

**2022 Board Members**

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**Full Members**

Eileen Eisenhower

**New Provisional Members**

Cindy Iken, Megan Richards,  
Olivia Sayer

**From the President's Desk**

May is here and the time for K-9's Obedience and Rally trials has come! The trials will be held in Daytona Beach at OCOD's facility ("just down the road yonder..."). If you are a student of Rally or Obedience and haven't seen a Trial this is a great opportunity. If you are volunteering, be sure to stop by the Basket Drawing table to get some free tickets. We appreciate your help! To all of our members who are showing, GOOD LUCK!

K-9 members have a reputation of being super welcoming at our trials. Please keep this reputation intact by being friendly, polite and helpful to everybody at the trials.

Thank you to Deb and Jack Gilman and their volunteers who (I believe) cleaned the maintenance shed last weekend. They do so much for all of us!

We will have a General Meeting on Thursday, May 18th, to hear if there are any nominations from the floor for positions on the Board of Governors. If you know of somebody with a burning desire to serve, this is your only opportunity to nominate them. If there are no nominations from the floor, the Board will be approved as announced at our June General Meeting.

Finally, some very important news; the Board has been working hard to update K-9's By-Laws. The last time they were updated was in 2006, and that was the first update since they were written when the club was founded in 1951. We hope to change our tax classification to a 501(c) (3) – a non-profit (educational). Some slight changes will be more in keeping with that classification. You will be receiving a copy of the changes to review and a vote to approve the revised by-laws will also be at the June meeting.

I hope you will be there. - **Ginny**

## Training Director's Report May 2023

### Members Only 'All About Rally Day'

**May 21 starting at 9:30**

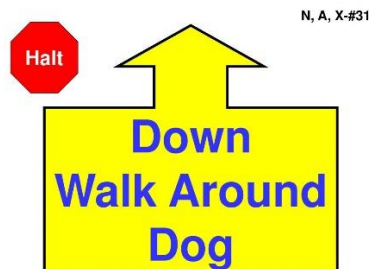
Rally is a sport where 12 or more signs with various exercises are arranged for the handler and dog team to travel through the "course." The signs are spread out in a training ring and the handler will lead the dog to each sign in the correct numbered order. There are levels of difficulty to the sport: Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Excellent and Master. Novice and Intermediate are on leash and the rest are not. People love Rally because they can talk to their dog during the run and because the exercises are many basic behaviors dogs already know from basic training.

To find out if Rally is something you would be interested in, bring your dog and join us on May 21 at 9:30 for a 2-hour introduction to the sport.

This is for members only and free of charge!

If you have been wanting to learn more about Rally and find out if it's right for you and your dog, come to the K-9 members only introduction and fun day for Rally. There will be a short presentation of the rules and tips in learning the sport, and signs will be set up for you to try with help from experienced Rally handlers. There will be individual help and time for questions. There are no prerequisites for dogs or handlers. Whether you are a new provisional member, have a young puppy, or are a full member that hasn't tried the sport, let us help you get started in this rewarding dog sport!

No reservations are required and there is no cost. email [anelsonphs@yahoo.com](mailto:anelsonphs@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.



## NOTICE TO PROVISIONAL MEMBERS!!!!

Provisional members need 2 signatures for attending meetings on their card. Mark your calendars for May 18 and June 15 and have a Board member sign your card. After June, meetings are held bi-monthly. Don't miss out on the chance for 2 in a row!


<p style="text-align: center;">Welcome to <b>K-9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville, Inc.</b> Provisional Membership Card</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Effective _____</p> <p>2638 Powers Ave Jacksonville, FL 32207</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>"Help-Outs" - Thanks for your support!</b></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;"></th> <th style="width: 25%; text-align: center;">Date</th> <th style="width: 25%; text-align: center;">Board Member Signature</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Club Service</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>General Membership Meetings</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Service of Meetings</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Date	Board Member Signature	Club Service	_____	_____	General Membership Meetings	_____	_____	Service of Meetings	_____	_____
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## NOTICE TO FULL MEMBERS!!!!

Be sure to record your volunteer hours for 2023 on a record card. When you have 8 hours recorded, hand in the card to an officer so you are eligible for class discounts and gate key rental. Don't have a record card? Get one at the next general meeting or ask about it next time you are at the club!



