



### 2021 Board Members

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### New Members

At the Annual Meeting on June 17, the following individuals became:

**Full member:** Deb Hardman

**Provisional members:** Carol Fitzsimmons, Carol Lee, Christine Peterson and Lauren Serrano

### From the President's Desk

Thank you to Dianne Strickland for chairing the June meeting for me. Alas, I had hand surgery that afternoon and was not in any shape to attend. Dianne handled most of the arrangements for the meeting herself and I am sincerely grateful. Thank you also to the Guide Dog Puppy Raisers who (I am told) provided a very interesting program.

The book sale was successful in that many of the donated books found a new home. Most of the books were provided by John Pacsay and Violet Krebs. Sadly, Violet passed away three years ago but she would be delighted to know her books had found new readers. Our thanks to both Violet and John for their generous donations.

I would also like to thank the instructors who have donated their time and expertise to keep classes going at K-9 as well as our Board of Governors, new and returning. These jobs are generally thankless, but necessary for keeping our sport alive (instructors) and the day-to-day management of our club (Board members).

Good Sportsmanship is more than just being a gracious loser or humble winner. Good sportsmanship is giving back to the sport. I appreciate your time and energy whenever you volunteer for any service at K-9. (Speaking of that, thank you, Christine Peterson, for taking on the newsletter!)

Our next General meeting will be in August, IN PERSON (barring any upsurge in Covid or other events beyond our control)! Gosh, maybe we can offer food! Let's keep our fingers crossed and dust off our pot-luck recipes. -Ginny

## FROM THE TRAINING DIRECTOR

We are pretty much closed down for the broiling months of July and August, hoping to start up early enough in September to get 2 sets of classes in before the Christmas break. We will have one more Family Dog class beginning in late June as well as Rally and Skills classes that are on-going.

This break will give Deb time to get on the new computer and set things up. We also have a new provisional member, Christine Peterson (who knows way more about computers than Deb and I do) who will be helping Deb and can act as a backup if needed.

One of the things that has plagued everyone about the new system is the tendency of our potential students to wait until the last minute to register. This makes Deb's job harder; it irritates instructors who don't get their roll sheets ahead of time and makes the financial aspects more difficult. To encourage folks to sign up earlier, we are *trying* a new strategy. Each course, as it is listed on the web, will have a sign-up date listed with the cost of the course as it is now, but we will label it as a discount for early enrollment. Individuals who get their paperwork in after this date will pay \$20 more.

For example: **STAR PUPPY CLASS**. Tuesday evening at 6 PM. Instructor: Dianne Strickland. Begins September 14 and ends October 26. **Discounted fee of \$140 for those who have their registrations completed by August 31.** Fee for registrations received after that date is \$160.

Initially we will have this policy only for STAR PUPPY, FAMILY DOG and ADVANCED PUPPY. These are the classes that primarily consist of non-club members. We would hope that club members will sign up early so that we don't have to extend this policy to all classes.



## THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Dog Food Recall: Freshpet is recalling a single lot of dog food due to possible contamination with Salmonella bacteria.

The following defective dog food is being recalled:

- Freshpet Select Small Dog Bite Size Beef and Egg Recipe
- Package size: 1-pound bags
- Sell by date: 10/30/2021

For full details visit the following link:

[Freshpet Dog Food Recall | Dog Food Advisor](#).

You might also consider signing up for recall alerts by visiting [Get Free Dog Food Recall Alerts | Dog Food Advisor](#)

## Club Facebook Page

Amy Wiley is the go-to person for all things having to do with the Facebook page. If you need help, want to join, etc. just contact Amy at [makumshine@bellsouth.net](mailto:makumshine@bellsouth.net).

Thanks go to Amy for watching over this page.

For Those of You Who Have Wondered if Dogs Prayed (Courtesy of [www.flbr.org](http://www.flbr.org))



Now I lay me down to sleep  
In seconds I'll have fallen deep  
My human went to take a pee  
And now her bed belongs to me!

