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### New Provisional Members

Silke Royer, Debbie Synder,  
Judith Solano

**Full Membership:** Erika  
Wilson, Rebecca Grinsell,

### From the President's Desk

We want to extend our sympathy to Terri Reel whose husband, Bob, passed in April. We are very sorry for her loss. Colleen Whalen lost her beloved Kate and Sheila Garbecki lost her Cocker friend, Missy. Our condolences go to all of them.

The summer heat is coming up fast. We have one more round of classes before we hunker down in the air conditioning. Are there any classes you would want to take?

Huge thanks to Jack and Deb Gilman who fixed our plumbing problems in the ladies' room and the clubhouse back door sill. Thank you so much for everything you do for K-9!

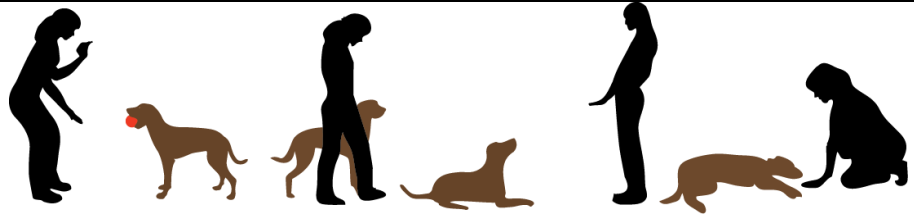
Deb Hardman arranged for Veterinary Dermatologist, Dr. Abbott, to speak at our General Meeting Thursday night. We had a large group and Dr. Abbott presented an informative, and interesting program about allergies affecting dogs in our area and the treatments available. Thank you, Deb!

We are quickly approaching our Obedience and Rally Trials on May 7 & 8 in Daytona. Daytona sounds like a long drive but it's only an hour and a half from most places on \*this\* side of the river. Please Be a good member and volunteer for a day – or even two. We are planning on holding our basket drawing there and need some baskets or items for a basket to raffle. Please email or call me if you have anything we can take to the trials (904 661 8999). We appreciate your help!

- Ginny

## May's Training Report

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



For the month of May, K-9 has 9 classes starting including puppy classes, obedience classes and rally classes. Classes are maintaining full enrollment and keeping the registration secretary, **Christine Peterson** busy with the website enrollment process. As always, Full Members and Provisional Members are encouraged to volunteer to assist with classes. This allows us to add several more students into each class.

A Good Citizen Prep class has just been added to Monday Evening!

### RACHEL FLATLEY SEMINAR #5

Everyone is doing great at their pivot pot work and are having lots of fun doing it.



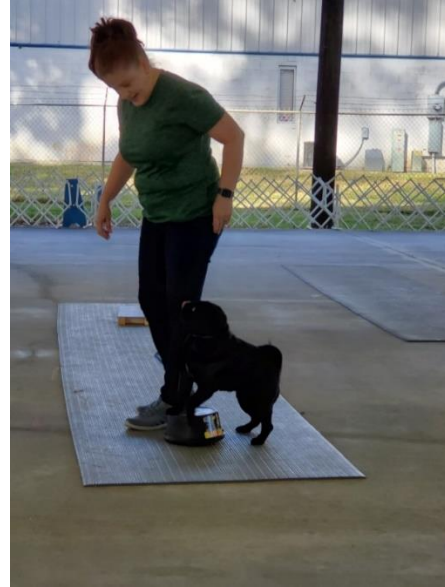
**Ginny Ruskuski and Jean**



**Carol Fitzsimmons and Grace**



**Jean Coker and Alexi**



**Robin Wallen and Jasper**



The platform work is paying off, see how nice and straight Tugg is sitting for **Deb Gilman**

Rachel Flatley returns to K-9 on May 15<sup>th</sup> to present a continuing seminar in obedience for the 6<sup>th</sup> time since October 2021. Members and outside trainers have taken advantage of this opportunity to refine their training and handling skills with Rachel by spending four hour per session each time. The group has been learning games and practicing skills. The time between seminar sessions then allowed attendees time to apply the lessons to their individual training programs and return to the group for further instruction to continue building their skills. Plans for Rachel to return to K-9 in September 2022 are in the works to identify topics that will benefit the current group and others who want to join and enrich their training. While working spots are limited to 15 dogs and handlers, audit spots are unlimited. Dates for next fall will be set closer to September and registration will open at that time. Details will be posted on the website.