**K-9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville, Inc.**  
Volunteer Hours Card

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

8 Hours required per calendar year. It is your responsibility to keep track of hours. Please turn your card in to the 1st Vice President or place in the volunteer box at K-9.

8 hours = eligible for class discount and gate key

January 1, 20\_\_\_\_ (year)

December 1, 20\_\_\_\_ (year)

	HOURS								
TASK									
DATE									

## MAY GENERAL MEETING

Please mark your calendars for the General meeting on May 18th.

### SAVE THE DATE

## SPECIAL MEETING & JUNE ANNUAL MEETING

ON June 15<sup>th</sup> we will have a Special Meeting to approve the revised By-Laws, before the Annual meeting so mark your calendars. After the Annual Meeting join the fun at the Pot Luck on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Start thinking about what you will bring: appetizer, salad, side dish, main dish, dessert.



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## CLEAN-UP DAY REPORT



I would like to thank everyone that came to K9 Sunday for a clean up day. We had great weather, nice breeze and not too hot. **Samantha Giacolone** did a great job raking and bagging pine needles and leaves. **Eileen Isenhower** and Lisa Wilford moved the raked pine needles and bagged about 20 bags for the trash. **Frank Nichols** spent the entire time working on adding new zip ties to the gates. **Robin and Christopher Wallen** power washed the gates, getting rid of all the green and black crud that tends to grow in the humid environment here. **Jack Gilman** and I emptied out and cleaned the maintenance shed. Jack then organized everything and purges the things that were broken or of no use anymore.



Thank you all! We got a tremendous amount accomplished. They each got volunteer hours and tickets for the quilt raffle in December. It is a great way to get to know your fellow club members. -**Debbie Gilman**

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

Basket Drawings will be held at our Obedience and Rally Trials, May 6, 2022. If you want to buy a ticket, come to the basket table, peruse the treasures, and drop your tickets in the bag for the baskets you like.



### UPCOMING ELECTIONS AT THE ANNUAL JUNE MEETING



We will be voting on the new board members for the year. The Nominating Committee has proposed the following individuals for the Board of Governors:

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|---------------------------|-----------------|
| President                 | Deborah Hardman |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres | Alison Nelson   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres | Debbie Gilman   |
| Treasurer                 | Robin Wallen    |
| Membership                | Colleen Whalen  |
| Secretary                 | Janice Butler   |
- BOARD Members: Juli Wilkison, Sheila Garbecki & Christine Peterson

## K-9 Club By-Laws Revision in The Works

The K-9 Board of Governors, led by Christine Peterson, have spent the past year revising the K-9 Club By-Laws. The current Constitution and By-Laws are posted on the K-9 website. However, this version dates back to 2006 with spelling and grammar corrections made in 2020. Now, some necessary corrections and clarifications are due. Many of the revisions are in the wording and some inconsistencies were also found and corrected in references to related parts of the document. The corresponding and recording secretary are combined into one office. The revised document matches the practices of K-9 and doesn't change how the club will operate.

The benefits to K-9 in revising the By-Laws are several. First, the exercise provides an opportunity for all members to learn how K-9 is governed. If you haven't read the By-Laws before, doing so now will make you aware of how the club is structured and explain many details you may not have considered.

Second, revisions allow the streamlining and updating of procedures to match modern convenience.

Third, the revision being proposed by the Board of Governors adheres to a format that will position K-9 to apply for a 501c3 (nonprofit) tax designation. This has financial benefits such as tax relief and tax deductions to benefactors.

The vote to adopt the By-Laws revision will take place on June 15 at a special meeting to be held right before the Annual General Meeting. Please attend this very important Special By-Laws Meeting June 15 for the vote on the revision.

An email will be sent to all members with the revised By-Laws as well as a document to describe what changes have been made. This will happen at the end of the month. Please review these documents before the June Meeting. If you have any questions about the By-Laws revisions, please contact Christine Peterson.

