

From the President's Desk –

It's time to put together our team for K-9's 44th DCOF competition this fall. DCOF has been a long tradition for us. K-9 helped to organize DCOF in 1967 and our club has competed every year since.

This month marks the end of another year at K-9. Our new board members take their seats next month. Ya'll have served the club with admirable dedication and I've been proud to serve with you. I can't do it without you! I need all incoming & outgoing board members at this month's board meeting on the 10th to insure a smooth transition.

Offer up some help to **Anita Gard** with the matches. Anita has graciously volunteered to be our Match chairperson. To make it easier to remember, matches will usually be held on the Sunday after the General Meeting each month. During the summer months, start time will be 6pm.

If you would like to add to the match with a dinner, just let Anita know. These are great fundraisers and are always welcome. If you've never attended one of our "dinner and match" events, you've missed a good time. Even if you don't enter the match, it's a great opportunity to show club support and get together with friends for some fellowship. We usually have a game or race on in the clubhouse, so missing your favorite sporting event on TV is no excuse.

This month's meeting on the 16th will be covered dish to celebrate yet another year. Contact **Phyllis Vandeveld** about what is needed. Look forward to seeing a large crowd! See ya'll then! - **Laurie**



Welcome New Members!

New member information not available.

June Meeting Program

Join us for a Pot-Luck Dinner!
 Call Phyllis Vandeveld (387-6038)
 to coordinate dishes.
 We hope to see you there!

Meetings

Board Meeting - June 9 (7:00 PM)

General Meeting – June 16 (7:30 PM)

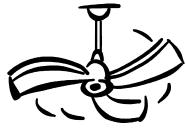
There will be no training allowed on the grounds during the General Meeting. Thank you.

From the Nominating Committee

The Proposed slate of Officers for 2011-2012:

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| President | Laurie Billinge |
| 1 st Vice President | John Wernert |
| 2 nd Vice President | Gary Jarrett |
| Recording Secretary | Barbara Elrod |
| Corresponding Secretary | Ann Lentz |
| Treasurer | Beth Berry |
| 1-Year Board Member | Ken Stevens |
| 1-Year Board Member | Emily Foster |
| 2-Year Board Member | Colleen Whalen |
| 2-Year Carry-over | Connie Carstens |





Upcoming Events

Upcoming Classes & Events for June

06/06 -- Basic Obedience PLUS, 6:00 & 7:15 PM, GARD
06/07 -- Clicker Foundations, 6:30 & 7:45 PM, Rogers
06/08 -- Shaping Obedience & Drive, 7:15 PM, Gard
06/09 -- Board Meeting, 7:00 PM
06/10 -- Puppy K & 1, 6:30 PM, Satur
06/13 -- STAR Puppy, 6:30 PM, Whalen
06/15 -- Beginner Novice Foundations, 7:00 PM, Ruskuski
06/15 -- Intermediate Foundations, 7:45 PM, Ruskuski
06/16 -- General Meeting, 7:30 PM
06/17 -- Rally Novice, 6:30 PM, Whalen
06/18 -- Freestyle Group meets at 10 AM
06/19 - **Show and Go, 5:00 PM**
06/23 -- **New! Evening Freestyle Classes 7:00 PM, Nabor**
06/25-- Puppy K & 1, 9:30 AM, Satur
06/27 -- Open & Utility, 7:00 PM, Shepherd
06/27 -- Foundations of Competition Cont'd, 8:00, Shepherd
06/28 -- CGC Test 7:30 PM, \$10 cash

Weekly Classes for June

Mondays

6:00 Basic Obedience PLUS, Gard
6:30 STAR Puppy K & 1, Whalen
6:30 Proofing & Troubleshooting for Open & Utility,
Shepherd
7:15 Basic Obedience PLUS, Gard
7:45 Foundations for Competition, Shepherd