## IT'S A NEW PUPPY!!!

**Sheila Garbecki** lost her Missy Mae of almost 15 years old, but then we got a new puppy Josie, a little Black cocker spaniel with a full tail. She is a hoot. Beware, she is an *unselective* gardener, she picks a bell pepper plant instead of a weed. LOL



## THANK YOU



Many thanks to **Deb and Jack Gilman** for the new flag which handles windy days at the club without getting tangled.

It hangs proudly on the K9 clubhouse!



## K-9 Mentoring Program UPDATE

So far, the K-9 mentoring program been open to a very few members to see how it worked at K-9. A seasoned trainer has been working with a few members in an informal setting when convenient for all involved. The main focus of the mentoring is to find out what the handler could benefit from. This can take many forms and is a friendly conversation were talking about their dogs lets the mentor and handler get to know each other as well as the dog. Sometimes it might include listening to a problem and helping to solve it with suggestions and trying some out with the dog. Other times it might be a training issue for a particular sport and helping to demonstrate an exercise. But it always revolves around what the handler considers important.

Setting up a mentoring partnership is easy and can take as little as an hour a week. It can include meeting up at K-9 or even a phone call. If you are a seasoned trainer with someone in mind that doesn't currently have a class appropriate for them, or know of someone that wants to get started in the sport that you enjoy, reach out to them and ask if they would like to be a part of the mentoring at K-9. If you would like to be a mentor and don't have a person in mind, let **Alison Nelson** know and an effort will be made to find someone for you to mentor.

# TITLING AWARD TIME



It's that time of year again for you to gather your brags for the titles you and your dog(s) have earned for year 2021.

## TO RECEIVE YOUR AWARD, FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

Please follow the instructions below:

1. Send the following information to **Sheila Garbecki** with an email to [sbgarb1@yahoo.com](mailto:sbgarb1@yahoo.com). **No later than, May 28, 2022**
  
2. Email with a Subject Line: "K9 Obedience members club titles for 2021" and the following information in the body of the email:
  - a. Your Name
  - b. Dog's Name
  - c. Dog's Titles received in 2021 [for clarity give the letters and the words with the sport i.e., CD (Companion Dog), etc]
  - d. Club or place where titled was earned

Any Questions??

Email to Sheila Garbecki

K-9 will be handing out awards for your titles at the Annual meeting in June.

## Join the Fun! K-9's Trial Basket Drawing!

To donate a basket, simply find a selection of items a person (or dog person) would find desirable and arrange attractively in a basket or some other container. If in doubt, gift certificates are always popular! Please deliver baskets to clubhouse by Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00AM.

Contact Ginny Ruskuski for any questions (904) 661-8999.

The drawing will be held at our Obedience and Rally Trials, May 7, 2022. If you can't make a basket but want to buy a ticket, just come to the basket table, peruse the baskets, and drop your tickets in the bag for the baskets you like.



## Join the Fun! K9's Annual Meeting and Pot Luck June 21<sup>st</sup>



Start thinking about what will you bring to share!



Will it be an  
appetizer, salad,  
main dish or  
dessert?

