



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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New Members

Full: Carol Fitzsimmons, Christine Peterson

Provisional: Lauri and Terry Smith; Diane Martin

From the President's Desk

Dear Members

November will be a very busy month for us. Our Trials are on November 13 and 14. Before that, we'll have set up on Thursday, November 11 starting around 5:30. On Friday, November 12, we'll have a Show and Go from 3:30 – 7:00 or thereabouts.

We will need volunteers for all of these events. Please Contact Alison Nelson at anelsonphs@yahoo.com if you can help out. She will co-ordinate with you about what time(s) you are available, what you want to help with, etc. The time you spend volunteering will go toward next year's key requirement or will help fill your provisional membership card.

Don't forget the Saturday basket drawing! If you can buy a ticket, you'll be supporting the club. If you bring a basket for the drawing, even better. The basket drawing is a really fun way to support the trials and I'm sure there will be a tempting variety of items to fill our table.

The Rachel Flatley seminar will be coming up on Oct. 31st, and I'm sure there are some audit spots left. Rachel is a wonderful trainer and teacher and the seminar will be a convenient and affordable way to learn from her.

Our next General Meeting will be our December meeting with a covered dish supper and holiday gift exchange.

More about that next month!

- Ginny



Join the Fun! K-9's Annual Basket Drawing!

The drawing will be held at our Obedience and Rally Trials, Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021. To buy a ticket, just come to the basket table, peruse the baskets, and drop your tickets in the bag for the baskets you like. To donate a basket, simply find a selection of items a person (or dog person) would find desirable and arrange attractively in a basket or some other container. If in doubt, gift certificates are always popular! Please deliver baskets to clubhouse by November 12 (Friday) 10:00AM



November's Training Director's Report

We are about to start our second round of classes for the fall with most beginning the week of October 25 and finishing before Christmas.

I'm pleased to report that we will have 2 individuals working with me in the STAR puppy class preparing to become instructors. Ben Bond, a new provisional member, has taught classes previously and I am looking forward to working with him. Deb Gilman, who has passed on the responsibilities as Registration Secretary to Christine Peterson, will also be working with me. Both of these individuals will, I'm sure, make fantastic instructors and will be a welcome addition to our instructor pool when they complete the training program.

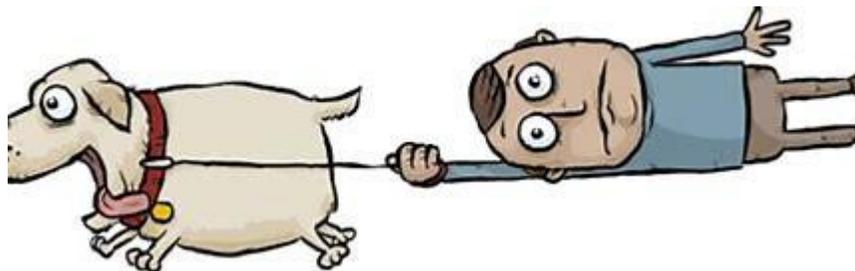
Just a reminder to any members, new or old, we always need assistants for classes. If instructors have an assistant, the number of students in the class can be increased. Duties for assistants will vary from instructor to instructor and be modified to meet the assistant's level of confidence. This could vary from just helping with class paperwork and putting out and retrieving chairs to actually presenting one or more exercises. If you think you might enjoy doing this, please contact me so we can get you scheduled to work with an instructor in the spring.

THANKS! THANKS! THANKS! THANKS!

I can't end without sending tons of Thank You's to Colleen, Ginny, Alison, Terri and Juli for their commitment to teaching for K-9 in the past year. Reports filtering back from students testify to the excellence of their teaching and their good will in helping these folks learn how to train their dogs. Please remember to thank them when you see them.

Finally, I cannot thank Debbie Gilman enough for the hundreds and hundreds of hours she has spent getting all the paperwork done to enroll students in our classes for the past year and a half! She took on a job that no one had ever done with only my sketchy directives to follow and has done yeoman's work in keeping our classes going!

--- *Dianne Strickland*



October General Membership Meeting

Many thanks to those of you who brought towels and blankets for the Humane Society. Their face absolutely lit up when they saw the bags of things that we collected for them.



For those of you who weren't able to make it to the meeting, you missed a wonderful presentation by **Dr. Nicole Hardy**. In her presentation, she gave us an opportunity to learn more about various exercises to help our dogs develop and maintain strength in particular parts of their bodies. There was also an informative discussion regarding nutritional supplements for our K9s as well as information on various medications for treating pain.