## Ashley Escobar Workshop



Ashley taught us how to do core posture stretches for balanced sit, stand, down, and other strengthening exercises to help prevent injuries when jumping and running. All are good stretches and exercises to incorporate into training for dogs that do obedience, agility, retrieving, dock diving, Fast CAT, etc. **Susan Poole**



This workshop was fantastic, providing exceptional information that all of us will benefit from. It certainly exceeded my expectations. I think we all understand the need for good physical fitness but until this seminar my focus would not have included a routine of strengthening as explained by Ashley. She is a great resource. My only regret is that Michael and I did not register both of our dogs. Thanks to those who organized this event and to the Board for approving the presentation. **Carol, Michael and Grace Fitzsimmons**



The Escobar Workshop was such an amazing experience. I've been working with Bowie on commands as well as the exercises and he not only loves them but he's getting better and better with all of them, including starting to understand his back legs move independently from his front legs!!

**Rhonda Taylor and Bowie**

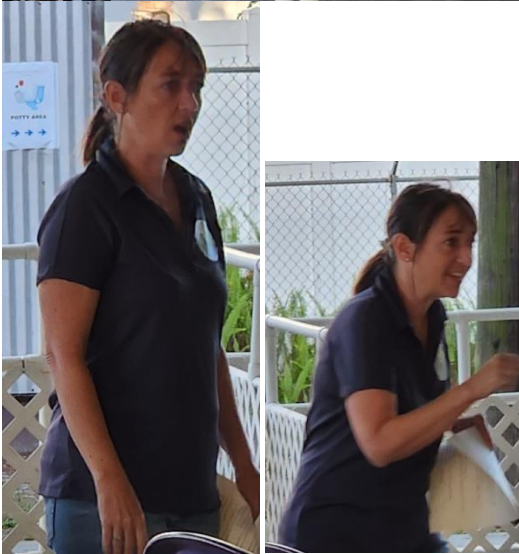


I am so glad to have been able to attend Ashley's workshop. I not only learned how to keep Ani fit and conditioned for the sports she competes in, but also the proper warm up's before competing to hopefully prevent injuries. Thank you K-9 for having her. **Judy Fortner & Ani**

Thanks to **Erika Wilson** and **Sheila Garbecki** for organizing this event. If you have a suggestion for a Workshop at K9 contact **Alison Nelson**



## General Meeting April with Maggie Marshall Speaker



“My take home was that “some breeds are wired to take the hunt all the way, while others “typically” stop at the stalk, the hold, or just the alert....we all know this, but seldom really relate it to our dogs' actions” –

**Erika Wilson**

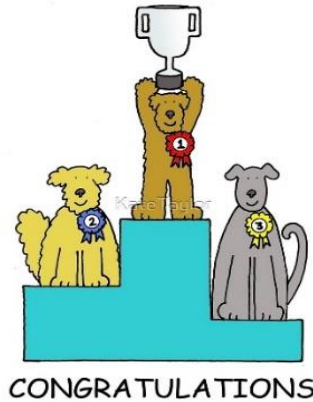
Maggie gave a nice overview of the way, that we can make a dog become reactive, by us not reading the dog’s 1<sup>st</sup> behavior of asking you to stop invading his space politely. The 2nd behavior the dog may resort to may be less polite and more reactive (e.g. growling/ barking). Maggie also mentioned behaviors where dog focus too much on distractions (eg, lizards) and instead of the handler. She recommends making the dog feel uncomfortable by chasing them with an old “cookie sheet” to teach them they need to refocus on you. I found a cookie sheet but have yet to try it out. Will keep you posted as to our progress. In case you missed the meeting or want a refresher here is a link to the seminar <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zb0q2yObV18>

That reactivity is normal in every living thing, and not necessarily “bad.” Reactivity can be predictable in dogs with previous bad experiences, and can be all or somewhat overcome with training. I thought she was VERY interesting!

**Ginny Ruskuski**

“If I had to point to another thing, it would be the fact that she validated my use of the big, loud “Hey” when it's crucial to get Maeve's attention. In the past, I've often felt guilty when I do that. But I can testify that it works. When Maeve decides to dig at the fence, I holler at her and amazingly she never does it again—at least at that one spot. Now I'm confident that a well-placed “Hey!” –

**Marcia Ladendorff**



## “Barks and Brags”

**Judy Fortner’s Ani** earned her FCAT (fast coursing ability test) title on April 23, 2023 with the Great Dane Club of North Central Florida at Dog Sports Unlimited. She is currently #5 Portuguese Water Dog in the country.