Let Ginny know

ruskuski5030@att.net or  
text at 904 661 8999



## Show N Go April 24<sup>th</sup>

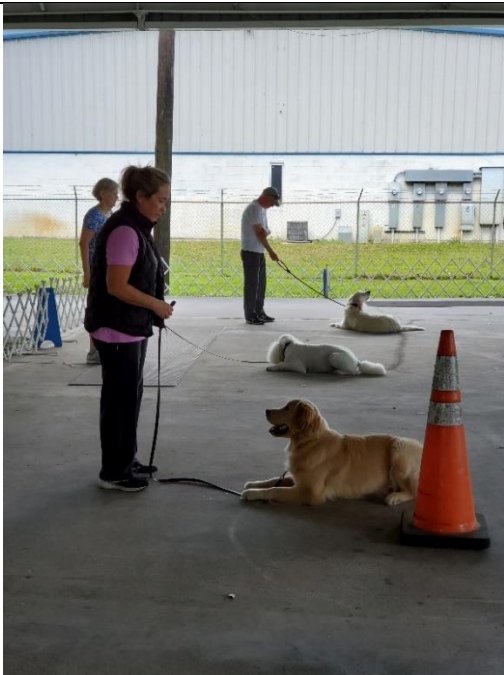
K-9 held another Show N Go in April 24. There was lots of fun and interest. We have another one planned for May 22, hope to see you there to participate or volunteer.



Terri Reel and Mika practicing Rally



Obedience Group Sit Stays



Obedience Group Down Stays



Deb Gilman and Ben Bond giving CGC tests



## General Meeting Guest Speaker – Dr. Abbott

For those of you who weren't able to attend the meeting on April 21 you missed a great opportunity to hear Dr. Abbott. It was like having a private consultation and well worth the time. While Dr. Abbott didn't give a formal presentation but geared his talk to answering questions, most on the minds of inquiring dog owners, ranging from diet to dermatology conditions.



Dr. Abbott talking at K9

Dr. Abbott told us how allergies and fleas are now a year-round problem in North Florida and the most effective way to treat these conditions is avoidance. He recommends using unscented baby wipes and frequent baths for dogs that are susceptible to allergies. To identify allergens, he prefers intradermal skin tests rather than blood tests, which are less effective.

Dr. Abbott also recommends fatty acids in the dog's diets. Omega 3 is his preference based on the total amount of fatty acid, EPA and DHA, in supplements (e.g., Snip-it, Derma-3 and Welactin). Watch out for supplements as some may contain mercury. Flax seed isn't a good source of omega 3 in dogs and omega 6 (found in coconut oil) should never be orally given to dogs.

Food allergies are over diagnosed and because of the quality control and the multitude of studies done he recommends certain dog foods, including but not limited to Purina and Pedigree foods. Dogs should not be fed a grain free diet and for dog owners who want to prepare homemade foods, there are websites, designed by veterinarians; he suggests checking out the [balanceit.com](http://balanceit.com) and [petdiets.com](http://petdiets.com). While Purina foods are good, their treats are not. He recommends reading food labels including where the products are sourced and manufactured.

As with everything moderation is the key, no more than 10% of the diet should be treats and snacks. Many dogs are lactose intolerant but for those that can tolerate dairy, yogurt is OK but keep the sugar to a minimum.

Allergies worsen with age. While there are no cures it's just something you need to learn to live with. Benadryl is useless in dogs as it doesn't concentrate in the skin, however topical Benadryl does work. Zyrtec and Claritin can help but never give a dog a decongestant. Designer vaccinations work but can be costly and most vets don't have the expertise to create them.

Dr. Abbott encourages everyone to brush our dog's teeth brushed. He sees a lot of dental issues; CET toothpaste is his preferred brand.

Thanks to **Deb Hardman** for arranging this program.

We had a full house of attendees



## It's That Time of Year



### Dog Overheating Symptoms

Understanding the early warning signs and symptoms of overheating in dogs can make all the difference between losing and saving the life of your dog. In no time at all, an overheated dog can hamper brain, heart, nervous system or liver function. Overheated dog symptoms include:

- Excessive, heavy panting
- Drooling
- Increased heart pulse
- Dry, pale gums
- Glassy looking eyes
- Disorientation: Severe dog overheating can also manifest in confusion.
- Weakness; the dog may even collapse.
- Vomiting
- Rectal bleeding
- Diarrhea
- Bright red tongue
- Staggering
- If your dog falls on its side take it is an emergency. Cool it down as explained below and then take it to the vet.
- Seizures

### What to Do When Your Dog Is Overheated

Here are some guidelines on how to cool down a dog that is overheating or overheated.