Amen

## New K9 Arrivals!

Alanna's new fur babies are here meet "Grover" the kitten and "Pippin" the puppy!



## RECENT TRIAL UPDATES

### Orlando - June 2021

Susan Howard and Winston  
 Trial 1: 1st in Utility B and High Combined (HC)  
 Trial 2: 1st place in both Open and Utility B  
 winning High in Trial (HIT) and HC



### Orlando - June 2021

After several years of focusing on Agility, *et al*, Flynn got back into the obedience ring and completed the task of earning Double Q's (qualification in both Open B & Utility 😊 at 10 obedience trials) to earn his UDX (Utility Dog Excellent). **BIG CONGRATS** to a special team!



### Palm Beach June 2021

Dianne Strickland and Mr. Carson. After earning his UD, Carson has begun the long road to a UDX ..... He won 3rd Place.

### MADTA Ocala June 2021

Dianne Strickland and MACH OTCH Saxon. Saxon was quite unhappy that I was spending all my time training Carson and Megan. So, I relented and we are starting down a new road. He earned his first Rally Novice leg at the MADTA Rally trial. He was perfect, I wasn't. It's been at least 25 years since I've done rally .... so, I asked him to give me a break and I promised to better familiarize myself with those d..... signs! Thanks to Alison for taking this team on!



## RECENT TRIAL UPDATES Cont'd

### MADTA Ocala June 2021

**BIG CONGRATS** to Ben Bond and his Lab RATCH Magic who achieved the title of Rally Championship at the MADTA trial. Ben has been training at K9 with Alison Nelson in our Rally classes.



### MADTA Ocala June 2021

Alison Nelson and Coco earned their first Excellent leg with a stellar performance

### Savannah Dog Training Club June 2021:

Susan Howard and Winston also had another good weekend here where Winston finished his UDX5.

## UPCOMING FLORIDA SHOWS

<b>August</b>	
<b>1&amp;2</b>	RALLY only. Dog Training Club of Tampa. Closes 7/23 trials B. Critelli
<b>7&amp;8</b>	OBEDIENCE only. Australian Shepherd Club of Central Fla, Closes 7/21 Lakeland. 2 trials both days. Withers & C. Knight
	RALLY only. Dog Training Club of Tampa. Closes 7/30 2 trials each day. Noonan & A. Kincaid
<b>13</b>	RALLY only. Mid-Fla Golden Retriever Club, Daytona Beach, 2 trials. A. Kincaid
<b>14&amp;15</b>	OBEDIENCE only. Mid-Fla Golden Retriever Club, Closes 7/26 Daytona Beach. 2 trials on Sat & Sun. A & K Kincaid, Griner
<b>14</b>	OBEDIENCE only. Heartland Dog Club of Florida, Tampa, Closes 7/28 Not yet approved
<b>21&amp;22</b>	OBEDIENCE only. Sarasota Obedience Training Club, Mykka City; Closes 8/4. Withers
<b>28-30</b>	OBEDIENCE & RALLY. Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg; Closes 8/11. Roland & Neufeld; 2 trials Friday & Saturday. 1 trial Sunday. Klein and Withers. B Selton
<b>September</b>	
<b>18-19</b>	RALLY only (not yet approved) Imperial Polk Obedience Club of Lakeland, Fl. Closes 9/1, 2 trials each day
<b>24-26</b>	RALLY only. Marion Alachua Dog Training Association (Ocala), Closes 9/8, 2 trials Friday & Sat; one on Sunday. Fri & Sat Klein & Withers. Sunday Wedekind
<b>25-26</b>	OBEDIENCE only. Orlando Dog Training Club, Closes 9/8, 2 trials Sat & Sun. K. Walker, J. Kern, C. Mett
<b>October</b>	
<b>1</b>	OBEDIENCE & RALLY. Greater Ocala Dog Club. 2 trials each day, Closes 9/15. Obedience judges not yet assigned. Rally event not approved.

