

**From the President's Desk –**

The October trials are here again. To donate a bit of your time stewarding, helping with set-up, etc., contact **Carol Stevens**. **Connie Carstens** will be handling concessions again this year. If you would like to donate to the kitchen, we need lots of ice, sodas, lots of bottled water, home made deserts, and donuts to go with morning coffee. Cash donations to offset the food cost are always appreciated. We won't have a General meeting before the trial, so contact **Ginny Ruskuski** if you wish to donate to the trophy fund. *[Editor's note: Please send any trophy donations you wish to make ASAP to be included in the catalog!]*

We ALWAYS need help on Sunday afternoon with clean-up. If you can't stay on Sunday, how about stopping by the clubhouse and see if a bag of garbage can be taken out? Every little bit helps those who work the entire weekend and are really pooped come Sunday afternoon. The judges' dinner is planned for 6:00 pm on Saturday night at Gene's Seafood (YUM!!!). It's always a great time!

If you missed September's General Meeting, you missed a good time. We had a delicious array of food to eat, and the basket raffle was a rousing success!! We made enough to cover almost half of the new cabinets! The proceeds of this month's trials will also be donated towards the last half of the new cabinets.

On the 26<sup>th</sup>, we had a club clean-up day. Everyone worked very hard to clean up all the debris and accumulated trash from the property. All the sheds were cleaned and reorganized. Chairs and equipment had a scrub down and cleaning. In just a few hours, the grounds and buildings were looking great. Please respect the hard work these folks put in and remember to clean up after yourselves and put things away (where you found them) when done using them. A huge thanks to those who came out and got our club ready for our guests.

**Don't forget there's a fun match Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>!** The next General meeting will be on Oct. 15 and thanks to **Elizabeth Adams** we'll have a speaker. Hope to see a big crowd there. Good Luck at the trials!

- Laurie



**October Meeting Program**

**Gina Miller from Nature's Way** will be talking to us about organic pest control. These products work!

**Welcome New Members!  
Provisional Membership**

**Sharon and Randy Cribbs with Labs Molly and Atticus**

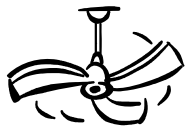
**June Thinnes with SCD Jessie and Aussie Fannie**

**Meetings**

**Board Meeting – Oct. 8 (7:00 PM)**

**General Meeting – Oct. 15 (7:30 PM)**

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



**Upcoming Events - October & November Start Dates**

- 10-03 – Match, 3:00 PM (details below)**
- 10-05 -- Pet Therapy, 7:00 PM, Ennis
- 10-08 – Set up for trials, 6:00 PM
- 10-08 -- Board Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 10-09 – Show-n-Go! 6:00 PM
- 10-10, 10-11 – AKC TRIALS!**
- 10-19 -- Puppy **K & 1**, 6:30 PM, Whalen
- 10-15 -- General Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 10-17 -- ♪ Freestyle Group, 10:00 AM ♪
- 10-19 -- **UKC Rally Run-Thrus**, 7:00 PM, Larson
- 10-20 -- Beginners/CGC, 7:00 PM, Billinge
- 11-07 & 11-08 – First Coast UKC Trials!
- 11-11 -- Puppy **K & 1**, 6:30 PM, Whalen
- 11-16 -- **STAR** Puppy, 7:30 PM, Whalen
- 11-21 -- Puppy **K & 1**, 9:30 AM, Whalen

**Classes in Progress:**

**Mondays**

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



**Tuesdays**

- 7:00 Beginners/CGC, Billinge
- 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
- 7:00 Novice Foundations- Inter, Ruskuski
- 7:30 Novice Foundations - Advanced, Ruskuski
- 7:30 Confirmation classes - Contact Charlotte at 398-8347

**Saturdays**

- 09:00 -- Puppy K, Whalen
- 10:15 -- Puppy 1, Whalen
- 11:30 -- STAR Puppy, Whalen

