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New Members

Full: Deb Hardman, Deb Gilman, & Christine Peterson

From the President's Desk

We have numerous classes starting late February/March – check them out! I enrolled Jean (my BC puppy) in Erika Wilson's Obedience and Rally Skills class and was very impressed with her instructing.

Erika is new to K-9 but not new to Obedience; her former club in Nebraska sent a glowing letter of recommendation. She has been an exhibitor and instructor for many years so it's no wonder she can gently challenge new prospects eager to learn. Thank you, Erika!

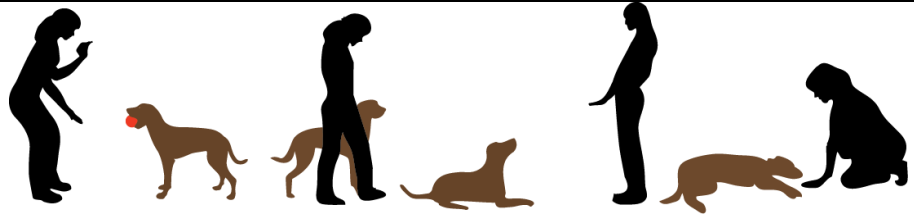
Our Feb. 20 Show and go was a success with several out-of-town owners attending! (It was good to see Amy Wiley back at K-9!) I'd like to thank all of you who helped us. The next Show-n-Go is scheduled for March 20th. It's good practice for the up-coming spring trials.

The lock on the main gate has been changed. Please let me know if you have any trouble with your key. This is also a good time to remind everybody to check the lights and fans before you leave the club. Also, we are in need of paper towels if anybody cares to donate.

We had a very interesting program from K-9's for Warriors at our February General Meeting. The next General Meeting in April will feature a veterinary dermatologist. This should be interesting to anyone who owns a dog in Florida. - **Ginny**

March's Training Report

New training Classes have started. Puppies, puppies and more puppies.

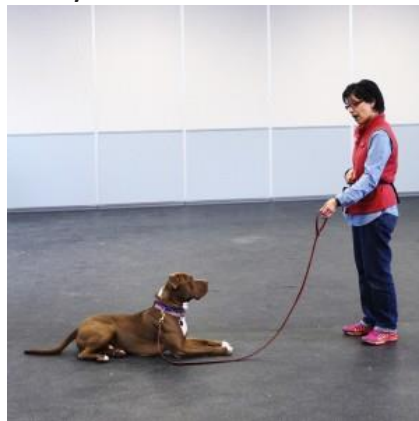


Congratulations go out to K-9's newest CGC evaluators who are now qualified to teach S.T.A.R. Puppy--**Ben Bond** and **Debbie Gilman** accomplished the AKC requirements and are helping to build the puppy program with multiple offerings. K-9 also adds some members as new assistants to classes: **Carol Lee** and **Amy Wiley**. Assistants are vital with puppy (and other classes) and many thanks go out to **Deb Juhl** who has assisted many classes and the new volunteers!

Fifteen new classes are being offered for March-April and of these, 7 are already full! K-9 is a busy place these days. The enrollment process on the website helps get classes listed and filled efficiently. Many thanks go out to Christine Peterson for her diligence as enrollment secretary.

K-9 can use more assistants, so if you would like to help out in a class, email dgilmank9@gmail.com

If you are interested in knowing the steps to becoming a K-9 instructor in the future, contact **Alison Nelson** at anelsonphs@yahoo.com



PROVISIONAL MEMBERS--DID YOU KNOW????

