

From the President's Desk:

It's time to put together our team for K-9's 42nd DOCOF competition this fall. DOCOF has been a long tradition for us. K-9 helped to organize DOCOF in 1967 and our club has completed every year since. Contact Beth Schmidt or Ginny Ruskuski if you want to participate.

This month marks the end of another year at K-9. Our new board members take their seats next month. Ya'll have served the club with admirable dedication and I've been proud to serve with you. I can't do it without you! I need all incoming & outgoing board members at this month's board meeting on the 11th to insure a smooth transition.

At last month's General meeting, we voted in **Barbara Elrod** as our newest Honorary member. You may not recognize the name, but if you've been to any of our events over the past couple of years, you certainly will know the face. Barbara is always an eager, willing, and cheerful volunteer. No matter what need may arise, Barbara has always been right there to jump in and lend a helping hand. She's become a steward extraordinaire both in the ring and at the table. She has received many glowing compliments from our trial judges. Welcome Barbara, we're lucky to have you as part of the family.

Speaking of last month's meeting, **Linda Wallace** really outdid herself with the refreshments. Who knew she had such artistic talent when it comes to food. Tons of "oooohs!" and "aahhhhs!"

Rick Koenig is now our Building and Grounds chairman. Please notify him of any repairs needed or damage spotted.

Offer up some help to **Diane Cohen and Carol Stevens** with the match on the 13th. A spaghetti dinner is also being planned. Watch for the flier via e-mail. (Editor's note – see page 3 for details.)

This month's meeting on the 18th, will be covered dish to celebrate yet another year. Contact **Phyllis Vandeveld** about what is needed. Look forward to seeing a large crowd! See ya'll then! -Laurie

June General Meeting Program

*Please join us as we celebrate K-9's
58th Anniversary with a Pot Luck Dinner!*

*Call Phyllis Vandeveld at
387-6038
to coordinate dishes.
We hope to see you there!*

Welcome New Members!

Emily Foster and Tom Bradley with CKC Ollie

**Congratulations to our newest
Full Member, Ann Lentz**

**and Extra Special Congratulations
to our New Honorary Member,
Barbara Elrod**

Meetings

Board Meeting – June 11 (7:00 PM)

General Meeting – June 18 (7:30 PM)

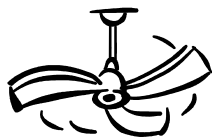
**There will be no training allowed on the grounds
during the General Meeting. Thank you.**

**Judges Selection Committee Meeting
Change of Date!**

July 16, 6:30 PM

Please, send the names of judges you would
like to suggest to judge our future K-9 trials
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to

**Ed Buck, Trial Chairman
11649 Brush Ridge Circle S.
Jacksonville, Florida 32225
edsetter@comcast.net (997-1088)**



Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events - New June Start Dates:

- 06-01-- Rally, 7:00 to 8:30 PM, Larson
- 06-08 --Pet Therapy, 7:00 PM, Ennis
- 06-11-- Board Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 06-13 - **Breed and Obedience Match**, 5:00 PM (Dinner – 4:00)
- 06-15 -- CGC Test, \$10, 7:30 PM, Whalen
- 06-18 -- General Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 06-20 -- Freestyle Group, 10:00 AM
- 06-23 - Beginners Novice Foundations, 7:00, Ruskuski
- 06-24 - Intermediate Foundations 7:00,
- 06-24 - Advanced Foundations 7:45
- 06-22 -- Puppy K & 1, 6:30 PM, Whalen
- 06-23 -- CGC Test, \$10, 7:30 PM, Whalen
- 06-29 -- STAR Puppy, 7:30 PM, Whalen
- 06-30 -- Beginners/CGC, 7:00 PM, Billinge

Classes in Progress:

Mondays

- 6:30 Puppy K & 1, Whalen
- 7:00 Pet Therapy, Ennis

Tuesdays

- 7:00 Polish Novice/Beginner Open, Schmidt
- 7:00 Novice Foundations - Beginners, Ruskuski
- 8:00 Polish Open/Beginner Utility, Schmidt

Wednesdays

- 6:30 Puppy K & 1, Whalen
- 7:30 STAR Puppy, Whalen
- 7:30 Novice Foundations- Inter. & Adv., Ruskuski
- 7:30 Confirmation classes - Contact Charlotte at 398-8347

Saturdays

- 09:30 -- Puppy K, Whalen
- 10:30 -- Puppy 1, Whalen

Coming in June! Interested in learning about Rally? Gail Larson will teach a Rally class the four Mondays in June from 7-8:30. Each class will consist of three parts: skills needed for Rally (pivots, for example), the correct execution of the signs, and course run-thrus. Both AKC and UKC signs and rules will be taught. Remember that mixed breed dogs can compete NOW in UKC Rally and will be able to compete in AKC Rally beginning April 1, 2010.