Tuesdays

6:30 Clicker Foundations, Rogers
7:00 Open Ring Ready, Cohen
7:00 Basic Obedience/CGC, Billinege & Carstens
7:45 Clicker Foundations, Rogers
8:00 Advanced Obedience, Carstens

Wednesdays

6:30 Puppy K & 1, Whalen
7:00 Beginners Novice Foundations, Ruskuski
7:15 Shaping Obedience & Drive, Gard
7:30 Conformation, J. Mello, call 614-9282
7:45 Intermediate Novice Foundations, Ruskuski

Thursdays

7:00 New! Evening Freestyle Class, Nabor
(NO class 3rd Thursday of each month)

Fridays

6:30 Puppy K & 1, Satur
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!



Wanda Edge & Simon

(Cocoa)
Last leg RAE – New Title!

Lisa Mallory & Aero

Three Group firsts, one Group second place, a Best in Show, and earned his International Championship in Orlando on May 7th & 8th. New Title!

Terri Reel & Harley

JDFA (match) – Best in Match
(and since Harley is 13 mos. old he was in with the big dogs!)

Beth Schmidt & Emmy

9th and 10th UDX legs – Emmy UDX! New title!
(For our newer members who may not know, in order to attain the UDX title a dog must qualify in Open and Utility at the same trial, 10 times – a very difficult requirement. Well done, Beth and Emmy!)

FDA Warns of Comfortis, Ivermectin Interaction

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration and Elanco Animal Health are advising veterinarians that dogs receiving extra-label doses of ivermectin should not receive concurrent treatment with Comfortis (spinosad), a monthly chewable tablet used for the prevention and treatment of flea infestation.

The FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine recently received reports of adverse reactions which are consistent with ivermectin toxicity.

Many veterinarians use high extra-label doses of ivermectin to treat dogs with non-responsive demodectic mange and other conditions.

Elanco Animal Health is a division of Indianapolis-based Eli Lilly and Co

(Anita Gard writes, “My vet told me not to give Comfortis and Ivermectin within 15 days of each other. I give Ivermectin orally, rather than as Heartgard or other tablets.”)

See page 4 for a related article of interest.

Personal Notes:

Exciting news from **Barbara Butler**: "...I have a little 8 week old Border Collie puppy. We flew home from Pittsburgh this Sunday. He is out of Cyclone Border collies and if you go on her web site to watch any of the youtubes of his litter his call name was Hooligan in the litter. I have changed his name to "Gilley". They needed Irish names due to being born on St. Patrick's Day. I'm anxious for everyone to meet him soon."

Lisa Mallory is back up in the mountains of North Carolina for the duration (of summer). She's in Jefferson, just down the road a few miles from where John and I vacationed in Fleetwood Falls each summer years ago. I'm green with envy. Lisa – send pictures!!! (We can assume Irma Schwartz won't be far behind on her way to New Jersey.)

John Wernert has been busy around the grounds again. You may have noticed the lovely bed of roses, chrysanthemums and begonias lining the clubhouse below the wheelchair ramp. These aesthetic additions did not plant themselves! Thank you, John. Also, I've been meaning to mention that if you want some border grass for your own yard you can save a lot of money by simply dividing some ours that's spread beyond its boundaries. Talk to John or Laurie about getting "monkey grass" from K-9.

Phyllis Vandavelde (the sole member of our Sunshine Committee) reports that **Dorie Sparkman's** mother, **Dee Tucker**, passed away recently. Dorie is one of our Life Members but sadly, we rarely see her these days. Dorie is the CEO of Emerson Kennels and between running the kennels and her involvement with Akita Rescue she has little time for other interests. We send our condolences to Dorie and her family and hope she knows we think of her often.

Colleen Whalen emailed me this month and asked if we could run a column about our members – just a few paragraphs focusing on one person a month. To be honest, I thought of this ages ago but never had the time to put into it. Colleen volunteered to handle it and search out members who would give us a thumbnail sketch of introduction. Thanks, Colleen! Its funny how we see each other at the club or at trials, etc., and chat and spend so much time together and yet know so little about each other. I hope this column continues and strengthens the feeling of "family" we get from K-9. Our first entry is from Sandi Mercier...