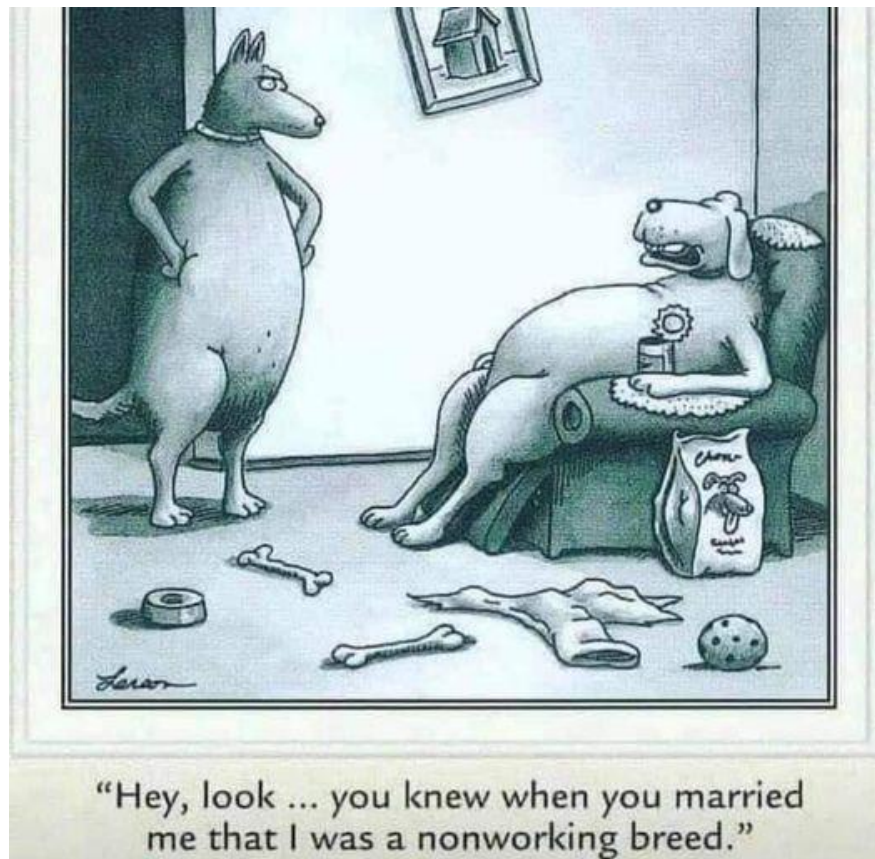


## NEW PROVISIONAL MEMBER

Olivia Sayer - I've been working as a project analyst at Florida Blue for 24 years. My animal advocacy started as a volunteer with JHS which turned into 15 years as a board member. Over the years I had a variety of breeds from Dobbies to a Pekingese. Now I have a Scottie with 3 Cavaliers. My current memberships are with Florida Cavalier Club, Greater Jacksonville Collie Club and Scottish Terrier Club of Tampa Bay.



Olivia and Sammy



## UPCOMING FLORIDA TRIALS

May 2023					
Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
06-07	RLY,O	K-9 Obedience Club	Daytona Bch	May 19	J Rogers, CA Knight, RH Knight, N Heidt
06-07	RLY,O	Dog Training Club	St Petersburg	Apr 21	TG McCall, C Mett
13-14	RLY	Indian River Dog Train Club	Palm Bay	Apr 26	BJC Critelli, J Valentovich
20-21	RLY	Imperial Polk Obed Club	Lakeland	May 03	L Currey, E McCarthy
27-28	O	Miami Obedience Club	Lake Park	May 10	L Seeley, RE Seeley

June 2023					
Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
02-04	O,RLY	Orlando Dog Training Club	Orlando	May 17	CA Boyles, K Kincaid, AP Kincaid, J Rogers, M Becker
03-04	O,RLY	Tallahassee Dog Obed Club	Tallahassee	May 17	C Tisdale, DP Neufeld, N Grimm
10-11	O	Obed Training Club Palm Bch	Lake Park	May 24	L Seeley
16-18	RLY,O	St Petersburg Dog Fanciers	Tampa	May 31	DP Neufeld
17-18	RLY	Marion Alachua Dog Training	Ocala	May 31	NE Noonan, E McCarthy
24-25	O	Imperial Polk Obed Club	Lakeland	Jun 07	L Seeley, RE Seeley