One pertinent point **Dr. Hardy** made was that we should try to develop a relationship with our vets, so that the vet gets to know us and our dogs and respects our observations (and sometimes intuitions) that all is not well with our companions. She also encouraged us to invite our vets to attend a trial that we will be showing in. She remarked that when she was able to see the dogs working, it gave her added insight to them as patients. **Nicole** expressed an interest in attending our trial in November, and we hope her busy schedule will allow her to do so. Should you see her there, please thank her for taking the time to share her knowledge with us.



Titling Awards

ATTENTION HANDLERS!!!!



It's catch-up time for K-9 title awards!! Did you earn one or more titles with your dog(s) in 2019 and/or 2020? If so, congratulations are in order AND you will be awarded one beautiful leather leash in recognition of your achievement(s).

Awards will be handed out at the December Christmas party on December 16, 2021 at K-9.

TO RECEIVE YOUR AWARD, FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Send the following information to Sheila Garbecki with an email to sbgarb1@yahoo.com
2. Put Dog Titles received 2019 and /or 2020 in the Subject line
3. State your name, dog's name, title--(for clarity give the letters and the words with the sport i.e., CD (Companion Dog in Obedience), year of title, club/place where titled
4. Send to Sheila by November 15 Include all the dogs and titles you have earned during 2019 and during 2020.

Although you will be awarded one leash regardless of how many titles you earned, all the titles will be printed in the "Tails" newsletter and on a new "Titles" page for K-9 website. Remember, some members will not know what the title letters stand for or what sport it's in, so it's important to include this. K-9 is proud of its members!! Keep in mind that the many achievements of K-9 members, their personal experience and success in dog sports is what sets us apart from other training programs and facilities with classes.

The Canine Learning Corner

DOG AGING PROJECT

Are you aware there of the “Dog Aging Project? This is a study is supported by a grant from the National Institute on Aging, a federally funded granting agency and part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).



One goal is to identify a large group of dogs from whom data and information will be collected over time. They are seeking a broad, diverse group of dogs, including young and old, purebred and mixed breed, male and female, as well as those living in both urban and rural environments from all regions of the United States.

The online Health and Life Experience Survey contains approximately 200 questions about your dog's health, lifestyle, behavior, and environment, divided into 10 sections. Although most questions are about your dog, there are several questions about you and about your living environment. For example, they ask for your approximate household income and the number of people living in your home, as well as about the source of your and your dog's drinking water and materials found in your home.

The survey takes 1-2 hours to complete all ten sections but all sections don't need to be completed in one sitting. The survey automatically saves your answers in an encrypted database under a unique identification number (UIN) that is assigned to your dog.

While you and your dog may not benefit directly by answering the survey, The information collected will identify unique factors that are directly related to canine, as well as human, longevity and healthy aging. The hope is that this information will help dogs and humans in the future.

If you are interested in nominating your dog(s) or gather more information go to: [Home - Dog Aging Project](#)



K9 Webpage

Alison Nelson watches over the K9 Website (excluding the calendar).

For questions or comments related to the K9 Web pages please contact Alison at anelsonphs@yahoo.com. Thanks to Alison for updating the website.

Membership Committee

It's that time of year again for **ANNUAL DUES**: Dues are **\$35.00 per person** and **\$45.00 per family** for one year. The membership year is from January 1 through December 31. Reminders will be sent by mail from Colleen Whalen (membership committee) in the coming weeks so keep an eye out for it.

Sunshine Committee

Sheila Garbecki has agreed to oversee the "Sunshine Committee". If you know of a member in need of "cheering up" or "well wishes" from the club, please contact Sheila at sbgarb1@yahoo.com.

Thanks to Shelia for volunteering to serve on this committee.

K9 Calendar

Colleen Whalen updates the Calendar on the K9 Website. For issues or additions related to the calendar please contact Colleen at K9Whaen@comcast.net.

Thanks to Colleen for keeping this updated.

Facebook Page

Ginny Ruskuski administrates the Facebook Page. For issues or additions related to the calendar please contact Ginny at Ruskuski5030@att.net.

Thanks to Ginny for keeping an eye on the posts.

FOOD RECALL

Tuffy's Pet Foods; Inc. Issues Voluntary Recall of a Limited Quantity of Pure Vita Salmon Entrée Dog Food in a Tetrapak Carton Due to Potentially Elevated Levels of Vitamin D

The recalled product is limited to Pure Vita Salmon Entrée Dog Food in a Tetrapak carton, bearing UPC Code "0 73893 96202 1" (found on side of the carton); lot numbers 0629101N and 0901101N1.

