

**From the President's Desk –**

The April trials are fast approaching and it's time to think about where you can help out. The kitchen can always use bags of ice, drinks, snacks, etc. We always need stewards (see **Carol Stevens**), or how about helping put things away on Sunday afternoon. If you are showing that weekend, how about stopping in the clubhouse and grabbing a bag of trash and throw in the dumpster on your way out. Every little bit helps make the event run smoothly. The trial committee begins work on the trials often months in advance, work from start to finish all weekend, and often, still get left with a lot of the clean-up. One area that help is really needed on Sunday afternoon, is in the kitchen. Just a small amount of your time is needed to make these trials a success. A list will be posted showing the odd chores that need to be done. Which one will you choose? Our trials have gained a great reputation for our facilities, food, and especially our hospitality to our guests.

Please take a few minutes and send **Margaret Hines** a get well wish. She recently fell and seriously broke her ankle. Speaking from my personal experience, the cards and notes were a tremendous help and comfort during the healing process. Margaret is not allowed to bear ANY weight for a month and laying in bed for that long is tedious and frustrating. Let's all let her know that she's in our thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.

This month's meeting is our Birthday and Awards meeting. Please come and congratulate your fellow members on their accomplishments earned last year.

Hope to see everyone on the 18th! -Laurie



**Meetings**

**Board Meeting – February 11 (7:00 PM)**

**General Meeting – February 18 (7:30 PM)**

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

**February General Meeting**

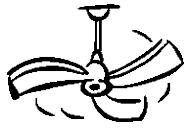
**Join us as we recognize our members who earned titles during 2009. Their accomplishments bring honor to all of us!**

**Welcome New Provisional Members!**

**David and Ann Senior with GSDs (CGC, RE and CD)**

**Congratulations to our newest Full Members, Emily Foster and Tom Bradley**

**Pat Ennis**



## Upcoming Events

### Upcoming Classes & Events for February & March

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

02-01 -- Rally Novice, 7:00 PM, Larson

02-02 - Rally Plus, 7:00 PM, Larson

02-10 -- Puppy K & 1, 6:30 PM, Whalen

02-11 -- Board Meeting, 7:00 PM

02-15 -- Puppy K & 1, 6:30 PM, Whalen

02-18 -- General Meeting, 7:30 PM

02-20 -- Freestyle Group, 10:00 AM

03-01-- Rally Adv/Exec., 7:00 PM, Larson

03-09 --Beginners/CGC, 7:00 PM, Billinge

03-13-- Puppy K & 1, 9:30 & 10:45 AM, Whalen

03-29-- Rally Run Thrus, All Levels, 4 wks, Larson

### Classes Already in Progress:

#### Mondays

7:00 Rally

7:00 CGC - Prep for Test, Gard

7:30 STAR Puppy, Whalen



#### Tuesdays

6:45 Novice/Open, Schmidt

7:00 Beginners/CGC, Billinge

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

**7:45 Heeling Class - Drop In Fee \$2.00 for everyone**

8:15 Utility, Schmidt

#### Wednesdays

6:30 Puppy K &1, Whalen

7:00 Novice Foundations- Beginner, Ruskuski

7:30 Confirmation classes

#### Fridays

7:00 Puppy K &1, Whalen

## Rally Classes

Rally Novice will begin again on February 1st at 7 PM. As we did in January, I will be setting up two courses each night - one for true beginners and a Novice course for returning students. **This will be the LAST novice class before the April trials.** Please reply if you plan to attend. Cost is \$60 for the four weeks.

On March 1, 8, 15, 22, I will offer the Advanced/Excellent class.

March 29 and April 5, 12, 19 will be run thrus - all levels - two courses two runs - to get ready for the Trials.

**Gail Larson, 904-642-5394**

## Congratulations!



Brooksville

**John Wernert and Chase**

Open, 1<sup>st</sup> leg

Daytona

**Pam McCaleb and Rudy**

19<sup>th</sup> double Q

**Vicki Benninga and Summer**

1<sup>st</sup> double Q,

1<sup>st</sup> leg Excellent Fast

(Belgian Turveren Trials)

**Pam McCaleb and Rudy**

Excellent Fast title earned – New Title!

**Lisa Mallory and Kelly**

Passed 12 hours of testing to be certified as

Disaster Stress Relief Dog – New Certification!

**Maria Oehler and Macy**

Open Fast title earned – New Title!

Ocala

**Anita Gard and Zeli**

3<sup>rd</sup> leg Rally Novice B – New title

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## Rally Plus!

"Rally Plus" will focus on developing a better working relationship with your dog, learning and polishing skills required at all three levels of Rally, dealing with ring stress, developing attention, and transitioning to formal obedience.

## Competition Proofing (Formerly called Heeling Class)

This is an intense distraction-proofing class on a strictly drop-in basis. It is mainly heeling, plus some exercises for stays, recalls, etc. This class is for proofing dogs that already have a good grasp of attention and competition heeling, and can do off-leash sit-stays and down-stays.

**Pre-requisite: Open to any K-9 member currently enrolled in a competition level class (Rally or Obedience only) with instructor approval.**

The "host" of the class rotates every week so there is no instructor's fee. Drop in fee of \$2 per person goes to the club. EXACT CHANGE APPRECIATED. It is the handler's responsibility to either modify criteria downward to the level of the dog's training or request more intense proofing for the more highly trained dogs.