<b>K9 Club Events Calendar for July &amp; August</b>			
<b>Monday</b> 6:30 PM.	Rally 6/14-7/19		<b>Friday</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 6 PM.	First Tuesday of the month Guide Dogs of Northeast Florida		<b>Saturday</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> 8-10 AM.	Obedience folks meet to train together		<b>Sunday</b> 1 PM. CCI Training 4/4&18, 5/2&17) 9 AM. Family dog (6/27-8/8) 8-10 AM. Obedience folks meet to train together
<b>Thursday</b> <b>Second Thursday</b> of each month <b>August 19: 7PM</b>	Board of Governors Meeting at K9 General Membership Meeting		

## D.O.C.O.F. 2021

### What is DOCOF?

Dog Obedience Clubs of Florida (DOCOF) was created in the late 60's as a "Calendar Club". It was intended that, once a year, all the member Clubs would assemble and compare dates for their events so that there would be no conflicts. It was 7 or 8 years before the first State Obedience Tournament was organized by DOCOF (pronounced 'Dock Off') and presented in 1975. The idea of a State Tournament was presented to DOCOF by Obedience Judge Jon Mett, who thought Florida would benefit from an event similar to one he knew about in California. The first competition had something like 13 teams entered, and the Tournament has been going strong ever since.

Many of Florida's Obedience competitors and probably all of the Florida based AKC judges have represented a Club at DOCOF at some point over the years. The Tournament may even be considered the event of the year as far as Obedience is concerned in Florida. Exhibitors cannot enter individually but must represent an organization that is a member of DOCOF. They must also be members of their team's organization for at least 6 months in order to be eligible to compete for them.

DOCOF is more than just a Tournament to most Florida Obedience competitors. It is a gathering of folks whose lives are centered around our sport. Although to some groups the goal is to win the event, to a large number of regular competitors it is definitely a weekend not to be missed no matter how one does in competition. Each Club or School has its own method of selecting a team. Some choose by scores earned at recent trials. Some have try-outs to select their team or teams. Some choose by dedication to the organization – the folks who work hardest for the Club are chosen to represent them.

Each new Exhibitor gets a DOCOF pin, and each Exhibitor gets a year bar to add to that pin every year. The weekend begins with setup, a day of practice and the annual meeting and Sunday is the competition.

**This year's DOCOF Tournament** will be in St. Peterburg over the Labor Day holiday weekend. Saturday will focus on Rally Competition with ring rental for obedience enthusiasts. Sunday will focus on the Obedience Competition. A club in St. Pete will be offering an AKC Obedience trial on Monday.

This year, K9 doesn't have the number of members necessary to compete in obedience, so we thought we might send a rally team. The Club will pay the entry fee for anyone who goes. We will need 3 teams who can compete in Novice, 3 in Advanced and 3 in Excellent. You do not have to hold the title to compete at a certain level, but if you have an Excellent title, you may not compete in Advanced. No one dog can compete in more than one class and no handler can compete with 2 dogs in the same class. (The rules governing the class you show in are AKC rules. If you are interested in the specific DOCOF rules, go to:

<https://docof.wildapricot.org/resources/Pictures/DOCOF%20Standing%20Rules%20as%20amended%209%202016.pdf>

**We hope that a number of you might want to join this group. (We had a great time preparing for the virtual event last year. If you are interested in competing in K9, please contact Alison Nelson (anelsonphs@yahoo.com).**



## INDIVIDUAL K9 SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD 2020

Hallmarks of Sportsmanship include persistence, excellent effort, and perhaps most importantly, a never quit attitude, no matter what obstacles or challenges present themselves. Deb Gilman has demonstrated these qualities from the time she joined K-9 and continues to do so everyday! It's who she is! Deb and her puppy attended classes and practiced the usual skills until they became a solid team in the ring. Then, the obedience bug bit. She worked hard, continuously pushing to improve, always with a positive attitude and sense of humor. And, while her work with her dog, Tugg, is definitely reason to gain our respect, she has gone far and above the sport activities to assist in club operations that keep the lights on and doors open.