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	ENA
14-16	RLY,O	Obedience Club of Daytona	Daytona Bch	Jun 28	ENA
22-23	RLY	Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County	Lake Park	Jul 05	ENA
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

RLY (Rally), O (Obedience), PO (preferred Obedience), NA (Not yet Approved), TBA (To Be Announced) ENA (event not approved), P (pended), PJA (pending judge approval), PPP (Pending Panel Processing)

## K9 Club Events Calendar for May

<b>Monday</b> 6 pm	Rally Advanced (1,8,15,22,29) STAR Puppy (8,15,22,29)	<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b> 6 PM  6 PM 7:15 PM	First Tue of the Month – Guide Dogs of Northeast Florida STAR Puppy (2,9,16,23,30) Advanced Puppy (2,9,16,23,30)	<b>Saturday:</b> 9:00 AM  10:15AM  10:30 AM 1:00 PM	Family Dog (13,20,27) Agility Foundation for Puppies (20,27) Agility Foundation for Dogs (20,27) Family Dog (13,20,27) Canine Good Citizen (13,20)
<b>Wednesday</b> 8 -10 AM 7:00 PM	Obedience folks train together Conformation Drop In's	<b>Sunday</b> 8-10 AM	Obedience folks meet to train
<b>Thursday</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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

May 6-7 K-9 Trial Daytona Bch  
May 11 Board of Directors  
May 14 Mother's Day

May 18 General Meeting  
May 21 K9 Rally Day  
May 29 Memorial Day

	<h3>K9 Webpage</h3> <p>For questions or comments related to the K9 Web pages please contact <b>Alison Nelson</b> at <a href="mailto:anelsonphs@yahoo.com">anelsonphs@yahoo.com</a>. Thanks to Alison for updating the website.</p>
<h3>Membership Committee</h3> <p>Any membership questions can be sent to <b>Coleen Whalen</b> (<a href="mailto:K9Whalen@comcast.net">K9Whalen@comcast.net</a>)</p>	<h3>Sunshine Committee</h3> <p><b>Sheila Garbecki</b> 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 <a href="mailto:sbgarb1@yahoo.com">sbgarb1@yahoo.com</a>.</p>
<h3>Building and Grounds</h3> <p>If you see something that needs cleaning or repairing, please let <b>Debbie Gilman</b> know about it by text <a href="tel:610-597-5454">610-597-5454</a> or email <a href="mailto:debgilman10@gmail.com">debgilman10@gmail.com</a></p>	<h3>Facebook Page</h3> <p><b>Ginny Ruskuski</b> administrates the Facebook Page. For issues or additions related to the Facebook please email Ginny <a href="mailto:Ruskuski5030@att.net">Ruskuski5030@att.net</a>.</p>
<h3>K9 Website Calendar</h3> <p><b>Colleen Whalen</b> updates the Calendar on the K9 Website. For issues or additions related to the calendar please contact Colleen at <a href="mailto:K9Whalen@comcast.net">K9Whalen@comcast.net</a>.</p>	 <p><b>Nature’s Miracle Clean Sheets</b></p>
<h3>Program Committee</h3> <p><b>Colleen Whalen</b> and <b>Deb hardman</b> are out program committee. If you have suggestions for speakers contact with Colleen contact <b>Colleen Whalen</b> (<a href="mailto:K9Whalen@comcast.net">K9Whalen@comcast.net</a>) or <b>Deb Hardman</b> (<a href="mailto:debhardman1@comcast.net">debhardman1@comcast.net</a>) with <u>suggestions</u>.</p>	<h3>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</h3> <p>Please email any material you would like included in the Newsletter to <a href="mailto:peteronchris7@hotmail.com">peteronchris7@hotmail.com</a>. If not received by the 25th of this month it will be included in the next issue.</p>

## SNEAK PEEK AT THE NEW QUILT



Courtesy of Deb Gilman