*Congratulations!*

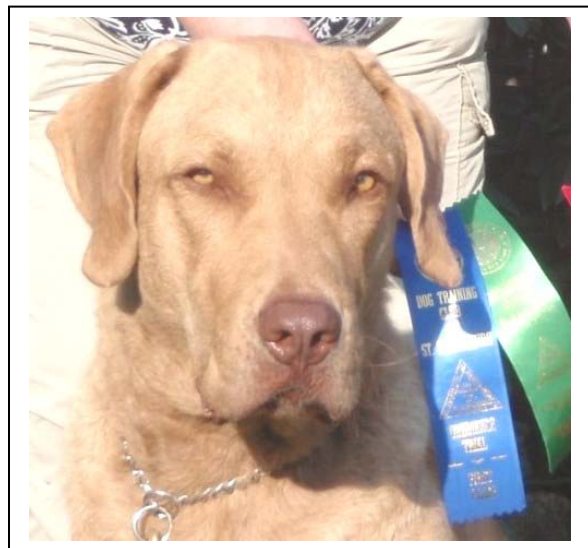
DOCOF  
**John Pacsay & Riou**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Novice



St. Pete  
Barry Sales and Grommet  
3<sup>rd</sup> leg Novice, 1<sup>st</sup> Place – **New Title!**

**Iiona Meeks and Haven**  
Haven was ranked in the TOP TEN Australian Cattle Dogs in Herding this past year! Not only was she in the top ten....She tied for being the #2 ranked dog in the country in Started Sheep and the # 5 ranked dog in the country on all types of stock! (Thanks to **Pam Johnson** for sending news of this hard-earned honor.)

**Elizabeth Adams and Kava**  
5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> RAE legs



*Above – Barry Sales’s Grommet – our newest CD dog.*

**Basket Raffle**

Don't forget to bring your basket for the raffle at the K-9 trials Oct 10 and 11. It's always great fun seeing what people come up with for their baskets and the handlers look forward to our raffles at each trial.



Also, **First Coast Trials Nov 7 and 8**. Mark your calendars. **Contact Phyllis Vandavelde** for info and entries.

**MATCH – OCTOBER 3!**

On Saturday, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 3:00 PM we will have an Obedience and Rally match at K-9. We will offer Utility, Open, Novice, and Pre-novice as well as all 3 Rally classes. Pre-entries cost \$6 per run and entries on the day of event will be \$7. On the day of event entries will be taken from 1:30 until 2:30. Judging starts at 3:00 pm. We'll need some volunteers to help with the ring stewarding please! Send pre-entries to Diane Cohen, 2828 Wood Valley Ct., Jacksonville, FL 32217 Include your name, dog's name, dog's breed, classes entered, and fees. Thank you.

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Photo, right  
– Sylvia  
Montiel (L)  
and  
Betty Jean  
Shuman (R)  
get silly for  
Laurie's  
camera  
during the  
work day.



### Personal Notes:

Sadly, our dear friend **Doris Kredo** passed away in late August. Health problems kept Doris away from us in recent years but her passing leaves an empty chair nonetheless. Doris spent her last few years in Texas living with her daughter, Paula, who in the past also joined us at club functions and cheered on our team at DOCOF. Doris was a life member, past member of the Board, and competed successfully with her Pomeranians. Best remembered is Ginger, who could always be counted on to supply a qualifying score at Docof. (Considering Poms aren't on anybody's list of Easy-to-train dogs, Doris deserved many kudos for Ginger's consistent performances.) I did not know Doris well but I can tell you she had a wonderful sense of humor and the endearing quality of seeing the funny side of any situation, especially situations concerning her own dogs and training problems. The grounds seem very quiet without her laughter. *Exercise finished, Doris.*

**Jeannette Riback** is mending from two (!) broken elbows after a nasty fall. We hope she's better soon. Before her fall Jeannette sent me a website for downloading free pumpkin carving patterns in dog breeds, though I doubt she'll be up to it now.  
<http://www.bhg.com/holidays/halloween/pumpkin-carving/pumpkin-carving-stencils-of-favorite-dogs/>

**Diana Decker** is back with us after nursing her husband through his kidney transplant. He's back at work and she's back in class with her Aussie, **Rebel**. It's so nice to hear good news.

Along with **Barry Sales's** news about **Grommet's** new title, he writes, "we have our newest family/pack-member, **Kody** (a/k/a Rippling Waters Kodiak Brown), enrolled in Coleen's Puppy Kindergarten classes."

