

**From the President's Desk** – The April AKC Trials are here. Contact **Carol Stevens** about where you can fill in with stewarding, set-up, etc. Get in touch with **Connie Carstens** for food needs, (we always need drinks & paper goods, deserts, etc.). Do you want to donate to the trophy fund? Contact our trophy chairperson **Ginny Ruskuski** - just a little help from a bunch of people and things really go smoothly and make for a very successful trial. Please be sure and stop by the kitchen on your way out on Sunday afternoon to see if they need a few minutes of help. These are the folks that are usually forgotten. Remember the concessions work ALL weekend (and the week before) so offer them a bit of help. Set-up will be on Thursday night (the 22<sup>nd</sup>) before the trials, please stop by around 6:00 PM to help. We also need some help on Fri night at the match (check with Carol Stevens). Entries close on the 7<sup>th</sup>, so if you haven't sent your entry in, better do it now.

Don't forget, the UKC Trials are on April 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>; check with **Diane Cohen or Gail Larson** and see where they need help.

Last month's covered dish was once again a great time with some really good food. Thanks go to **Phyllis Vandevelde** for her usual great job getting everything setup and ready for us to enjoy.

The next General Meeting is on the 15<sup>th</sup>. This would be a good time to bring in non-perishable donations (drinks, paper towels, toilet paper, etc), so that we may make our shopping list. Hope to see you there. **-Laurie**

From the Nominating Committee (**Carol Stevens**, Chairman)  
Proposed Board of Governors for 2010 – 2011

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<b>Colleen Whalen</b>	<b>1 yr. Board Member</b>
<b>Ken Stevens</b>	<b>2 yr. Board Member</b>
<b>Connie Carstens</b>	<b>2 yr. (carry-over) Board Member</b>
<b>Gail Larson</b>	



**Welcome New Provisional Members!**

**Grace Carter with Corgis**

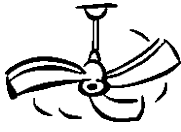


During the AKC April Trials we will be accepting donations of dog/puppy/cat/kitten food (as well as plastic food storage bags to measure 1 week's rations) to take to First Coast No More Homeless Pets for their **Pet Food Bank**. Every mouthful is appreciated by those who cannot say, "Please," or "Thank you."

**Meetings**  
**Board Meeting – April 8 (7:00 PM)**

**General Meeting – April 15 (7:30 PM)**

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



## Upcoming Events

### Upcoming Classes & Events for April

**CGC - Prep for Test** Forming now, Contact Anita Gard

04/06 Novice Foundations, Intermediate & Adv., 7:00 Ruskuski

04/08 Board Meeting, 7:00 PM

**04/10 & 11 - UKC Trials, Contact Gail Larson**

**4/10 - Match 2:00 PM, Gail Larson (see pg 4)**

4/14 -- Beginner Novice Foundation, 7:00, Ruskuski

04/15 -- General Meeting, 7:30 PM

04/17 -- Freestyle Group, 10:00 AM

04/22 -- Set-Up for Trials, 6:00 PM (Please HELP!)

04/23 -- Run-Thrus, 6:00 PM

**04/24 & 25 - AKC Trials, Contact Laurie Billinge**

04/26 -- Puppy K & 1, 6:30 PM, Whalen

05/01 -- Canine First Aid & CPR (see page 3)

05/03 - Ready for Rally, Contact Gail Larson

### Classes in Progress:

#### Mondays

6:30 Puppy K & 1

7:00 Pet Therapy

7:00 CGC - Prep for Test, Gard

**7:00 Rally Run Thrus (5/5, 5/12, 5/19), Gail Larson**

#### Tuesdays

6:45 Novice/Open,

7:00 Beginners/CGC, Billinge

7:00 Novice Foundations - Intermediate/Adv., Ruskuski

#### 7:45 Competition Proofing

8:15 Utility Workshop

#### Wednesdays

6:30 Puppy K & 1, Whalen

7:00 Novice Foundations- Beginner, Ruskuski (no class 4/7)

7:30 Confirmation classes

#### Saturdays

09:30 -- Puppy K, Whalen

10:00 -- Freestyle Group- 3rd week only

10:45 -- Puppy 1, Whalen

**(Rally Notes:** Rally Run Thrus Mondays 7 - till we finish. Two courses every night - all three levels. April 5, 12 & 19. Cost is \$5 per run thru or \$15 for four (2 each course) if we can get everyone thru.)

## Congratulations!

**Janice Hoffenberg and Diva**

(Lakeland)

Winner's Bitch



**Irma Schwartz and Splash**

Finished AKC VERSATILITY title – New Title!

**Elizabeth Adams and Durrance**

(Tallahassee) Best of Winners

(Hilton Head) Best of Breed

**Anita Gard and Zeli,**

Iron Dog Schutzhund Club , BH

**Anita & Parek**

Ocala: BH; Schutzhund 3

(That makes Parek one of very few dogs ever to hold both a SchH3 and a CDX!)

### Basket Raffle!

Don't forget, the AKC Trials will feature our popular Basket Raffle.

*(Join us for a little innocent gambling.)*

YOUR gift basket is welcome. Please drop off your basket or items for a gift basket at the clubhouse the week BEFORE the Trials.

