calming vitamins, supplements and CBD edibles. Calming diffusers, collars and sprays emit pheromones that take your dog back to their puppy days, helping them feel more relaxed. The gentle pressure of an anxiety jacket like a [ThunderShirt](#) mimics the comforting feeling of being swaddled in a blanket.

8. Talk with Your Dog's Veterinarian

A stress-reducing prescription medication may be just what the doctor ordered. Consulting with your veterinarian can help determine the best anxiety or calming medication for your pet's specific needs. They may also have some therapeutic options for your dog as well.

Speaker Series – Need Your Recommendations

We will not have a speaker at our July general meeting as Dr. Sarah Czerwinski's schedule has changed.

If you know someone our members could benefit from their knowledge/experience, contact **Colleen Whalen** directly, at K9Whalen@comcast.net



SAVE THE MAKE-UP DATE

SPECIAL MEETING & JULY ANNUAL MEETING

On July 6th we will have a Special Meeting to approve the revised By-Laws, before the Annual meeting so mark your calendars. Only full active members current on their dues can vote. The **Special Meeting** will start at 5 pm and end at 7:30 pm. If you can't come for the annual meeting, you can just drive-up to vote.

The **Annual Meeting** starts at 7:30 pm. The 2022 Awards will be announced.

After the Annual Meeting join the fun at the Pot Luck on July 6th.


If you haven't already, please email **Juli Wilkison** (dakoiah@gmail.com) to let her know what dish you plan to bring and share. You don't need to make enough food for an army but bring your recipe.



Something To Be Aware of!

A reprint from a Facebook post

“On Sunday night our dog Remi was bit or stung by something.. we sadly still don’t know what.. she was vomiting and had hives. We did like most pet owners and gave her Benadryl.. .sadly she quickly turned for the worst. 2:45 in the morning we rushed her to the emergency clinic in Mishawaka. When she arrived her pupils were nonresponsive and she was experiencing tremors. They quickly rushed her away and got her hooked up to IV and on meds. Her glucose level when we arrived was only 36 and her liver and kidneys were compromised.

By 6 AM she had stabilized, but was not out of the woods. At 7:30 we had to transport her to another vet clinic. She spent the day there and was able to come home that evening 

She is now recovering well at home and we are so thankful we did not lose her..

For three days I’ve been trying to figure out what went wrong and why she reacted to the Benadryl the way she did. With the help of Dr. Brown from Fedore Vet Clinic we realized the liquid gelcaps Benadryl that I gave her had ingredients that are toxic to dogs. You’ve all heard that people say artificial sweeteners are bad and are fatal for them, well the Benadryl allergy liquid gelcaps have this in them....

Please share so other owners are aware that the Benadryl allergy liquid gelcaps cannot be given to dogs!!!

Please share.

Xylitol

A Common Artificial Sweetener Is Poisoning Dogs. Xylitol is an artificial sweetener found in everything from toothpaste to peanut butter to sugar-free gum. And, it turns out, it's poison for dogs. The FDA just dropped a new warning that, while it's just fine for people, the sweetener has proven fatal for dogs. It's found in gum, peanut butter, jams, pop AND Benadryl Gel Caps!! It's killing dogs but there are no warnings on labels. It's up to the dog community to spread the word.”

UPCOMING ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE ANNUAL JULY MEETING



We will be announcing the new board members for the year. We did not receive any new nominations at the May 15th meeting so the people proposed by Nominating Committee will be sworn in as the 2023 – 2024 Board of Governors:

President	Deborah Hardman
1 st Vice Pres	Alison Nelson
2 nd Vice Pres	Debbie Gilman
Treasurer	Robin Wallen
Membership	Colleen Whalen
Secretary	Janice Butler

BOARD Members: Juli Wilkison,
Sheila Garbecki & Christine Peterson



Neil Armstrong's dog, July 21, 1969



CONGRATULATIONS

“Barks and Brags”

K9 Trials at Daytona Beach May 2023

Sheila Garbecki’s Dannica.

On May 23rd I received a message from the American Spaniel Club asking for my e-mail address and a write up about Dannica as she placed the Danica top 5 of all Cocker Spaniels. I was beyond excited and humbled. I 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. I am attaching the info from the American Spaniel Club's email and a copy of the page from Front & Finish.

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Orlando Trails June 2023

Alison Nelson’s Coco received her High Triple & High Combined Excellent & Advanced in Rally



Alison and Coco Nelson

“Barks and Brags” Cont’d

Ocala, FL June 18 2023

Alison Nelson and Rex received their Master Rally title



Rex Nelson



Janice Butler and Bella

Janice Butler and Bella, Portuguese Water Dog, earned their first PWD specific title in early June at a nationally sanctioned water trial held in New Smyrna Beach, FL. Water trials and title levels are based on recreation of tasks performed by the breed when they were working dogs on fishing boats in Portugal. Team Bella earned the first title level, Apprentice Water Dog, which includes retrieving items under water, thrown at a distance, and dropped off a boat, as well as handler/dog exercises carrying items while under control, riding on a boat and a timed swim - think recall and heeling pattern while swimming. Our obedience training gave us a strong base for all of the water trial exercises.

UPCOMING FLORIDA TRIALS

July 2023					
Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
01-02	O	Miami-Obedience Club	Miami	Jun 14	L Seeley
08-09	RLY	Imperial Polk Obedience Club	Lakeland	Jun 21	PM Young
14-16	RLY,O	Obedience Club of Daytona	Daytona Bch	Jun 28	J. Rogers, PM Young
22-23	RLY	Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County	Lake Park	Jul 05	CA Klein, M Becker
22-23	RLY,O	Upper Suncoast Dog Training Club	Clearwater	Jul 05	AP Kincaid
29-30	O	Dog Training Club of Tampa	Tampa	Jul 14	RE Seeley, L Seeley
29-30	O	Indian river Dog Training Club	Palm Bay	Jul 12	CA Knight, RH Knight

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

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), PPP (Pending Panel Processing)

K9 Club Events Calendar for July

Monday		Friday	
Tuesday 6 PM	First Tue of the Month – Guide Dogs of Northeast Florida	Saturday: 9 am 10:30 am	Family Dog (1) Family Dog (1)
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



Dates to Remember at the K9 Club

July 4 Independence Day

July 6 Special Meeting 5 to 7:30 pm

July 6 Annual Meeting 7:30 pm to ?



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

SNEAK PEEK AT THE NEW QUILT



Courtesy of Deb Gilman