### Personal Notes:

**Elizabeth Adams** has been through a nightmare with her lovely Turv, **Kava**. "Basically, she started regurgitating a week ago Sat not keeping much down. It looked like an inflamed esophagus which did not improve. Thursday a barium series was started. Nothing moved out of her stomach unless it was through her mouth. Friday night she went to the Clay-Duval Emergency Clinic for the weekend. She was on IV fluids. Ultrasounds were done with nothing definitive. Monday she was scoped. The pelorium (sp?), the valve between the stomach and bowel was thickened, bleeding and the scope could not go through it [after surgery the biopsy showed] It was an inflammatory response to a fungus infection called cryptococcus (sp?) if I got the name right. It is very rare and very unusual. We meet with Dr. Walker on Monday for an antifungal. This is such a **huge** relief. – Elizabeth" Kava is home and recovering now. We're so happy to hear she's on the mend.

**Phyllis Vandavelde** had a cold which has turned into pneumonia. This is a good time to send her a card since she's the one always sending cards to us on behalf of k-9 when we face life's potholes.

**Vicky Ford** sent the notice at right about the eye clinic for the benefit of Sheltie Rescue. This is a great opportunity to have your dog's eyes examined, or get your dog tattooed, and/or microchipped for a nominal fee. Thanks, Vicky.

Our thanks go to the Board who approved purchase of additional stanchions and gates for teaching go-outs. Thanks go also to

**Gail Larson** for setting them up. By the way, Gail's been under the weather with a cold, too. It's that time of year.

**Marge Rogers** is back at video production using her new rescue-boy, **Pride**. You can see what she's up to at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CLH38OGiNAs>

One last word about First Coast No More Homeless Pets and then I swear I'll shut up about it. First, thanks to all you who sent sympathy cards for our loss of Zack. They were deeply appreciated. One of K-9's members sent FCNMHP a generous donation in Zack's memory (you know who you are) and I am almost speechless with gratitude. Remembering Zack was very touching, but more importantly Animal Care and Control reports a **20% DECREASE in euthanasias during 2009** which they attribute to FCNMHP's aggressive spay/neuter program (Tess reports an average of 85 per day) and their low-cost health services for dogs and cats. This is a worthy cause that has proven its value to those who care about the dogs and cats of Jacksonville. – G.R.

### Semi-Annual C.E.R.F. Clinic Dr. Dan Brown. DVM, DACVO

Sunday, February 7, 2010  
Beginning at 10 AM til 1:30 pm

Mandarin Landing Animal Hospital  
3003 Hartley Rd. Jacksonville  
Approx I295 & San Jose Blvd.  
Facilities donated by Dr. Ann Silverness  
Fees: \$25.00 per dog

#### For an Appointment please call:

Darla Duffey 262-5420

Day of Clinic phone number is: 608-3333.

Please do not call Dr Silverness' office (her ans service will pick up instead of us.)

Ernie will be on site to do tatoos, \$5.00 a tatoos registering extra.

We also offer implanting Avid Microchips w/ registration included \$25.00

Sponsored by Jacksonville Shetland Sheepdog Club, Inc. & Sheltie Rescue.

Provided by and small percentage goes to support Sheltie Rescue.

This is our only fund raiser.

Thanks,

Darla & Ernie Duffey

Sheltie Rescue Site:

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

## 2009 Awards

Below is the list compiled by **Anita Gard** of titles earned during 2009. If you are included please check for accuracy. If you find errors, or, if you sent your information but are not included, please contact Anita immediately. (Anita has asked me to include here her apologies for any errors or omissions – just contact her to get it fixed ASAP. Thanks!)

Al Fountain and Jazz, URO1  
Andi Bower and Flow, MACH2  
Andi Bower and JJ, BRONZE ADCH  
Anita Gard and Parek, CDX RA SchH2  
Barbara Butler and Devon, RA  
Barry Sales and Grommet, CD MH HR  
Beth Berry and Emma, CFFII  
Beth Schmidt and Emmy, UD AD  
Carol Ann Stevens and RYDER, CD  
Collen Whallen and Tribbie, RN RA  
Connie Rooke and Vox, URO1  
Connie Rooke and Gunner, RE  
Debbie Millard and Matsi, CGC CD RN RA NA  
Diane Alexander and Shelby, RAE  
Diane Cohen and Taxi, UAG1 TG1 RN RA RE MXJ FNP  
PS1 PJ1  
Elizabeth Adams and Kava, RAE  
Emily Foster and Ollie, RN  
Gail Larson and Hank, CDX MH VCX  
Gary Jarret and Lexie,  
Ginny Ruskuski and Ricky, RA, R01

Irma Schwartz and Splash, ASCA-CDX ASCA-UD ASCA-  
UDT  
Jane Vittitoe and Rainy, MXJ  
Jane Vittitoe and Eli, CD OA OAJ NF  
Janice R. Hoffenberg and Dov, CD RA  
Janice R. Hoffenberg and Diva, RN  
John Pacsay and Riou, UCD RN URO1  
John Wernert and Chase, CD  
Lisa Mallory and Kelly, URO2 RE CD  
Maria Oehler and Macy, PT TT XFP NAC OAC EAC NCC O-  
NCC NJC O-NJC TN-N TG-N O-TG-N WV-N  
Pamela McCaleb and Rudy, XF  
Pat Fountain and Parker, URO1  
Ron Cohen and Mikey, UAG1 TG1 TBAD  
Sandy Mercier and Cami, RN  
Steve Picciuolo and Casey, CDX  
Steve Picciuolo and Isabel, CD  
Terri Reel and Lexi, CDX OA OAJ OAF  
Terri Reel and Jive, RN  
Victoria Ford and DemiTasse, RN RA RE  
Wanda Edge and Simon, RE

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