

**From the President's Desk** – I'd like to welcome the new board members joining us this term, and thank those staying to serve for another year. Once again, we have a great mix of old and new members serving. Your board works hard trying to keep things running as smooth as possible, and this year will not be an exception. We welcome any suggestions you may have. Please send them in. And please consider serving a term next year. If you're not sure what you may want to do, come and sit in with us for a meeting or two. If you're not interested in board service, how about hosting an event such as a match, dinner, or fund raiser? While the classes are still a big source of income, it's those extra events that help replace the funds used to improve the grounds and facilities. This year I challenge everyone to pitch in.

The October trials are fast approaching and it's time to think about where you can help out. We will be changing how we do concessions, but can always use bags of ice, drinks, snacks, etc. We always need stewards (contact **Ken 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 months in advance, work from start to finish all weekend, and often, still get left with a lot of the clean-up. Just a small amount of your time is needed to make these trials a success. Our trials have gained a great reputation for our facilities, food, and especially our hospitality to our guests.

While it may seem like little elves sneak in when nobody's around and spruce the club up, that's not the case at all. Some of our members take time out from their busy lives to willingly and cheerfully donate their time and talents to K-9. I feel the need to "out" a couple of them this month.

If you haven't been to the clubhouse in the last few weeks, you haven't seen the beautiful job **John Wernert** has done remodeling the inside bathroom. OMG! New paint, floor, vanity, medicine chest, light fixture. Absolutely beautiful!! Once again John has shown us some of his many talents! Be sure and thank him for all his hard work on this long needed project.

Another of our "elves" that works tirelessly behind the scenes is **Tom Bradley**. If you keep an eye out, you may find Tom up on the roof clearing debris, up the ladder cleaning gutters, on his knees cleaning out the catch basins, among countless other "Tom? Would you?" chores. In addition, Tom has stepped up and filled the open board position.

In addition to the General meeting in September, we are holding another "basket" raffle similar to those held during the last few trials. We will gratefully accept basket or item donations. These proceeds will be put towards the material expenses of the new bathroom. A lot of wonderful donations were won last year. Thanks for all your help and participation.

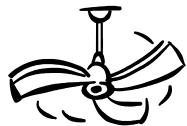
This month's meeting is on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see a crowd! -Laurie



**Meetings**  
Board Meeting - Aug. 11 (7:00 PM)  
General Meeting – Aug. 18 (7:30 PM)  
There will be no training allowed on the grounds during the General Meeting. Thank you.

**August Meeting Program**  
No program currently planned.

**Welcome (Back) New Members!**  
**Michelle Hughes Ali with Estelle, a Doberman**  
**Lisa Russell with Duncan, a Sheltie**  
**Congratulations to our newest Full Members,**  
**Marnie White and Marla Holliday**



## Upcoming Events

### Upcoming Classes & Events for August

08/01 -- Basic Obedience Plus, 6:00 & 7:15 PM, Gard  
08/03 -- Shaping Obedience & Drive, 7:15 PM, Gard