Please let **Diane Cohen** or **Ginny Ruskuski** know that it's there. (Mark your basket or items plainly with your name and day of use; either Saturday or Sunday raffle.)



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## Canine First Aid & CPR Clinic at K-9 Obedience

The March 13th clinic filled quickly. Cathy Couch can commit to **Saturday, May 1st from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.** for the next PetTech First Aid Course at K9. **Please note: No dogs attend the clinic.** Large stuffed dogs are used for hands-on experience.

Several people were on a "wait list" so they will have first choice for the May date. Cathy has the list of names. **Contact her directly** if you want to reserve a spot for the May 1st clinic. She has openings for the clinics she holds in Orange Park. The cost in Orange Park is \$55. 904-772-1430 [heartsandpaws@live.com](mailto:heartsandpaws@live.com)

Cathy's course includes demonstrations, lecture, hands-on skill practice, a handbook and two year certification. She limits the class to 8 students and the course is 4 hours long.

Pet CPR ♥ Rescue Breathing ♥ How to help your pet in an emergency ♥ ABC's of Pet First Aid ♥ Snout to Tail Assessment  
10 Situations that require immediate veterinary care, and much more.

## Kitchen / Clubhouse Wish List

During the trials, we have always tried to serve good food to our guests at an extremely reasonable price. We usually break even or make a minimal profit. In an effort to offset the expenses and continue to offer food at our trials, a wish list is below. Many items are used throughout the year in the clubhouse. Please check the list below and either bring to the General meeting or drop off at the clubhouse. Every little bit helps.

### For the trial -

Chips (individual bags)  
Fruit  
Eggs (folks love the egg salad sandwiches!)  
Deserts  
Ice – Ice – (did I mention ice?)  
Sugar packets (we have plenty of artificial sweeteners)  
Canned drinks (we really need Diet Coke, Pepsi, Diet Pepsi)  
Coffee, non-dairy creamer



### For the trial and all year long (we ALL use these items)!

Paper towels  
Toilet paper  
Kleenex  
Liquid hand soap  
55 gal drum liners  
Tall kitchen bags



## Personal Notes:

**Rick Koenig** is recovering uneventfully from shoulder surgery early in March when doctors reattached torn tendons. It was good to see him at the General Meeting although it might be awhile before we see him raking, climbing ladders, etc. We hope the shoulder continues to heal.

As you may recall, **Elizabeth Adams** had quite a scare with **Kava** a few months ago. She writes: "Kava had her first ultrasound today. I am happy to report she is totally clear. There is no evidence of the Cryptococcus or any cancer. There is no lymph node involvement either. She is off the antifungal medication. The next ultrasound is in 6 weeks. If that one is clear, she won't have one for 3 months. We will have to still take it easy for a while. One of the Techs let it slip today that she came close to dying during her ordeal. So we will train but not push too hard. She will let me know if it is too much. What a great dog!"

Our sympathy goes out to **Barbara Elrod** who lost her grandmother recently.

**Vicky Beninga's** husband, **Max**, is set for triple bypass surgery soon. We'll keep him in our thoughts and pray all goes well.

**Colleen Whalen** was in need of a VCR for her classes. She writes, "One of my former students and now my assistant for teaching classes has a DVD/VHS combo that will be donated to K9. Thank You to **Jennifer Satur!!**" Yes, thanks, Jennifer!

Due to pressure from work and life in general, **Beth Schmidt** will no longer be teaching her Novice Proofing/Open and Utility class on Tuesday evenings. We're currently trying to set up workshops during those time slots and suggestions are welcome. At this time the 8:45 Heeling class is still scheduled as usual. Speaking as one of Beth's Utility students I'd like to say, "Thank you," to Beth for all her patience and effort during the past two years. Ricky and I would have never gotten this far without her, and I'm sure most of her students feel the same way. We hope to see her training at k-9 often with **Emmy and Beau** and wish her luck in achieving her goals. – G.R.

Finally, looking over the newsletter I see that we've really put the bite on you (no pun intended). New members, please be aware that the AKC Trials in April and October are not only a venue for competition but also the club's big fundraisers that keep us going throughout the year. What with begging for trophy money, baskets, food, drinks, dog food, even toilet paper (!) you might get the feeling that everybody's hands are in your pocket feeling around for your checkbook. Please, if you are inclined, donate what you are comfortable with. Generosity is a very relative thing that makes a few dollars from some the equal of a grant from a large foundation. Whatever you can give is greatly appreciated by all of us. And then...please consider donating some of your TIME – as the commercials point out, it's priceless!

**(THERE'S STILL TIME TO ENTER IF YOU HURRY!)  
RALLY & OBEDIENCE MATCH Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. (After UKC trials.)**

AKC Rules to Apply - **No bait in the ring**, praise permitted.

Obedience Ring fully matted. Saturday Only Beginning at 2 PM. Obedience limited to 25 Entries, \$10 per class.  
Rally limited to 60 Entries, \$5 per class. **Day-of-Match Entries taken only if limits are not reached!**

**Don't be disappointed – Pre-Register!**

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Handler \_\_\_\_\_

Dog \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Obedience Class \_\_\_\_\_

Obedience Class \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Class \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Class \_\_\_\_\_

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**Checks Payable to FCDOC.  
Mail to  
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*Hmmm...trial time!  
Those jokers better  
quit playing around  
and start practicing!*







