

From the President's Desk –

The October trials were their usual success!!! We had plenty of stewards, delicious food, and everyone appeared to have a good time. Two nice days in spite of the unseasonable heat wave that passed thru! A hearty thanks to all who pitched in with their time. Special thanks to **Steve Picciuolo**, who not only judged Rally free of charge, but also brought his own table stewards (thanks, **Maryrose & Mindy!!**), **Carol Stevens** did an awesome job as her first time as Chief Ring Steward, and **Connie Carstens** served as Concession chairperson arranging the good food we enjoyed. **Gary Jarrett** did a great job his first time out as Trial Chairman. Set-up and breakdown appeared to go smoothly. A few areas could have used some help, but all in all a good trial. The judge's dinner was also a great success! We had a big crowd, lots of laughs, excellent service, and scrumptious food.

It's time to start thinking about our Christmas (or Chanukah) Party at the December General Meeting. What gift will you find for the exchange? What scrumptious dish will you offer for the buffet? It'll be here before you know it!

Its due's renewal time again. You should have the renewal form with this newsletter. Remember, dues are due by January 1<sup>st</sup>. Please give or send the renewal form to **Gail Larson**. [Editor's Note: Don't give it to anybody BUT Gail! We had some problems last year with dues and forms being given to other board members and it's not their job! Don't help mistakes happen – Gail Larson is our membership chair so give her the forms.]

As we approach the holiday season, I'd like to wish all of you a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. (It's hard to believe the holidays are here again!) Please use extra care while traveling, stay safe, and I hope to see everyone at this month's General meeting on the 19th! See ya then!!! -Laurie



Above - (Program Chairman) Elizabeth Adams with Kava accepting their placement during AKC Rally trials.

November Meeting Program  
**We Welcome Gina Miller from Nature's Way who will be discussing Organic Pest Control.**

**Welcome New Members!  
Provisional Membership**

**Diana Roslie** with **Riley**, a Siberian Husky, and **Falcor**, a Dachshund/Chihuahua mix

**Carol Kerr** with **Anja**, GSD, and **Sophie**, a Maltese



**Meetings**

**Board Meeting – Nov. 12 (7:00 PM)**

**General Meeting – Nov. 19 (7:30 PM)**

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



## Upcoming Events

**11/02 – Ready for Rally Class, 7:00 – 8:30, Larson**

**11-07 -- First Coast UKC Trials**

11-09 -- Ready for Rally, 7:00 PM, Larson

11-11 -- Puppy **K & 1**, 6:30 PM, Whalen

11-12 -- Board Meeting, 7:00 PM

11-16 -- **STAR** Puppy, 7:30 PM, Whalen

11-19 -- General Meeting, 7:30 PM

11-21 -- Freestyle Group, 10:00 AM

11-21 -- Puppy **K & 1**, 9:30 & 10:45 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

**Reminder:** Next Ready for Rally class begins on November 2nd from 7 - 8:30 PM. Please sign up with **Gail Larson** at [gailarson@bellsouth.net](mailto:gailarson@bellsouth.net) if you haven't already registered. Cost is \$60 for four weeks.

(Congratulations, continued)

**Diane Cohen and Taxi**

Rally Exc., 3<sup>rd</sup> leg – New Title!

**Nancy Refsnieder and Lottie**

(Sun.) Open, 1<sup>st</sup> leg, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place



Congratulations!

**Vicki Benninga and Summer**

AXP and AJP in Vancouver, WA. – New Titles!

**Gail Larson and Hank**

2 legs, Master Hunter Tests

(No details on location)

**Lisa Mallory and Kelly**

3<sup>rd</sup> leg, Novice – New Title!



K-9 AKC trials

**Anita Gard and Perek**

2 RE legs (Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup> place)

**Anita Gard and Zeli**

Sat. & Sun., Pre-Novice 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

**Erin Poirier and Bullet**

Sun., Open, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, 1<sup>st</sup> leg

**Ginny Ruskuski and Ricky**

(Sun.) Rally Exc., 2<sup>nd</sup> leg, 4<sup>th</sup> Place

**Joan Dever and Markie**

(Sun.) Novice B, 1<sup>st</sup> leg, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

**Emily Foster and Ollie**

Rally Novice, (Sat.) 1<sup>st</sup> leg, 4<sup>th</sup> Place,

(Sun.) 2<sup>nd</sup> leg, 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**Torie Marks and Frisco**

Rally Exc., (Sat.) 1<sup>st</sup> leg, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

**Jane Vittitoe and Rainy**

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Utility B, 9 OM points, High Scoring Local Dog

**Jane Vittitoe and Eli**

(Sat) Novice B, 1<sup>st</sup> leg, 1<sup>st</sup> Place

(Sun) Novice B, 2<sup>nd</sup> leg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

**Beth Berry and Emma**

Rally Nov. (Sat.) 1<sup>st</sup> leg, (Sun.) 2<sup>nd</sup> leg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

(Orlando)

**Terri Reel and Jive**

Rally Novice B, 1<sup>st</sup> leg, 1<sup>st</sup> Place

K-9 AKC Trials

Rally Nov. B (Sat), 2<sup>nd</sup> leg, 1<sup>st</sup> Place

(Sun), 3<sup>rd</sup> leg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – New Title!

(Sat & Sun) Pre Novice, 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**Terri Reel and Lexi**

(K-9 trials)

Wildcard Utility 2nd place Saturday.

Sunday 2nd RAE leg (second place in advance)

## CELESTE MEADE RETURNS!

**Celeste Meade** will give another seminar at K-9 on Saturday, Dec. 5 and Sunday, December 6. The focus of the weekend will be “Problem Solving in Open and Utility.” (Editor’s note – I’ve never been to a problem solving seminar that it wasn’t pointed out most, if not all, problems *start with novice training*, so I’d recommend this for all levels, at least to audit.)

