

**From the President's Desk**

The October trials are fast upon us, so it's time to let **Diane Cohen** know when you can offer a few hours of your time. Even if you're willing to just take out the trash, every little bit helps. We always need drinks, ice and side dishes to feed our guests. **Connie Carstens** will again be in charge of food and will be accepting donations toward the food expenses. She will have a shopping list available for you to sign up for your food contributions. Be sure and check what's needed. It could be as simple as a dozen eggs, or head of lettuce. If we chip in just a little bit each, we could actually make a profit on concessions this time. And, don't forget your trophy donations. **Pat Zaborowski** has taken the reins and is arranging for ads for the catalogue. Thanks to Pat for taking a job no one else will do. Let's all pitch in so the bulk of the work isn't left on just a few folks. The trials are a major source of income for our club. The premiums have gone out. If you need another, there are extras available online or in the clubhouse.

The cabinets we installed last year have certainly helped clear up much of the unsightly clutter that had accumulated in the clubhouse. With everything having a place, we can not see in an instant when we are low on supplies. Last September, we had a basket raffle (similar to the one's we have at the trial) at the general meeting and recouped 1/2 the expense of the cabinets. This month we will repeat the basket raffle to earn the last half of the cost. Please bring a basket or item to donate.

We will be having a clean up / fence building day on the 11<sup>th</sup> of this month. **Rick Koenig** has arranged for materials to be delivered so that we may assemble some really nice sections of multi-use fencing (like Pals and Paws uses). No experience needed, assembly is simple and lightweight. Don't want to clean up or assemble fence? Then come out and fix lunch for those working. Let's make it a fun day. The more help we have, the faster things get done.

We have a few members who are not feeling their best. **Betty Jean Shuman** has been ill for a while, as well as **Jeannette Riback**. **Carol Stevens** suffered a heart attack recently and underwent surgery. (I'm happy to report that her surgery went well and she is expected to be back to her old self.) Please take a minute to send these folks a card and let them know that our thoughts and prayers are with them at these difficult times. I speak from experience when I say it really does help.

This month's General meeting on the 16th is covered dish. Check with **Phyllis Vandavelde** to see what is needed. Hope to see everyone at the meeting! -Laurie

**September Meeting Program**

Join us for a  
**Covered Dish  
Supper!**  
Please contact  
**Phyllis Vandavelde**  
at 387-6038 to coordinate dishes.



We will also feature a **fund-raising basket raffle!** Please bring a basket to put in with goodies suitable for human or canine.  
See you there!



**Welcome New Members!**

**Sharon and Donald Farshing** with GSD Bentley, sponsored by Colleen Whalen.

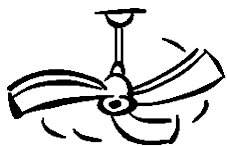
**Sharon Shepherd** with GSDs Niko and Zita, and English Spring Spaniel Gunner, sponsored by Connie Carstens

**Meetings**

**Board Meeting – Sept 9 (7:00 PM)**

**General Meeting – Sept. 16 (7:30 PM)**

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



## Upcoming Events



### Upcoming Classes & Events for September

- 9/7 -- BeginnerNovice\*/Ring-Ready Novice, 7:00, Cohen  
Please RSVP to Diane, 730-0770
- 9/7 -- Open Fundamentals, 8:00, Ruskuski (see page 3)
- 9/8 -- Novice Foundations, Intermediate, 7:00
- 9/8 -- Novice Foundations, Beginner, 7:45

- 09/09 -- Board Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 09/11 -- Fence/Clean up -- see page 1
- 09/11 or 9/18 -- Puppy K & 1, Sat. AM Call C. Whalen
- 09/16 -- General Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 09/18 -- Freestyle Group, 10:00 AM
- 09/19 -- Obed. Show-n-Gos!! 6:00 PM, \$5 per dog, per run**
- 09/20 -- Rally Beginners, 7:00 PM, Whalen
- 09/20 -- CGC Test; 7:30 PM, \$10 cash, Whalen**
- 09/29 -- Puppy K & 1, 6:30 PM, Whalen

### Classes Already in Progress:

#### Mondays

- 7:00 Pet Therapy, Ennis
- 7:00 Beginners/CGC, Gard

#### Tuesdays

- 7:00 Beginners/CGC, Billinge & Carstens

#### Wednesdays

- 7:00 Puppy K, Whalen

#### Friday

- 7:00 Puppy K & 1, Whalen

#### Saturday Mornings

- 09:30 -- Puppy K, Satur
- 10:00 -- Freestyle Group- 3rd week only
- 10:45 -- Puppy 1, Satur

**NOTE – Conformation Class will resume starting Wednesday, Sept.1<sup>st</sup> with John Mello conducting.**

\*Special Note – “Beginner Novice” is an actual title and the class is to prepare for the test. Dogs entering this class should have already had training in Novice Obedience.