Cost of the four classes is \$60 (no discount for club members), and will require a minimum of 8 participants. Contact Gail Larson at 904-476-0179 or gail Larson@bellsouth.net for more information and to reserve your spot in class.



*Photo on Left –
Lucinda Napoli
on right*

Congratulations!

K-9 AKC TRIALS



Anita Gard and Parek

Parek earned his Schutzhund 2 (SchH 2) title May 23rd at the Iron Dog Schutzhund Club trial in Ocala, FL. (SchH 2 = Intermediate Level) New Title!

Lucinda and Chatham Napoli

Lucinda Napoli just received her 10th win and 4th Best Junior for the year – she is now officially qualified for Westminster!

At the Atlanta Golden Retriever Club Show Chatham Napoli had the thrill of showing Dylan for **Yale and Beverly Goldman**. Dylan won Best in Specialty Show. At the Treasure Coast Kennel Club Chatham won Best Junior & BOW. At the Macon Kennel Club show Chatham won the class of 13 only to be beaten by her sister, Lucinda, for Best Junior!

Janice Hoffenberg and Dov, Diva - Newfoundland Nationals

Dov earned 3rd legs in Novice B and Rally Advanced B, earning her CD and RA titles. New Titles!

Divas first obedience trials earned her first two legs of Rally Novice B and placed 3rd on the second day.

(Late brag from K-9's AKC trials)

Barbara Butler and Devon

Saturday Devon got her 3RD Rally Advanced A leg for her title with 4th Place - New Title!

Sunday Devon moved into Rally Excellent A and got her 1st leg

DOCOF

Dog Obedience Clubs of Florida is a statewide competition between the dog clubs in the state and is held in Orlando on Labor Day Sunday – this year it will be Sept. 6.

K-9 will send a team and we are looking for members who are interested in representing the club at the Novice, Open or Utility level. This is a match, not a trial, and although AKC rules are used for judging DOCOF is open to ALL dogs – purebred or mixed.

Please contact us if you are interested. We have a long weekend, a nice dinner, shop great vendors and have a good time. We will be setting practice dates throughout the summer and expect all team members to attend at least some of the practices. For more information or to express your interest please contact co-captains

Beth Schmidt at aerosnitch@att.net

or Ginny Ruskuski at ruskuski@bellsouth.net

Personal Notes:

Our deepest condolences go out to Pam McCaleb whose father passed away at the end of May.

"Not the least hard thing to bear when they go from us, these quiet friends, is that they carry away with them so many years of our own lives...." author unknown

Sad news from **Colleen Whalen**: "My gentle giant has crossed the Rainbow Bridge and joins his friends, Angel and Nikki. **Max** was my teacher and healer in so many ways. Although he earned many titles in dog sports, I'm most proud of his work as a Pet Therapy Dog for the Wolfson Children's Hospital for over 4 years. He loved to perform many "stupid dog tricks" bringing laughter and smiles to the kids, families and staff at the hospital.

For the first time in 27 years, I have no dog in the house!! After researching for the last 2 years for a new and smaller breed, I decided on a Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever. I've contacted a breeder and a puppy will be available to bring home this fall, either August or September. In the meantime, I've decided to offer students and friends my service of pet sitting your beloved pooches in my home while you're on vacation for the summer. Most dogs and especially young puppies get extremely stressed when placed in a kennel with lots of strange dogs. I can help with training and/or behavior issues with young pups as well as socialize them during my puppy classes while you are away. I will also give them daily walks and teach tricks if you want. All pups and dogs must be crate trained! They must also be on monthly flea and heart worm prevention medication. I will not take in any aggressive dogs (towards people or other dogs). Call me for prices and other requirements. Maximum of 2 puppies/ dogs will be kept in my home. July 10th through the 31st is already reserved." -Colleen Whalen (399-5343)

Another sad email, this from **Marge Rogers**: "It is with a heavy heart that I tell you that **Chase** passed away suddenly last night. Apparently, a small sac in his lung burst, causing a hole. There were no immediately apparent symptoms from that (he was eating, drinking & eliminating normally). Air escaped internally, causing pressure internally and stressing his systems. That stress caused him to bloat (stomach fills up with air and can twist - life threatening if not caught immediately). We caught the bloat early, rushed him to the vet and they did emergency surgery. They were done with the surgery and getting ready to close him up when his heart stopped and they discovered the hole in his lung. They were unable to resuscitate him. Bob and I were with him and I had my hands on his face when he slipped away. Our hearts are breaking. Chase was a gift from heaven & we truly celebrate his life and the joy he brought us. His body is just a coat he wore here on earth. His spirit will be with us always. All done, Chase. All done." (Editor's note - Chase was something of a minor celebrity on Youtube. Marge has a nice collection of dog-trick videos that attracted a small but world-wide audience. You can access her collection of amazing tricks (Chase stacking dishes, blowing bubbles, putting toys away) from her memorial video at http://www.youtube.com:80/watch?v=ghS_5SmqKig&feature=channel_page Marge echoes Colleen, "It's funny - I thought I was going to train him. I ended up learning more from him than he ever learned from me. He was a good teacher."