08/11 -- Board Meeting, 7:00 PM

**08/14 - SHOW N' GO, 6:00 PM**

**08/16 -- New: Practical Clicker Skills, 6:30 & 7:45 PM, Rogers**

08/17 -- Clicker Foundations, 6:30 & 7:45 PM, Rogers

**08/18 -- First Coast (UKC) meets, 6:30**

08/18 -- General Meeting, 7:30 PM

08/19 -- Puppy K & 1, 6:30 PM, Whalen

08/20 -- Freestyle Group meets at 10 AM

08/22 -- **Rally Adv & Exc., 6:30 PM, Whalen**

08/23 -- CGC Test, \$10 cash, 7:30 PM

08/27-- Puppy K & 1, 9:30 & 10:45 AM, Satur

08/30-- Basic Obedience/CGC, 7:00 PM, Billinege & Carstens

**NO Conformation classes again until September Also, coming in Sept.**

**9/6 -- Beginner Novice, 7:00, Cohen**

### Weekly Classes for August

#### Mondays

6:00 Basic Obedience PLUS, Gard

6:30 STAR Puppy K & 1, Whalen

6:30 Rally Adv & Exc. on 8/22, Whalen

7:15 Basic Obedience PLUS, Gard

#### Tuesdays

6:30 Practical Clicker Skills, Rogers

7:00 Basic Obedience/CGC, Billinege & Carstens

7:45 Practical Clicker Skills, Rogers

8:00 Advanced Obedience, Carstens

#### Wednesdays

6:30 Puppy K & 1, Whalen

6:30 Clicker Foundations, Rogers

7:15 Shaping Obedience & Drive, Gard

7:45 Clicker Foundations, Rogers

7:45 Puppy K & 1, Whalen

#### Thursdays

7:00 Freestyle Class, Nabor

(NO class 3rd Thursday of each month)

#### Fridays

7:00 Rally Novice, Whalen

#### Saturday Mornings

9:30 Puppy K & 1, Whalen

9:30 Puppy K & 1, Satur

10:45 Puppy K & 1, Whalen

10:45 Puppy K & 1, Satur

10:00 Freestyle Group, 3rd week only

## Congratulations!



### Torie Marks & Frisco

3<sup>rd</sup> leg, Rally Exc.. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – New title!

### Ginny Rukuski & Ricky

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(Sat) 1<sup>st</sup> place Rally Exc., 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Rally Adv.

(Sun) Qualified Rally Exc., 1<sup>st</sup> Place Rally Adv.

(1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> RAE legs)

### Susan Howard & Kona

(Sat) Qualified Rally Exc, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Rally Adv.

(Sun) Q'd Rally Exc. & Rally Adv. (2 RAE legs)

## Good Luck to K-9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville's 2011 DOCOF Team



**Novice:**  
Shannon Shepherd & Gunner  
Susan Howard & Kona  
Diane Cohen & Taxi

**Open:**  
Jane Vittitoe & Eli  
Anita Gard & Zeli  
Ginny Ruskuski & Ricky



### Utility:

Shannon Shepherd & Zita  
Anita Gard & Perek

**Emergency Substitute  
(Novice or Open):**  
Elaine Nabors & Rhyme



These members and their dogs will be representing K-9 at the Dog Obedience Clubs of Florida annual competition on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> at the Central Florida Fairgrounds in Orlando.

We extend an especially warm welcome to Shannon (this year's Team Captain), Susan and Elaine, who are new to K-9's DOCOF Team. **Please wish them luck!**

### Personal Notes:

**Ron & Diane Cohen** have an over-abundance of cannas. Cannas are a Southern native that are still frequently seen growing wild in ditches and other wet areas. The Cohens have a stand of tall hybrids (about 6') that sport yellow and orange flowers and are getting very crowded around their mailbox. If you'd like some of these impressive perennials get in touch with Diane – she'd love to see them in a good home.



A note from **Anita**: “Maybe you could put an, ahem, gentle reminder in the newsletter that people who move jumps and ring gates around should please put them back when finished. I don't think I'm the only instructor tired of having to constantly reset the rings, especially the big ring. Someone is using it for Utility practice and leaving jumps in there. Beware, or someone will incur the Wrath of Gard!”

**Dot Mitchell** sent a link to a Times Union article about her dog, **Sunshine**. “Dot Mitchell of Jacksonville Beach is bringing her Patriot Service therapy dog Sunshine to the Beaches branch library this summer so kids can practice reading books aloud to the dog. She and Sunshine visit the children's section every Friday from noon to 1 p.m. Service dogs are trained to perform various tasks that enrich people's lives...”  
Good job, Dot & Sunshine!