We will accept only members of K-9 to register for the working positions (\$200) during the month of September. We can open this up to others in October.

The audit fees will be \$50 per day.

Please contact **Diane Cohen** ASAP to reserve your spot!

[udxtara@comcast.net](mailto:udxtara@comcast.net) OR 904-730-0770



Above – Terri Reel and Lexi accept a placement during the Rally trials.

**Personal Notes:** A sad note from **Phyllis Vandeveld**: “UCD Dee Dee CD, RA, my little silver girl and last dog, died Sept. 21, 2009. She was rescued in April 1997 and was a joy to have in our lives. She cheerfully did everything I asked of her and was great fun to train and show. Her tail was always up and wagging at trials and she always had a little smile on her face. I will never forget her. She was a pleasure.

**Jane Vittitoe** explained **Rainy’s** “OM” legs: “It’s a new title they just started this year...called “Obedience Master”, which you can work on after you get UD. There’s a point schedule in which you earn points for every score of 191 or over in Open B or Utility B. Once you earn 100 points (with certain % from each Open and Utility...I’d have to look it up exactly) you can add OM as a suffix title. I didn’t know about it until one day I was browsing the AKC site and noticed Rainy had a few points! It’s in the new regs book.”

**An email from a lady named Marianne Pfister** asked, “A cousin of mine, Steve Maguire, from Scituate, MA, is currently working on a book and is looking for your contributions. He only has one question to ask of you....

**“If you had five minutes to talk to your dog... and he or she could completely understand you... what would you say?”**

For more information, check out his website: <http://www.fivegoodminuteswithyourdog.com>

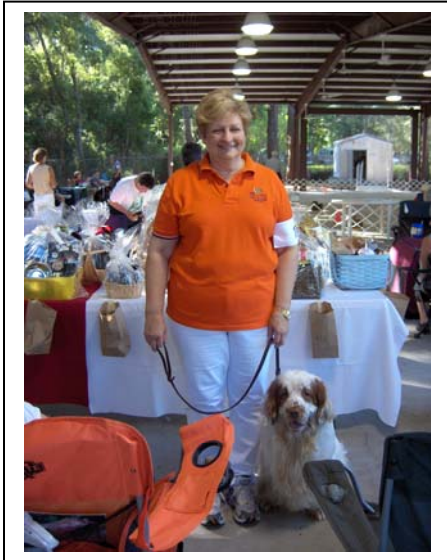
Send your story to: [maguirerepresentations@mac.com](mailto:maguirerepresentations@mac.com), or feel free to email me and I will forward it to him. Remember, your dog will be so happy to have a voice that he can share with all the other dogs and dog lovers of the world. This is a great opportunity for all of you!”

And finally, a personal note from moi. A couple of months ago my daughter, **Theresa**, took a job as a receptionist with **First Coast No More Homeless Pets** at their clinic on Norwood Ave. They are primarily a low cost spay/neuter clinic and doing work that is ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY for the welfare of cats and dogs in our area. Aside from spay/neuter work they also provide low cost general health care – a point that hit home last week when **Zack** (my 15 year old Springer Spaniel) had a swelling the size of an orange on his face and was diagnosed with an abscessed tooth. The recession and salary cuts have caused me to be cautious with money and as you can imagine, the surgery necessary was a pricey one. Theresa suggested I bring Zack over to FCNMHP for a second opinion. The doctor and staff were kind and courteous to me and tender with Zack and proposed a complete dental cleaning *including extractions* for \$150.00 – a much more affordable proposition than my regular vet’s. He is scheduled for his dental treatment next week.

Theresa gave me a mini-tour of the facility and it’s impressive. They tackle a large number of spay/neuter operations every day for people who love their animals but could not afford care otherwise. They also have bargain-basement prices for spay/neuter trap-and-release feral cats (\$15.00, and includes vaccines!). Additionally, although they cannot treat complicated medical conditions, their prices for general health care services are very affordable for those who cannot pay for the convenience of the neighborhood private practice vet. For example, their “Female Puppy Pack 3” includes DHPP and Rabies vaccine, Heartworm prevention, application of Advantage, Microchip, *and spay* for \$118.00. I see on their price list under “Miscellaneous” hernia repair is \$15.00. A consultation/examination is \$25.00.

Now I’m not suggesting this clinic for the MACH dog whose hips are questionable, or the cosseted Obedience competitor who needs thyroid testing, etc., but if money is an issue FCNMHP is an option for straightforward medical care. It’s definitely worth suggesting to the friend or co-worker who would adopt the stray cat that’s hanging around their house but cannot afford the cost of vet care. And now a plea – FCNMHP has been affected by the economy just like everybody else and needs donations if you’re one of the lucky ones who can still afford to give to worthy causes. Secondly, they are short of staff. I know many of you have had the luxury of time to donate to Animal Care and Control, the Humane Society, etc. If you, or somebody you know, are looking for worthwhile volunteer work FCNMHP would love to talk to you about donating your time to help their facility – cleaning cages, sterilizing instruments, etc. If you have extra time on your hands, think about it. Their phone number is (904) 425-0005.

These are good people doing good work. Thank you for hearing me out. – **G.R.**



*Trial photos – Left, Patsy Whaley and Timmy peruse the raffle baskets. Center, (Left to right) Beth Berry and Emma, Barbara Butler and Anita Gard pose for the editor’s camera. Right, Kathy Chapman and her Cockers accepting a Rally placement.*

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