Consumers who purchased the Pure Vita Salmon Entrée dog food product subject to this voluntary recall (as identified above) are urged to return the product to their retailer for a full refund.

MEET OUR NEW PROVISIONAL CLUB MEMBERS

Lauri and Terry Smith along with their newest rescue, Lola, are thrilled to become provisional members of the K9 Obedience Club.

"We lost our 13-year-old rescue Jack Russell Terrier in early May and shortly thereafter decided life was too quiet without a dog. We adopted Lola and quickly realized that having a young dog in the house was very different than the senior dogs we were used to. Lola loves everybody, has a lot of energy, and an obsession with chasing squirrels. We hope to be able to continue her training at the club and introduce her to agility, along with meeting new dogs and their people."





CONGRATULATIONS

“Barks and Brags” Recent Trial Updates

October 2021 - Coastal Empire HRC Hunt Test, Patterson, GA

Showing his versatility - Winston passed another Finished Test - one of only 8 dogs out of 24 to complete both the water & land series.



October 2021 - Ocala Obedience Trials

Winston qualified 8 for 8; earning 8 times 1st places; 4x High in Trials & 4x High Combined's.

He also earned the last OM points for his Obedience Grand Master (OGM) title.



“Barks and Brags” Recent Trial Updates Cont’d

September 2021 Orlando Obedience Trials

Winston qualified for 7 of 8 runs, earning 7x 1st places.
He earned 4 times High In Trials’s & 3 times High Combined’s.



September 2021 Orlando Obedience Trials

In addition to this Winston earned his OTCH3 and his UDX6!



ASCA October 2021, Cartersville GA

Ashley Escobar earned a Rally Novice (ASCA) title on the youngest of her pack member, Sealah



“Barks and Brags” Recent Trial Updates Cont’d

Ashley’s daughter Scarlett took best sub-junior all weekend

September 2021-Alpharetta GA

Ashley also earned agility ACT 1 title with her youngest Aussie Sealah ACT MATCH -



October 2021 Greater Ocala Dog Club Ocala FL

Kali (BISS GCH Kanna’s Night to Shine CD RE AX AXJ XF HSAs DSA HDJ TKP CA BCAT FDC ATT CGC) has been on a roll lately. She earned her first CDX leg in obedience with a High in Trial in Ocala.

The next weekend 10/8-10/10 in Ocala, Kali earned 6 Qs at the MADTA Agility trial in T2B, Masters Fast, and Masters Jumpers!



“Barks and Brags” Recent Trial Updates Cont’d

Sept 2021 MADTA (Marion-Alachua Dog Training Association) Ocala

Coco (Alison Nelson) RAE leg 4 4th place (left)

Rex Rally Intermediate leg 1 2nd place (right)

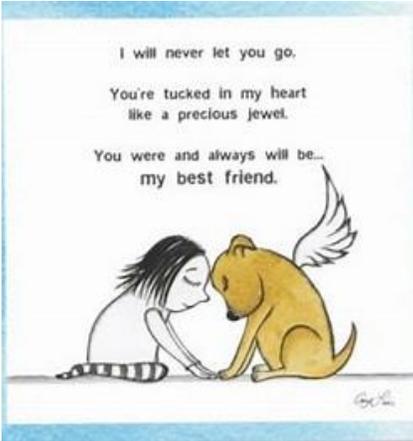


Sept 2021 Deland Show

Alexei was Winner’s Dog and Best of Winners in conformation at the Deland show on 9/26, 2021, and awarded a 4-point major and was Reserve Winner's dog on 9/24/21.



“In Memory Of”



Many thanks to Diane Cohen for her generous donation to the club trophy fund in memory of her beloved “Puff”.

Puff volunteering with Tom at Wolfson



Puff thanks Melissa for placing him & to instructors for his lessons.



November					
Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
6-7	RLY	Lake Eustis Kennel Club	Ocala	Oct 20	RR Withers; BJC Critelli
13-14	O & RLY	K9 Obedience Club	Jacksonville	Oct 27	TG McCall; NJ McCall
13-14	O	Obedience Club of Palm Beach Co	Lake Park	Oct 27	L Seeley
13	RLY	Ochlockonee River Kennel Club	Monticello	Oct 21	N Heidt
18-21	O & RLY	Greater Ocala Dog Club	Ocala	Nov 03	S Sherman, Dr. RH Knight; RE Seeley, Dr. NE Noonan (RLY)
27-28	RLY	Dog Training Club	Tampa	Nov 19	K. Kincaid, AP Kincaid