If you're a provisional member, you will earn full membership by attending meetings and volunteering at K-9. In return, you as a provisional member, are granted the class discount for 6 months as you continue to meet the volunteer requirement. Now that K-9 is in full swing, there are MANY ways to volunteer! Check it out:

1. Be an assistant to a class--K-9 needs assistants for classes at all levels!
Contact **Alison Nelson**
2. Sign up to steward at the May 7 & 8 Obedience Trials in Daytona Beach--It's great fun! Contact **Alison Nelson**
3. Help out at a Show N Go at K-9 -- March 20, April 24, May 22 -- or help at all three!!
Contact **Ginny Ruskuski**
4. Are you good at fixing things? We have some equipment that needs some TLC--Contact **Deb Gilman**
5. Do you love gardening? Spring means getting the front flower bed spruced up and there's other spots needing a spa day!!
6. K-9 is so much more than raking leaves--but we still need that help constantly!!! Rake a couple bags and get a signature, anytime convenient to your schedule! Contact Debbie Gilman or **Alison Nelson**
7. Join the Ring Preparation team. You come to the club to set up for the instructors, help set Rally courses, move gating, arrange chairs. Contact the instructor or **Alison Nelson**
8. Are you a handy housekeeper? The club house can always use a straightening up and light cleaning (including the bathrooms indoors and out!!) Contact **Deb Gilman**
9. Help with Club business operations, it might entail making phone calls, filing, sorting things, etc. contact **Deb Hardman**
10. Offer to do something you see needs attention that is not on this list! Contact **Alison Nelson**

The bottom line is, don't let your provisional status drag on past 6 months!! With more classes being offered, you're going to need that discount! Meet your volunteer requirement and move up to full membership.

Thank you for joining K-9!



**May 7 & 8,
2022**

Trials at Daytona Beach Obedience Club

Hosted by K-9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville

Saturday, May 7th

2 Rally Trials – Judged by Deb Neufeld

1 Obedience Trial – Judges: Connie Parrish & Leslye Pinnell

Sunday, May 8th

1 Rally Trial – Judged by Connie Parrish

1 Obedience Trial – Judges: Deb Neufeld & Leslye Pinnell



**Premium available on the
K-9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville Website.**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Email **Alison Nelson** at anelsonph@yahoo.com to sign up for one or both days

K-9's spring Obedience and rally trials are right around the corner. We need club volunteers both days May 7 & 8 at the comfortable air conditioned and conveniently located Daytona Beach training facility. Jobs include, stewards for show rings, table stewards, ribbons runner, gift basket organizer and ticket sellers, and Sunday clean up. All volunteers earn hours credit toward the 2022 requirement to receive the class discount and be eligible for a gate key to the K-9 grounds.

Trials are a GREAT way to learn more about showing, see wonderful performances and visit all day with fellow members TALKING DOGS!!



Feb 17 Program at the General Meeting

For those who missed it, Cindy Cope, the puppy raiser's training director came and told us about how K9 for warriors is ending veteran suicide and returning warriors to a life of independence by providing service dogs. One of their puppy raising couples told us of their experiences with puppies they have raised and the differences those puppies have made in a warriors' lives. Here's a link to a video you might enjoy of a recent puppy that was coupled with its warrior.: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E79aVzi_iKk



K-9 Mentoring Program

Did you know that K-9 has started a mentor program for beginner and new members? When beginners can't find a class to get them started or keep them advancing their skills, a seasoned trainer might be able to step in to encourage and coach them until a class opens up. Currently, a seasoned trainer has been working with 3 beginning trainers in an informal arrangement.

If you are a seasoned trainer and would like to share your experience and knowledge OR if you know of a beginner that would benefit from a mentorship, email **Alison Nelson** at anelsonphs@yahoo.com for more details.

UPCOMING APRIL PROGRAM

Dr. William Abbott, Board Certified by American College of Veterinary Dermatology. Has years of experience addressing complex canine dermatological problems.

Dr. Abbott is not only an expert in the field of dermatology but is also an extremely talented veterinarian. He is a bit of a legend in the Jacksonville area based on his skills and knowledge. He is professional, personable, and wise. He thinks both holistically and medically when planning a treatment modality. He does not believe in treating dogs exclusively with steroids. He tests the allergic sites and creates specific medications and treatment plans to address allergy issues get to the root of the problem. He focuses on resolving allergies on a long term basis vs masking the allergic reactions with steroids.

Dr. Abbott is also an expert in commercial foods and canine diets, not only for allergy symptoms, but also for maximum health.

Several K9 Club members have used Dr. Abbott to help them with their canine dermatology and allergy issues. Dr. Abbott plans to use our time together to answer specific medical questions that are concerns of our members. So come with questions and a note pad.