1. **Get your dog out of the heat:** The first step in treating overheating in dogs is of course to stop further temperature rises. Running a fan can also help.
2. **Give your dog cool, fresh water immediately:** Drinking water helps with dog overheating recovery.
3. **Use cool water to lower your dog's temperature:** Pour or sprinkle cool water on your dog's belly and groin area, or place it a bathtub full of water; NEVER use ice or cold water for the purpose, as it can constrict the blood vessels in the skin and make the condition worse. Placing towels soaked in cool water on the back, neck, under the forelimbs, and in the groin, area can also help to stop dog overheating.
4. **Massage your pooch's legs:** leg massage helps to boost blood circulation and thus put the dog at lower risk of shock.
5. **When to take your dog to the vet:** After using the home remedies mentioned above to control dog overheating, you may still want to take your dog to the vet. The dog may be dehydrated or have other complications that warrant treatment.

## Meet our Newest Provisional Member



**Susan Poole:** At this time Susan has two flat-coated retrievers who she enjoys training in obedience, rally, field, confirmation, and tricks. She's lived in Jacksonville for over 35 years and met many of K9 Club Members when participating in agility a few years back (her last name then was Schultz). You may also see her paddling a kayak with her dogs riding along. Her motto is "Life is short—enjoy it!"

### UPCOMING ELECTIONS AT THE JUNE MEETING



We will be voting on the new board members for the year. Our proposed Board of Directors are:

President	Ginny Ruskuski
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres	Alison Nelson
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres	Debbie Gilman
Treasurer	Robin Wallen
Membership	Colleen Whalen
Recording Sec	Deb Hardman
Corresp Sec	Judy Fortner
BOARD Members	Juli Wilkison, Sheila Garbecki & Chris Peterson

If you are an active member and want to be considered for a board position, please send you information to Deb Gilman [debgilman10@gmail.com](mailto:debgilman10@gmail.com) no later than May 11<sup>th</sup>





## “Barks and Brags” Recent Trial Updates

Grand Island Kennel Club, Grand Island Nebraska. April 16-17, 2022.

**Erika Wilson’s** Christopher earned his 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> AKC Beginner-Novice Obedience legs with a first and second placement plus a nice title rosette ribbon on Saturday. On Sunday he went into the Rally Advanced ring for the first time, “did very well, and earned his first leg. Erika”



**Christopher and his ribbons**

**Sheila Garbecki** – We just returned from Perry Georgia where Dannica was a rock star. But the weekend prior to Perry we entered the Rally show in Elkton.

4/9/22 we entered Greater Orange Park Dog Club Rally event. We did very well, except that darn handler again, she made a couple of mistakes and in Masters still managed to pull out a 75, then Excellent 97 and, Advanced a 94. Good Girly Dannica.

Then on to Perry Georgia for the Peach Blossom Cluster. 4/13-4/16/2022. This is one of my favorite events. So much going on it’s so fun. We thought we were going to have some bad weather a couple of days, but only rained one and we were inside during that time. All other days were beautiful. We ended up getting a great camping spot across the street from Agility arena and not a far walk from the Rally ring.

Q’d in all 6 runs, coming out with all scores on 4/13 of M=78 handler error, E=97, A=99, on 4/14 M=90, E=100, A=99. Yay Dannica. She was on fire. We also took two 3<sup>rd</sup> placements, one of the 3<sup>rd</sup> places was the 100. Lost first place by a few seconds. But she still earned 100!! So proud of this little Cocker Spaniel. The judge Ms. Connie Parrish approached me after we were all done, and told me that Dannica was one of the nicest little working cocker spaniels she had seen in a long time. How nice of her to say that to me, and she had very nice courses.

Then on to agility. Again, Dannica was a SUPERSTAR. We only Q'd in 2 events but she gave me great attention, great distance, and listened. We had some lovely runs. She dropped some bars along the way which NQ'd her, but her runs were GREAT! Took Josie over in her crate and she was a trooper. She is going to do great in whatever she enjoys doing. I am really enjoying her. Dannie is not thinking the same, Dannie wants to know when is she leaving. LOL...