Big thanks to **Beth Schmidt, Shannon Shepherd, Diane Cohen, Anita Gard** and everyone else who came out to help at the August Show and Go on what had to be the hottest, muggiest night of the year. Without your help, there would be no run-throughs. Thank you!

## Congratulations!

**Jane Collar and Belle**  
8<sup>th</sup> RAE leg

**Elizabeth Adams and Durrance**  
(Greenville, S.C.)  
3 pt. Major!

**Jean Coker and Dickens**  
(Bernese Mountain Dog Specialty)  
3<sup>rd</sup> leg, Rally Novice A – New Title!

**Sally Ray and Lizzy**  
Lizzy is now GCh. Ch. Sandpiper's Fun Fun Fun, JH, WC.  
NEW TITLE!

**Irma Schwartz and Splash**  
Splash picked up another 8 UKC OTCH points. She also earned a second of the required 4 double Q's and a High Combined. We are at the 48 mark.

**Shannon Shepherd and Zita**  
Palm Bay  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Ut. B, OTCh earned – NEW TITLE!

### DOCOF

DOCOF will be held Sunday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. K-9's 2010 DOCOF TEAM will consist of:

#### Utility:

Beth Schmidt and Emmy  
Anita Gard and Parek  
Jane Vittitoe and Rainy

#### Open:

John Wernert and Chase  
Diane Cohen and Taxi  
Ginny Ruskuski and Ricky

#### Novice:

Beth Schmidt and Beau  
Terri Reel and Jive  
Anita Gard and Zeli

Wish us luck as we do our best for K-9!

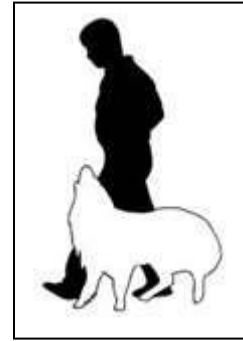


## CELESTE MEADE SEMINAR

“Puppy Genius and Foundations” is the subject of our November 13th and 14<sup>th</sup> seminar at K9. Celeste Meade will present this 2 day program outlining everything your dog should learn in the first year of his life. Included will be the training skills needed to get your puppy the basis for all future showing and pet behaviors. Celeste has sold this course to obedience clubs and will compile in two days course that would represent six months in classroom situations.

All working spots have been taken but audit spots are still available; two days of auditing will be \$100; a one day audit will be \$75. Send all checks (payable to K-9OC) to Diane Cohen. If you want to get your young dog (or your *next* dog!) off to a GENIUS start, this is for you!

**THIS IS A FOUNDATIONS CAMP, BENEFICIAL TO ALL DOGS, PUPPIES, LATE STARTERS AND RETRAINS**



### CALLING ALL K-9 EXHIBITORS!

It's time to choose judges for our 2012 trials! Please send your suggestions to Trial Chairman John Wernert. John will compile suggestions and judges will be chosen when the Judges Selection Committee meets in October. (The Trial Selection Committee is comprised of Competitors who show regularly in Obedience and Rally. All K-9 members who exhibit regularly are welcome to send suggestions and attend the meeting.)

Good judges are reserved years in advance, so it's imperative that we get busy now! To get the process started simply email John at [jwboater@bellsouth.net](mailto:jwboater@bellsouth.net) and give him the names of the judges YOU would like to see in our ring.

More information will be provided in the October Tails.

### OPEN FUNDamentals

Prerequisite: Dog must be able to perform all AKC Novice Obedience Exercises.

Equipment needed: First class will include discussion on dumbbell, collar, leash, and flexi choices available and commendations. Also needed: clicker, treats.

If you and your dog are getting a little bored with Novice training, why not start some Open training? This class will be geared toward the Novice trainer just learning CDX training techniques. We will be working on jumping, drops, holding the dumbbell (and retrieves for dogs already proficient in holding the dumbbell), broad jumps, out-of-sight stays, and as always, polishing our heeling.

Why not join us? 8 week class starts September 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00.