An email from **Irma Schwartz** (currently in New Jersey) – “Thanks for the special note in the new Tails about my UOTCH. I've gotten knee deep into Canine Nose Work these last few weeks. I have always felt very badly about having had to give up TDX tracking with Splash because of my physical issues, as it was my very favorite thing to do. Hers, too! So when I began hearing of "Nose Work," I started accumulating information on it and am committed to training for it. I'm fortunate to have available good mentoring from an instructor in Maryland and locally here in NJ. It is a titling venue through a singular organization, the National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW) which is growing in popularity throughout the country. Or perhaps just to teach a dog the sport just for the fun of it!

The dog learns to air scent food initially and then graduates to locating the hidden target of specific oil scents. The exercises are initially taught to the dog using treats placed in plain old cardboard cartons, graduating to removing the boxes and teaching the dog to recognize the hidden odor of specific oils. The hunt areas ultimately widen to include an indoor area, an outdoor area/field, as well as the exterior search of up to 3 vehicles.

I'm wondering there are any K-9 members who might be interesting in learning with me when I get back in October. If there is interest, you might volunteer the web site [www.nacsw.net](http://www.nacsw.net) which offers all necessary information. U-Tube also has about a dozen or so videos showing various dogs working. I had looked up "canine nose work vehicle search" myself and found one for that, as well as a number of others showing dogs working nose work.

Do you think you might include a note in the next Tails to see if anyone would like to get in touch with me about introducing their dog to nose work... Maybe even offering a demo at upcoming trials/matches? I'd love to have some playmates! :-> With thanks, Irma”

**Mary Graham** sent an article about overheated dogs thinking it might be of interest to our members. I took a glance at the length of the article and thought, “Well, I'll edit it down to fit whatever space is available in the newsletter.” Upon actually reading the article I've decided to send it along with the newsletter in its entirety as it has so much useful information. I hope you'll take a few minutes to read it. Certainly we're in the “dog days” of August and we all have to rethink our schedules for working our dogs; shorter training periods, early morning/late evening practices, etc.

We were very sorry to hear that **Life Member Marion Nielsen** is seriously ill. We haven't see Marion at the club for several years and miss seeing her work with her wonderful German Shepherd Dogs. Let's keep Marion in our thoughts and prayers.

Laurie has already mentioned that **John Wernert** remodeled the bathroom in the clubhouse. I'd like to mention it again since he did such a great job. When I walked in to take a look for a moment I thought I'd somehow been transported to a country club rest room, it looks that nice. Thank you for sharing your talents with us, John.

Speaking of John, he and **Jan** are planning some vacation time up North and will be dropping into to see **Lisa Mallory and Bill Finger** at their summer home in West Jefferson, North Carolina. This is a beautiful area in the mountains, just off the Blue Ridge Parkway. Give Lisa and Bill our love!

Finally, members of the DOCOF Team will be out at the club practicing most Sunday mornings around 8:00. Why not join us? (Check with me or any team member to be sure we'll be there.) All are welcome, especially for sits and downs!

## Starting in September Introduction to Agility with Diane Cohen

We're happy to announce Diane will again be teaching an Agility class to beginner dogs who are at least 6 months old. If you've ever wondered if Agility is something you and your dog would like to do this is the perfect opportunity to find out. Your dog will be introduced to all the obstacles (jumps, A-frame, Teeter, Dog Walk, Chute, Table, Tunnel, etc.) and you will be instructed in basic agility handling (the hard part!).