**Dannica and her ribbons**



Ani

**Judy Fortner's** Ani celebrated her first birthday playing fastcat. She loved it starting out with speeds of 22.50 mph on April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> in Elkton, Perry, GA was a huge success taking Reserve Winners on April 15<sup>th</sup> & Winners Bitch on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

After 22 state adventure on March 12 in Ellerbe, NC; 7 yr old, Merlin became the first miniature pinscher NACSW Elite Champion.

Over 6 years, minus 2 Covid years, **Victoria Ford** and Merlin traveled the 22-state adventure, from Alaska to Arizona and Maine to Florida. Merlin is known throughout the country.

**Victoria Ford** holding Merlin



## UPCOMING FLORIDA TRIALS

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	L Currey, L Pinnell
28-29	O	Miami Obedience Club	Lake Park	May 11	CA Klein; RE Seeley

June 2022					
Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
03-05	O	Orlando Dog Training Club	Orlando	May 18	LM Unger, L Currey, LL Seale
04-05	RLY, O	Tallahassee Dog Obed Club	Tallahassee	May 18	C Parrish, BH Humer, J Kern
11-12	O	Obed Training Club Palm Beach	Lake Park	May 25,30	L Ferrullo
16	RLY, O	Heartland Dog Club of FL	Tampa	Jun 02	DP Neufeld
17-18	RLY, O	St. Petersburg Dog Fanc Assoc	Tampa	Jun 01	DP Neufeld, S Sherman
18-19	RLY	Marion Alachua Dog Train Ass	Ocala	Jun 01	RE Miller, L Pinnell
25-26	O	Imperial Polk Obed Club	Lakeland	Jun 08	J Kern, KR Griner

July 2022					
Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
02-03	O	Miami Obed Club	Miami	Jun 15	ENA
15-17	RLY, O	Obedience Obed Club	Daytona	Jun 29	BJC Critelli, RH Knight, C Mett, CA Knight
23-24	O, RLY	Upper Suncoast Dog Train	St Petersburg	Jul 06	RH Knight, CA Klein, CA Knight, E McCarthy
30-31	O	Indian River Dog Training	Melbourne	Jul 13	O Chever, RE Seeley,
30	O	Dog Training Club of Tampa	Tamp	Jul 22	ENA

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 May

<b>Monday</b> 6:00 PM 7:15 PM	Advanced Rally CGC Prep Class	<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b> 6 PM	First Tue of the Month – Guide Dogs of Northeast Florida	<b>Saturday:</b> 9:30 AM	Novice Obedience
<b>Wednesday</b> 8 -10 AM 6 PM 7:00 PM 7:15 PM	Obedience folks train together STAR Puppy Conformation Drop Ins Advanced Puppy	<b>Sunday</b> 8-10 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	Obedience folks meet to train Family Dog Family Dog
<b>Thursday</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs 7:00 PM	K9 Board of Governors Meeting		

	<h3>Upcoming Events at the K9 Club</h3>
<b>May 7,8</b> – K9 Obedience Club Trial in Daytona	<b>June 9<sup>th</sup></b> Board Meeting
<b>May 15</b> – Rachel Flatley Seminar <b>May 22</b> – Show-n-Go	<b>June 16</b> - Annual meeting – Elections & Pot luck
<b>May 30</b> – Memoria Day	



## 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](mailto:anelsonphs@yahoo.com). Thanks to Alison for updating the website.

## Membership Committee

Any membership questions can be sent to Coleen Whalen ([K9Whalen@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:makumshine@bellsouth.net) or Ginny [Ruskuski5030@att.net](mailto: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](mailto:K9Whalen@comcast.net). Thanks to Colleen for keeping this updated.



**Liquid hand soap**

## Club Email

K9 Email – The club is using the email address [dgilmank9@gmail.com](mailto: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 [peteronchris7@hotmail.com](mailto:peteronchris7@hotmail.com) by the 20th of this month.

## VOLUNTEER INCENTIVE

Here's an update of the quilt. It's just a few steps away from being finished. Isn't it great!!



### 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!!