Up Close and Personal with Sandi Mercier

Our little family is my husband, Kevin McAuliffe, M.D., an ophthalmologist practicing in the Mandarin area, myself, a retired dentist, Harley (Harlequin), a fourteen year old long coat Chihuahua, and Cami (Camden Cafe Latte), the four year old long coat Chihuahua that K-9 members see with me at the Club. We never took Harley to Puppy School because the idea never came to mind: she was very submissive by nature, wanting to please and able to figure out which behaviors made us happy. When Harley was ten, we went to visit the Chihuahua breeder who owned Cami, then almost 4 months old, the first week of July 2007. Cami seemed as quiet and sweet as Harley and we took her home. After two days, the effects of the Benadryl given with her recent vaccinations had worn off and we found Cami was a very different puppy – with her own agenda.

We had a busy summer that year but when Cami was seven months old, we were back from our Maine vacation and I was anxiously looking through the Yellow Pages for Dog Training. It was my good fortune that I found the K-9 Obedience Club listing, the person I spoke with was Colleen Whalen and that she invited us to participate in her Saturday morning Puppy Classes. Colleen taught positive reinforcement methods and games so when we practiced at home, Cami wanted to "go with the program", games OR training, it was all good!

Colleen directed us to other positive trainers who published books and videos (see www.dogwise.com) so that when we "graduated" from her class in December 2007, we could see we were not at the end of Cami's training, but just beginning! Since that time, Cami & I have attended classes taught by Ginny Ruskuski (Obedience), Diane Cohen (Agility), Gail Larson (Rally), Elaine Nabors (Freestyle), and successfully completed Therapy Dog evaluations by Pat Ennis. Each one of these awesome ladies has given Cami and me a new insight, another option for communication, a better understanding of the relationship that is possible between human and canine. We continued with the Rally classes and Cami has her AKC Rally titles Novice, Advanced and Excellent. Cami is now registered with Therapy Dogs, Inc. and the Delta Society Pet Partners. We are able to visit Hospice patients in their own homes or Hospice facilities, residents in Assisted Living Homes or Nursing Homes, or the little patients in Wolfson Children's Hospital and, no matter what equipment, music, or noise distraction is going on around us, Cami is able to focus on entertaining who ever wants to see a Chihuahua play cards, or basketball, dance or pull a rabbit out of a hat! We now set our sights for a title in Freestyle because practicing the movements is entertaining. A dancing Chihuahua causes people to laugh, and "laughter is the best medicine!"



Above – Cami (left) and Harley (right) "on the rocks" in Maine.

Heartgard Plus Cover-Up

ConsumerAffairs.com reports that Merial LLC “extortionately fired” Dr. Kari Blaho-Owens after she refused to destroy documents questioning Heartgard Plus effectiveness.

From ConsumerAffairs.com: “In her suit against Merial LLC, the animal drug division of Sanofi Aventis, Dr. Kari Blaho-Owens says that she was hired in 2006 after the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) expressed concern about reports of Heartgard Plus being ineffective in preventing heartworm in dogs. Blaho-Owens said that after reviewing the situation, she became aware that Merial had known of the problem since at least 2002 but had done nothing to update its labeling to specify that Heartgard Plus was not 100 percent effective in preventing heartworm. Blaho-Owens said that in one discussion, Dr. Felipe Dolz, at this time Director of Regulatory Affairs, U.S., said that a labeling change would put Merial at a marketing disadvantage compared to competitors’ products and that the company would prefer that FDA make the labeling change “product wide,” meaning that it would also apply to competitors’ drugs.

The suit alleges that internal studies conducted by the company were unscientific and used “cherry-picked” data to support the company’s contention that the product was safe was used as indicated.”

(For more information <http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/heartgard-plus-cover-up/>)



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