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From the President's Desk

Well, I think we dodged the bullet with hurricane Dorian. I haven't been to the club yet to survey any damage but around our neighborhood all is well.

I want to thank Cindy Torre, Betsy Raiford and Marcia Ladendorff for turning down all the ring gates and John Ruskuski and especially C. J. Smith of Canine Companions for Independence for putting up the trash cans, putting the small stuff in crates and stacking the chairs. All this was in preparation for Dorian. We've had several tropical storms that left stuff ALL OVER the grounds, and I was so relieved to get things secured! Thank you, all!

Our Fall trials are Oct. 12th and 13th. Please let Alison know if you will be able to help stewarding or in any other capacity.

Also, we will once again have our Basket Drawing. We will need some baskets filled with things a person (or *DOG* person) might want. If you have items you would like to donate to the drawing let me know via email at ruskusi5030@att.net

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Meetings

Board Meeting –
Sept. 12, 7:00 pm

General Meeting –
Sept. 19, 7:30 pm

**Join us for our Meet and Eat!
Bring a dish to share or just
bring yourself!**



No training will be allowed on the grounds during the General Meeting

New Members



None

President's Message – continued

This drawing is a lot of fun, both preparing the baskets and buying the tickets. Proceeds help offset trial expenses. Please join us for the drawing!



Speaking of the trials, please get your entry in if you plan to exhibit. The closing date is Sept. 25th.

Ginny

Upcoming Events

September

09/12 - CCI Puppy Training - 6:30 pm
09/12 – Board Meeting – 7:00 pm
09/19 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm
09/26 - CCI Puppy Training - 6:30 pm

October

10/10 – Board Meeting – 7:00 pm
10/12 – AKC Obedience and Rally Trials
10/13 – AKC Obedience and Rally Trials
10/17 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm

November

11/14 – Board Meeting – 7:00 pm
11/21 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm

Other Info

9 crates in the pavilion are not labeled with a member last name. They will be removed in preparation for the upcoming obedience trial if not labeled.

Volunteers Needed

**FOR NW1 & NW3 TRIALS:
ST. JOHNS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
5840 S.R. 207
ELKTON, FLORIDA 32033
NW3 ON SATURDAY, 11/9/19
NW1 ON SUNDAY, 11/10/19**

Please use this [link](#) to volunteer. Provisional members of K-9 and members still needing their 8 volunteer hours, don't miss this opportunity to get those hours. It is also a great way to learn about the trial process, meet new people, and see a trial in action!

Thank you in advance for your help. Volunteers are the backbone of trials and without you we could not host trials.

With much appreciation,

Christy and Bob Reifsneider,
Volunteer coordinators
K9 Obedience Club Elkton NW Trial

Thanks!

Volunteers that have cleaned and maintained K-9 grounds earlier this spring and on August 25th deserve a huge thanks! Many of the names on the volunteer lists repeat and these are members who consistently pitch in when needed. K-9 is a large place to take care of and members provide important volunteer service that keep it up.

If you see something that needs attention at K-9, feel free to contribute service toward it. There are always floors to be blown free of debris, limbs and bits of litter to be picked up, and potty station and garbage to be emptied! Most importantly, members who have crates in the pavilion, **remember it is your responsibility to keep your space and crate free of dirt and debris.** Brooms and a blower with extension cord are conveniently placed for your use. A clean center area makes a big difference in the overall appearance of the facility.

A very special thank you goes to Mark Easterday for power washing the sheds and ramp to clubhouse August 26. They look brand new! Mark and Anji have been active members in the past year and sadly will be moving to Colorado. We will miss them, but wish them well in their next home!

Pet Therapy Pre-Assessments

K9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville, Inc. offers pre-assessments to help owners meet their pet therapy goals. This evaluation is not required by any national or local pet therapy organization.

Most owners aren't sure if their dog has the social and/or obedience skills required and don't want to fail the formal test. Our records for the last three years indicated 80% of dogs pre-assessed needed more training. After each assessment, we recommend the best pet therapy course for the team.

Our next pre-assessments will be held on the following dates in twenty minute intervals.

Saturday, September 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30.

Monday, September 9th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Cost is \$10. No Refunds.

Contact **Colleen Whalen** to find out which time slots are still available and get payment instructions.

K9Whalen@comcast.net

Classes

Classes are ramping up with 3 STAR Puppy, Advanced Puppy, Rally and Novice classes starting in September.

Skills/Beginner Novice will meet Wednesday mornings at 9 beginning 9/25. 6 week class. Anyone interested should contact Dianne Strickland DianneStrickland@MissouriState.edu

Congratulations!



Cindy Torre and Chewie

Daytona Obedience Club AKC Scent Work Trial
8/17/19:
Chewie Titled in the Advanced Containers and
came in 2nd place



Christi Reifsneider and Jester

Jester's Advanced Interior title from
Daytona in August



Cindy Torre and Skylar

Daytona Obedience Club AKC Scent Work
Trial 8/17/19:
Skylar titled in Novice B Containers and
Q'd twice in the Novice B Interior Searches



Sam Davis and Patch

Starting in September, Patch will be working
alongside Sam at JFCS seeing clients for
animal assisted therapy. Sam is a LCSW there.



Congratulations!



Alison Nelson and Coco

Rally Intermediate title August 10 @
Mid FL Golden Retriever Club

2nd leg rally intermediate Aug 4
Australian Shepherd club trial
Daytona Beach

Elaine Nabors and Lycan

CH Starbright Leader of the Pack
aka Lycan and his mommy Elaine,
had another nice weekend of
showing when they won their
Graduate Open class with a 197
and their second leg.



Elaine Nabors and Lycan

CH Starbright Leader of the Pack aka
Lycan had a big weekend at the
Aussie shows Aug 3rd and 4th. He
earned a Utility leg and a first place
each day out of Utility A. This was
Elaine's first time competing in
Utility. It was a magical experience



Elaine Nabors and Lycan

Congratulations!



Robin Wallen and Blu

Blu got his Advanced Rally title in Daytona and the first leg of Novice obedience.



Andi Bower and TY and Ali

My fabulous partners rocked in Perry, GA Atlanta Kennel Club July 10-13, 2019

- 12 First Places
- 2 Second Places
- 1 Third Place

Master Fast, Master Standard
T2B, Master JWW

Ali new title—MX

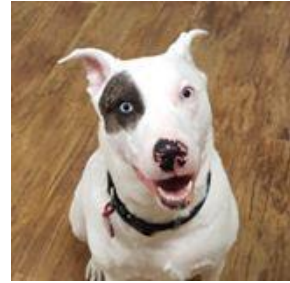
Jean Coker and Banchory and Alexei

Banchory finished her Rally Novice title and got her CGC.

Alexei went Best of Winners twice (expertly shown by Megan Mello) for his first conformation points and got his CGC.

Personal Notes

We extend our deepest sympathy to Norma Pettigrew on the loss of her father and to Cynthia and John Kantner on the loss of their sweet boy Merlin.



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