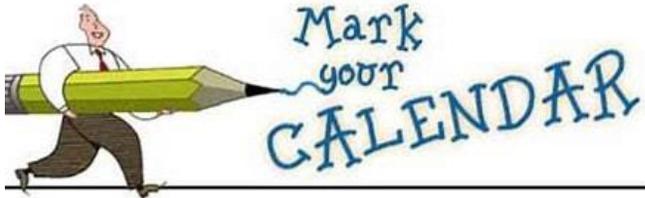
December					
Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
10	RLY	Obedience Club of Daytona	Daytona	Nov 24	RE Miller
11-12	O	Obedience Club of Daytona	Daytona	Nov 24	AS Albert, C Parrish, RR Withers
15-17	RLY; O	Orlando Dog Training Club	Orlando	Nov 17	N. Hayes; NJ Watson, RR Withers, E Chase

January 2022					
Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
6 7	O, RLY	Hernando County Kennel Club	Brooksville	Dec 22	K Kincaid (O), BJC Critelli (RLY), O. Chever (O), K Kincaid (R)
8-9	RLY (NA), O	Pasco Florida Kennel Club	Brooksville	Dec 22	Pending (RLY), C. Parrish (O), D. P Neufeld (O)
15-16	RLY, O	Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County	Lake Park	Dec 29	RJ Withers, NJ Watson
15	O	Clearwater Kennel	Brooksville	Dec 29	DP Neufeld
16	RLY, O	Manatee Kennel Club	Brooksville	Dec 29	DP Neufeld (RLY), TBA (O)
21-23	O	Marion Alachua Dog Training Association	Ocala	Jan 05	BW Selton, RH Knight, CA Knight
29-30	RLY, O	Greater Gainesville Dog Fanciers Assoc	Ocala	Jan 12	RLY (NYA), L Pinnelli (O)
29-30	O, RLY (P)	Five Flags Dog Training Club	Pensacola	Jan 12	BL Roland, DP Neufeld, RLY (NYA)
29	RLY, O	Dog Obedience Club of Lee County Florida	Punta Gorda	Jan 12	RLY (NYA), RH Knight (O)

RLY (Rally); O (Obedience); NYA (not yet approved), P (pended)

K9 Club Events Calendar for November

Monday 5:30 PM 6:30 PM	Rally Beginner 10/18-11/22 Rally Advanced 10/18-11/22	Friday Nov 11 10am 3:30-7pm	Basket drop-off deadline Show and Go
Tuesday 6 PM 6:30 PM	First Tue of the Month - Guide Dogs of Northeast Florida Star Puppy 10/26-12/7	Saturday 4:00 PM Nov 12	Family Dog 11/6-12/11 Day 1 of K9 Club Trial
Wednesday 8-10 AM 9:30 AM 7 PM	Obedience folks train together Obedience/Rally Skills 10/20- Conformation-Run-Throughs early Dec; R. Grinsell	Sunday 8-10 AM Nov 13	Obedience folks meet to train Day 2 of K9 Club Trial
Thursday Nov 11 5pm 2 nd Thurs Nov 11 7PM Nov 25	Setup for K9 hosted Trial Board of Governors Meeting at K9 THANKSGIVING		

		<h3>Upcoming Events at the K9 Club</h3>
Nov 11 - 5 pm - Setup for the dog show - let Alison if you can volunteer	Nov 12- Baskets for drawing submitted by 10 am, Show and Go 3:30 to 7 pm	
Nov 13-14 - K9 Obedience Dog Show hosted at the club. Volunteers will be needed for Rally and Obedience Trials.	Dec 16 at 7pm - Annual Christmas party with the well-known gift exchange (AKA White Elephant). Start thinking about a dish to share. Hope to see you there!	

REMINDER: QUILT DRAWING

The large lap quilt with a luxuriously soft back brown panel that will be heaven to keep us warm when it gets cool again. And since it won't get cool again any time soon, we won't raffle it off until the December Meeting/celebration.

BUT...

In the meantime, any time you attend a K9 meeting or participate as a worker/helper at any event sponsored by K9, you'll get a free ticket to drop into the bucket at the December event.

For those of you who aren't able to join us, tickets will be available for \$10.00 at any event or you can send your check made out to K9 to: Dianne Strickland, 9013 Ft. Caroline Rd, Jax, FL

**And here's the
Tugg approved
quilt**



NEWSLETTER EDITOR DEADLINE:

Please email any material you would like included in the Newsletter to petersonchris7@hotmail.com by the 20th of this month.