RALLY FUN DAY

K-9 held its first Rally Funday on February 27. Provisional member **Erika Wilson** put together activities that included a "Teams" competition and an individual activity called "Gamblers." The Rally Funday was a member only - free activity. Even though it was a day for relaxed fun with their dogs, handlers were still feeling some pressure from the watchful eyes of observers and guests! The activity proved to be not only fun but helped handlers identify what they need to work on.



Sheila Garbecki & Danica



Carol Fitzsimmons and Grace



Alison Nelson and Rex



Deb Hardman and Cody

Photos courtesy of **Deb Gilman**

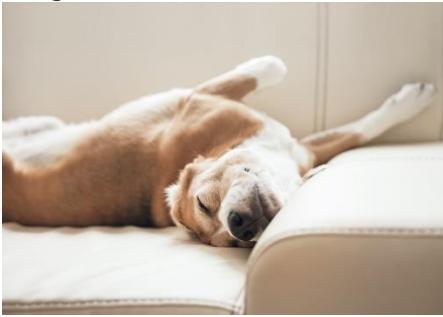
Do you have an idea for a Funday at K-9 in Rally, Obedience, Nose work, Agility or something else? Email **Alison Nelson** at anelsonphs@yahoo.com

THE CANINE LEARNING CORNER



Did you know?

Dogs dream.



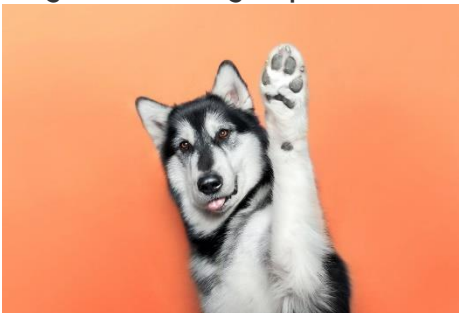
Not only do **dogs dream as they sleep**, scientists think that they dream similarly to us and replay moments from their day. You can tell that a dog is dreaming if they are twitching their legs or bark in their sleep. Additionally, small dogs have more dreams than big dogs.

Dogs do not feel guilt.



Your dog averts his eyes and adopts a submissive posture after you catch him chewing something he's not supposed to. That means he knows that he's done something wrong and is sorry for it, right? Well, probably not, scientists say. It's more likely that the behaviors that owners associate with a dog's guilt are their **reaction to being scolded**. They simply don't think as deeply about their transgression as you do.

Dogs can be right-pawed or left-pawed.



Some of them are ambilateral, meaning that they don't favor either side, but some **dogs have a dominant paw**. Unlike humans, who are far more likely to be right-handed, dogs are pretty equally likely to have a dominant right paw, a dominant left paw, or no particular preference.

What does your dog have?

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE LATE!



The annual membership dues for 2022 are **overdue**. 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 Whalen** (k9whalen@comcast.net).



The lock on the front gate has been changed!!

Keep an eye out for our new and improved way of tracking Volunteer hours. **Deb Hardman** has been working hard on this. It will be rolling out soon!!





“Barks and Brags” Recent Trial Updates

Kennesaw Kennel Club, Perry GA Dec 2021

Jean Coker’s Alexei received his conformation championship in Perry, Georgia. He went Winner Dog, Best of Winners and finished his championship with a 2nd 4-point major. He now has titles both before and after his name!!!



Alexi



Charlie

Colleen Whalen & Charlie competed in a K9 Nose Work trial on 02/19/22 in Starke, FL.

Charlie earned his NW3 Interior and NW3 Exterior Titles.