Again, with Deb's positive attitude and sense of humor, she has spent COUNTLESS hours on the computer to communicate with students about classes and collected and tracked registration fees. But wait—Deb also supports K-9 in other ways as well, donating beautiful quilts, framing pictures for the OTCH wall, helping at trials, assisting at puppy classes, cleaning equipment —it seems there is nothing she won't willingly do to help K-9 and promote the sport. And, while all of this is reason enough to award Deb, the major quality of sportsmanship that supports her award surfaced recently due to a terrible accident that left her sweet dog, Tugg unable to walk and in serious pain.

Her response to this challenge was not to give up. Instead, she did what she could to restore Tugg's health and as usual, with her positive attitude and sense of humor.



Debbie and Tugg

Debbie Gilman continues to persist and work hard-with that “never quit” attitude to this day. Debbie's sportsmanship is a personal asset that has been important to K-9, and we thank her for all that she does.

## TEAM K9 SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD 2020



Left to right (standing): Susan Howard/Winston; Gail Larson/Dan'I; Anne Ouchterloney/Maverick; Juli Wilkison/Raisin; Terri Reel/Jetta. Seated: Dianne Strickland/Saxon & Carson; Judy Fortner/Sophia. Individual videos of performances are available at [UTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) under K9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville

The K9 Performance Award 2020 was presented to the 2020 DOCOF team which won the competition!

**Novice:** Judy Fortner, Ann Ouchterloney and Juli Wilkison

**Open:** Gail Larson and Dianne Strickland

**Utility:** Susan Howard and Dianne Strickland

Videographer: Terri Reel



# QUILT RAFFLE

Deb Gilman has again offered one of her wonderful quilts to raffle. It's a large lap quilt with a wonderfully soft back panel that will be heaven to sit with when it gets cool again.

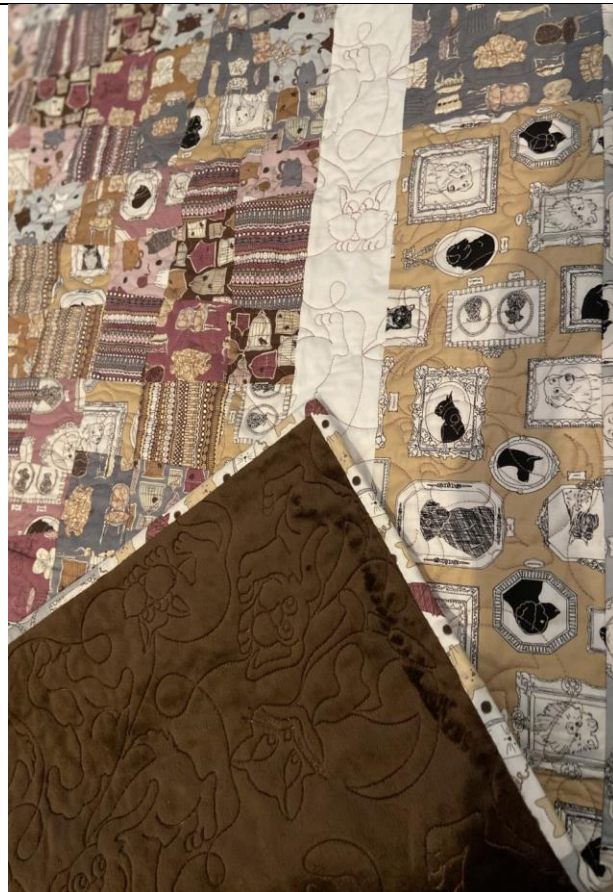
And since it won't get cool again any time soon, we won't raffle it off until the December Meeting/celebration.

## 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 \$10.00 at any event or you can send your check made out to K9 to: Dianne Strickland, 9013 Ft. Caroline Rd, Jax, FL 32225 and I'll send you however many tickets you send me money for.

## AND HERE'S THE QUILT



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