We received this note from **Rick Koenig** on 9/22 – "We are currently having an ant problem on the concrete deck and around the front entrance at K9. I have met with George Richardson of Peninsular Pest Control and his crew will be at K9 starting Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> to treat the problem. These are not "fire ants" but are "Caribbean Crazy Ants". They originally came in through Blount Island and are moving through Jacksonville and elsewhere around port cities in Florida. This ant does not bite or sting, or cause any structural damage but they are a nuisance. I want to assure all the members that the products used to treat this pest will not harm our pets. We will be aggressive in trying to control this outbreak and we will continually monitor the situation. Thanks go out to our members for alerting us to the problem. Mr. Richardson has a fondness for our club since he participated in one of the basic obedience courses with his dog a few years ago. I'm sure Peninsular will do a fine job in helping us control the situation. Peninsular will also improve their performance in controlling the weeds in our lawn area. They will be addressing that issue this week as well."

The Work Day on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> found a lot of members helping out on the grounds. I would like to mention these people by name since their elbow grease supplied the much-needed cleanup. Present were **Nancy Refschneider, Caroline and Amanda Lee, Laurie Billinge, Jennifer Starkey, Linda Wallace, Debbie Millard, June Thinnis, Barbara Elrod, Betty Jean Shuman, Laura and Sydney Kramer, Paige Hanson, Sylvia Montiel, and of course, Rick Koenig and Gail Larson**. The agility equipment was organized with jumps repaired so they are all usable. Sheds were emptied and cleaned, chairs were washed with broken and/or cracked ones thrown away. We will be selling surplus obedience jumps, etc. (not in the most pristine condition) at deeply discounted prices at the trials. A couple of important notes from the clean up: we are missing one of the short legs to the agility table. If anybody finds this please put it with the others near the table. Also, there were a lot of un-labeled crates near the shed and bathroom area. **IF NOT CLAIMED AND LABELED THESE CRATES WILL BE SOLD AT THE OCTOBER TRIALS! If you have a crate at K-9, make sure your name is on it!**

If you haven't heard, **K-9's team came in 15<sup>th</sup> out of 40 teams at DOCOF**. Very exciting – **John Pacsay and Riou** won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Novice (with over 100 dogs competing in that class). Congratulations to John and thanks to all the team members who did such an outstanding job in – and out – of the ring supporting K-9 and each other.

### GOLD! GOLD! GOLD!

**K-9 is still collecting our scrap gold**. Now is a good time for us to make some extra cash as gold prices have risen to over \$1000 per ounce. Chip in any broken pieces or that one earring you have, or something you simply don't wear or want any more. If we all contribute, it will soon add up. If you have any gold to donate contact Phyllis.

### Dog Bites

At the September General Meeting, Colleen Whalen noted that Chihuahuas and Labrador Retrievers were first and second for number of reported dog bites, which sent me off to do a little research on the subject. In addition to the disturbing legislative trends attempting to discourage the ownership of certain breeds, homeowners insurance is also following a trend to limit insurance options for all dog owners.

If you own any of these breeds or mixed breeds thereof, or any dog with a bite history, you may be denied homeowners insurance:

Akita	Chow	Pit Bull
American Pit Bull	Doberman	Rottweiler
American Staffordshire Terrier	German Shepherd	Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Catahoula Leopard	Presa Canario	Wolf

Home owner's policies that used to include liability protection for dog bites are now specifically excluding it. Some other facts from the Insurance Information Institute:

- The average dog bite claim was \$24, 461. in 2008
- Dog bite claims account for 1/3 of all homeowners liability claims
- 50% of all bites occur on the owners property
- 45 million people are bitten annually, 900,000 of them children, with half requiring medical care
- 31,000 people needed reconstructive surgery after a bite in 2006

Since none of us can ever be certain that our dog will never bite during its lifetime (including when it is old, sick, eating, etc.), liability protection is something all of us should consider.

What can you do? First, talk to your insurance agent to determine the extent of your coverage, ask if you can add coverage by endorsement. If you can't buy bite liability insurance from your present carrier, ask about a separate dog liability insurance policy. If your agent can't find one, feel free to call me. My insurance agency has access to liability insurance for all dogs, as well as exotic animals and horses. – **Gail Larson** (464-0888 x 4 – office)

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