**Class starts Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00.  
Call Diane for more information at 730-0770.**



A number of club members including myself, got a new puppy in the last couple of years. Many of us are aware of the initial puppy fear period, but were you aware of a second fear period? Below are excerpts from one of my favorite puppy development books. As a dog owner and instructor, I see many problems intensifying during the Flight Instinct Period and the Second Fear Impact Period due to the actions of the puppy owner unknowingly nurturing those fears. It's very difficult and exhausting work raising a new puppy. I believe knowledge, patience, commitment and perseverance brings us bounds of joy with our new family companion. -Colleen Whalen

**Excerpts from: another piece of the puzzle: Puppy Development by Pat Hastings and Erin Ann Rouse, Editors, 2004 by Dogfolk Enterprises**

**Fear Imprint/Impact Period (8-11 weeks)** It may be fearful of loud noises, sudden movements, strangers, discipline from other dogs or humans, etc. If frightened during this fear period, it may take weeks to return to normal. In a non socialized puppy, anything associated with fear at this age will always be a fearful stimulus throughout its entire life without extensive desensitization.

**Environmental Awareness Period (9 - 12 weeks)** If left with their litter mates at this age, they will bond with them instead of with their owners. Puppies left with litter mates through this time often have problems with excessive barking, separation anxiety and/or hyper-excitability. And conversely, dogs without proper dog-dog- relationships (including plenty of play fighting) lose their ability to play with unfamiliar dogs and become serious about defending themselves by the age of 11-17 weeks.

**Seniority Classification Period (13 - 16 weeks)** This is sometimes labeled the "Age of Cutting" - cutting teeth and cutting apron strings - or the Age of Independence. The puppy begins to test dominance and leadership and "temper tantrums" are common. Puppies that have been previously very compliant will begin to have an opinion of their own and may be willing to "fight" to defend that opinion. Many puppies will bite for the first time in an attempt to do what it wants or to resist restraint. This is a critical period of learning for the puppy! If allowed to bite, dominate children or other pets, or resist unwanted human actions (nail cutting, lying on side to be groomed, leash training, vet exams, ear care, removing possessions or food, etc.), the prospects for having a well-behaved dog in the upcoming months will be poor.

**Flight Instinct Period (4 - 8 months)** This period can occur sometimes between 4 and 8 months of age and can last for a few days or several weeks. The puppy will "test its wings," wander further away than ever before and its first response may be to flee. A puppy that previously came every time you called will now "turn a deaf ear" and be very difficult to catch. It's important to avoid off-leash time and to praise correct responses. Some people refer to this time as the "ha-ha-ha, you can't catch me" time. Use of a long line outside and a short leash inside (so that the puppy can never make the decision not to come) during this time will prevent accidents and actually shorten the length of time the puppy behaves in this manner.

**Second Fear Impact Period (6 - 14 months)** Also called the Fear of New Situations Period, this period is less defined and may occur more than once as the puppy goes through growth spurts. During this time, the puppy will also be teething. Although all of the adult teeth are through the gums by 6 to 6 1/2 months of age, they don't "set" into the jawbones until 8 to 10 months; so even well-trained puppies will need to chew and some will become very destructive at this age (8 to 10 mths) if not properly supervised. Make light of fear; introduce lots of play behavior and praise; reinforce basic obedience and attention training; and increase exercise. Dehase characterizes this period as "the dog's anticipating harmful situations that exist only in its mind with subsequent behavioral strategies that include defense mechanisms of flight, aggression and low inhibition." Adolescence also coincides with this fear period with accompanying hormone surges, increased excitability, intensity about everything and the challenging of authority once again. Pheromones emitted by a dog can trigger dominance from other dogs, which can be very traumatic to a dog at this time.

**Maturity Period (1 - 4 years)** The maturity period signals the transition between puppy hood and adulthood. It is characterized by continual growth, both physical and mental, for up to 1 to 1 1/2 years of age in smaller breeds and 2 to 3 years or more in large or giant breeds of dogs, especially intact males.

**IN SUMMARY:** The development of a great dog is the joint responsibility of the breeder and the new owner. According to research by Scott and Fuller, 35% of a dog's ultimate behavioral makeup is genetic and 65% is attributed to management, training, socialization, nutrition and health care of the puppy; although the complex relationship between **nature** and **nurture** is still not well understood. Understanding the social and behavioral development of a canine can help both breeders and owners prevent problems and "create" the best dog possible.

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