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	L Currey, TG McCall
19-20	O	Jupiter-Tequesta Dog Club	Jupiter	Mar 02	CA Boyles, RR Withers
19	RLY	Dog Training Club of Tampa	Tampa	Mar 04	ENA
26-27	O	Central Florida Obedience	Orlando	Mar 09	AS Albert, DP Neufeld, RR Withers

April 2022					
Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
02-03	O	Orlando Dog Training Club	Orlando	Mar 16	S. Sherman, DE Tessmann Van Leaven, B Lee, AS Albert
09	O, RLY	Greater Orange Pk Dog Club	Elkton	Mar 23	R Cox, Rly ENA, O PJA
09-10	O, RLY	Dog Training Club of Tampa	Tampa	Mar 25	O ENA, R Cox, RLY ENA
30	O; RLY	Imperial Polk Obed Club	Lakeland	Apr 13	MC Burford, BL Roland; BJC Critelli

May 2022					
Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
01	RLY	Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach City	Lake Park	Apr 13	RR Withers
01	O	Imperial Polk Obed Club of Lakeland Fl	Lakeland Fl	Apr 13	BL Roland, MC Burford
07-08	O; RLY	Dog Training Club of St Petersburg	St Petersburg	Apr 20	O Chever; NE Noonan; O Chever
07-08	RLY; O	K-9 Obedience Club Jax	Daytona Bch	Apr 20	L Pinnell, C Parrish; DP Neufeld
14-15	RLY	Indian River Dog Training Club	Palm May	Apr 27	NE Noonan, L Mills; ENA
21-22	RLY	Imperial Polk Obed Club	Lakeland	May 04	ENA
28-29	O	Miami Obedience Club	Lake Park	May 11	CA Klein; RE Seeley

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

K9 Club Events Calendar for March

Monday 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Star Puppy Rally Advanced	Friday 6:30 PM	Advanced Puppy
Tuesday 9:30 AM 6 PM 6:30 PM	Advanced Obedience skills First Tue of the Month – Guide Dogs of Northeast Florida Nose Work Pt 2	Saturday: 9:30 AM 10:30 AM 10:30 PM 12:00 PM	Novice Obedience Obedience & Rally Skills (Ring 2) Family Dog Family Dog
Wednesday 8 -10 AM 6 PM 7:00 PM 7:15 PM	Obedience folks train together STAR Puppy Conformation Drop Ins Advanced Puppy	Sunday 8-10 AM	Obedience folks meet to train
Thursday 10:30 AM 5:30 PM 2 nd Thurs 7:00 PM	STAR Puppy Nose Work Pt 2 K9 Board of Governors Meeting		

	<h3>Upcoming Events at the K9 Club</h3>
Mar 20 – Show-n-Go	April 21 – Dr. Abbott Canine Dermatologist
April 21– General Membership meeting April 24 – Show-n-Go	May 7,8 – K9 Obedience Club Trial in Orlando May 22 – Show-n-Go



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. Email 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

Amy Wiley and **Ginny Ruskuski** co-administrate the Facebook Page. For issues or additions related to the calendar please email Amy makumshine@bellsouth.net or 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.

Thanks to Colleen for keeping this updated.



Paper Towels

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

NEWSLETTER EDITOR DEADLINE:

Please email any material you would like included in the Newsletter to peterosonchris7@hotmail.com by the 20th of this month.

VOLUNTEER INCENTIVE



Here's a sneak peek at the fabrics. Lots of dogs, bright colors and a cuddle fabric backing.

Volunteer Hours Drawing

The quilt drawing last year was not a one-time event.

Plans are in the works for a 2022 drawing!

So, if you like quilts to keep you warm, when the weather is for cold, keep an eye on the calendar for chances to volunteer.

You can get 1 ticket for each session. If you do 8 hours in one day you will receive 2 tickets.

Help the club and get a chance to win a quilt.

Good luck and get volunteering!!



Many members asked for the recipe of the soup that Deb Gilman brought to the Holiday Party. Here it is:

Tortellini Soup

1lb Italian Sausage 2 garlic cloves (minced)

1 cup chopped onions 1 green pepper (chopper)

Sauté these 4 ingredients

5 Cups water 5 tsp beef bouillon

1 Tsp dried basil 1 large can stewed tomatoes

2 Tsp oregano 1 large carrot (thinly sliced)

1 pkg cheese tortellini Shredded Parmesan cheese (used to garnish)

Mix ingredients and simmer for approximately 40 minutes and cook till it is done

Garnish each bowl with shredded parmesan cheese

Compliments of the Sewing Basket, Plymouth WI 53073