Cost: K-9 Members \$40.00/non-members \$80.00

Make checks payable to K-9 Obedience Club

Questions/RSVP (904) 260-0071 or email: [ruskuski5030@comcast.net](mailto:ruskuski5030@comcast.net)

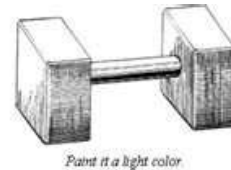
Instructor: Ginny Ruskuski

U-CDX Emma Rose of Mandarin, CDX ("Emma")

U-CDX My Galatea, CD ("Zack")

U-CDX Ibeski's Montana Dog, CDX, RE, NA, NAJ ("Ricky")

**Not ready for Open? Be sure to check out Beginner Novice/Ring Ready Novice Tuesdays at 7:00! (Page 2)**



### Personal Notes:

**Irma Schwartz** writes, "I went swimming with my cell phone stuffed in the top of my bathing suit. It drowned. Even took out the address book along with all the rest of the phone. I had numbers in there that I didn't have any where else or hadn't updated from the home phone book. The new phone is up and running, but without much of an address book. I had home or work or cell numbers from ya'all and if you'd like to provide them again, I'd love to have them. With thanks, Irma."

Several months ago I asked for photos of members dogs so that I could put together a poster board that could be taken to community events. I received an overwhelming number of beautiful photos. Unfortunately, I did not get enough high def, high quality pictures to be able to print large photos for the poster board (Scanned photos don't translate well into large printed ones). Instead I was able to put together a digital "scrapbook." Below is a link. Laurie Billinge has ok'd the posting of this scrapbook to the K-9 Obedience Club Facebook page. Although I had no trouble uploading it to my own page I can't for the life of me get it on the K-9 page (I am seriously technically challenged!!!). If any of you can get it onto the Facebook page, please do! Thank you so much to everyone who sent me digital photos. If you sent me photos and I wasn't able to use them in the scrapbook - don't feel bad, I couldn't use them all, but they were all wonderful! Enjoy - **Lisa Mallory** <http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=2039520&id=1590041527&l=803f63c1bc>

### Personal Notes (Continued)

**Jeannette Riback** has not been well and from what I understand has had several hospital visits. **Betty Jean Shuman** is gravely ill and asks only for our thoughts and prayers. **Caroline Lee's husband (and Amanda's father), Terry**, suffered a small stroke but is recovering well.

As if all these problems were not bad enough bad news I must report that we lost **Carol Stevens**. Carol had a heart attack in late August and underwent placement of a stint and bypass surgery. Tragically, although the surgery was considered successful Carol suffered a massive heart attack and could not be saved. I didn't know Carol well, although I certainly enjoyed her dry wit and laughed at her humor many times. Her good friend, **Tori Marks**, gave me some details of her life with dogs; "Carol had been in dogs about 41 years; she met **Ken** through a training class his folks were teaching. She ran the gauntlet of breeds; Shepherds, Shelties, Tervs., Dobes, Frenchies, Cresteds, and currently Tibbies, and Ryder, her Japanese Chin rescue. She was currently showing Ryder in Rally working toward his RE, and Sandy, one of her Tibbies, toward her grand championship. She showed in conformation until she got into the Dobes - that's when she got into obedience - but continued in conformation. She was a member of K-9 for about 12 years, a life member of JDFA, a member of GOPDC, Orange Blossom Tibetan Spaniel Club of Florida, & the Tibetan Spaniel Club of America. She was a tireless champion for the dogs, always attending city council meeting & speaking for our dogs whenever, wherever needed." She was well suited to tackle legal issues as she was a retired judicial assistant for Judge Brent Shore.

Carol had contacted me about the Open Class and was looking forward to attending with Ryder.

Laurie writes me that, "Carol was a very active K-9 member, becoming a Board member in 2008. She served as 2nd Vice President in 2009, and Corresponding Secretary in 2010. Always willing to step up and help wherever and whenever help was needed. She was a presence in any room she was in. I'll miss her brand of good natured witty sarcasm."

It's no coincidence that both Laurie and Torie use the phrase, "...whenever and wherever needed," when describing Carol. It's a hard blow to lose such a dedicated member and good friend to dogs (and many of us) in general. Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband Ken and son, Tommy, who are personally devastated by this loss.

Funeral services are planned for this Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. at Eternity Funeral Home, located at 4856 Oakdale Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32207. For anyone that is considering sending flowers, it is requested that in lieu of flowers, please make donations in memory of Carol A. Stevens to K-9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville, Inc.

Thank you, Ken.

Exercise Finished, Carol.

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