Yet another loss; **Laurie and Taylor Billinge** lost their Lab, "**Thursday**," late in May. It's so hard to say goodbye to old friends.

A lengthy note full of compliments received from one of our judges at the April AKC trials included - "Dear **Ed [Buck]**, this is a quick note to thank you and your club members for all the work and effort you put into holding a great obedience trial....Please give my thanks to **Ken [Stevens]**, who ran a great stewarding team in the ring....Continued success with your obedience trials and congratulations on the expansion of your outdoor facility. Thank you! - **Betsy H. Humer**"

Thanks to all of you who elected to receive the email version of the K-9 Tails. Members are raving about the quick delivery, beautiful photos and "green" feeling it gives them. Speaking of photos, I need more! Photographs that can be pasted into the newsletter make it visually more interesting and who doesn't like seeing their picture in print? Send photos to ruskuski@bellsouth.net I hope to include yours soon. (If you haven't seen *your* name in the Tails, it's because *I don't know what you're up to!* So keep in touch!)



Above, **Max** - hard at work in the classroom.

Dinner and a Match! Saturday, June 13th

Dinner starts at 4:00 PM. Cost is \$5.00 for our great Spaghetti Dinner and \$1.00 for a drink. Judging starts at 5:00 PM.

Pre-entries - \$5.00 per dog per run. (Day-of-Event entries cost \$7.00 per dog per run. Entries will be taken between 3:00 and 4:30 PM.)
Send Pre-entries to Carol Stevens, 6769 Laurina Place, Jacksonville, FL. 32216. Entries may be sent on any AKC form or on any paper that includes the following information:

Conformation: Breed of dog, Name of dog, Dog's date of birth, Owner's name, address, and phone number.

Conformation classes: 3-6 puppy, 6-9 puppy (these are Junior puppies) 9-12 month and 12-18 month (Senior Puppy), and adult.

Obedience: Obedience Class(es), Name of dog, Breed of dog, Owner's name, address, and phone number,

Obedience Classes offered - Pre-Novice, Novice, Open, Utility

Judges: Conformation

Herding and Working - Lydia Filzen

Sporting and Non-Sporting - John Mello

Toys, Terriers, and Hounds - Lynn Coman

Judges: Obedience

Pre-Novice - Jeannine Mello

Novice - Gail Larson

Open and Utility - all participants pitch in to judge

We will have 5 rings: 2 for Conformation, one for Pre-novice, one for Novice and Open and Utility will share one ring. When another ring becomes available Open or Utility will be moved to that ring.

We need help from everybody with stewarding, food (Jeannette Riback is organizing), setting rings (Diane Cohen), etc. Carol Stevens CStevens@coj.net is the event secretary and we thank her for efforts that make this match possible.

Pet Legislation (Submitted by Gail Larson)

Mandatory spay/neuter, anti cropping/docking, breed specific legislation, dangerous dog ordinances and anti-hunting laws are all examples of the current animal rights legislation appearing in communities all over the United States.

Even if you don't own Pit Bulls, Rottweilers, Dobermans, hunting dogs, breeds with cropping/docking, or any of the myriad of others targeted, don't be lulled into complacency. All dog owners should become aware and educated concerning the movement by organizations such as People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), whose ultimate goals are to end the ownership of all animals as pets. The call to all dog owners to stand up and fight for their rights has too long been ignored by the majority of pet owners, while a few fight all the battles.

The recent adoption of a purebred Portugese Water Dog by the Obama family is a prime example of how the animal rights activists are advancing their position. They want to make the general public believe that owning a purebred dog is a moral crime and all pets should be rescued from a shelter. The answers to the problems of pet overpopulation and animal cruelty are complex issues that require coordinated efforts to solve. No one should jump to conclusions that offer a simple answer. While some propose mandatory spay/neuter laws will cure pet overpopulation in the US, many of these laws have adverse impacts on responsible dog owners. It has also yet to be shown that when such laws are enacted that they actually reduce unwanted pet overpopulation.

As a responsible dog owner please take the time to educate yourself in areas relating to dog legislation. We need to come together and ensure that our right to own, train, show and have dogs as our loving companions is not taken away.

Some helpful sites to start learning about pet legislation include:

http://www.akc.org/canine_legislation/

<http://www.fakc.org/>

<http://www.naiatrust.org/index.htm>

(Gail also notes: Celeste Meade, who has competed in obedience in Europe commented when she was here in July that the Europeans have outlawed any collars except flat collars for any use whatsoever. This means that it is illegal to use a pinch or choke collar on any dog for any purpose. In her opinion, this is why there are only border collies and the occasional golden in obedience competition in Europe. Don't let people who don't believe in dog ownership make laws that dictate your relationship with your dog. Educate yourself about legislation intended to restrict the rights of you and your dog.)

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