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## New Provisional Members

Fred and Cynthia Chambers

## From the President's Desk

Fall is finally here with cooler temperatures – time to get back into training mode! To help with that, we have a number of classes to choose from on our website. Thank you to all the instructors who have stepped up to teach!

We had great weather for the Clean-Up Day last weekend. We were only there 3 hours but it made a big difference in the club's appearance. Thanks to all who came and donated their time.

November 12 and 13 are the dates of our Fall Trials in Daytona. I know **Deb Gilman** could use 2 or 3 more volunteers to steward. Can you help? Thank you to all of you who've already made plans to be there to pitch in.

Our trial on Saturday, Nov. 12 will feature the grandest basket drawing in recent memory. Thanks to all of you who responded to my desperate plea for donations, we not only have enough for this trial but I will squirrel much of it away for our trials in May, 2023. My deepest gratitude to all of you who generously donated so many desirable items to our drawing. If you are at the trials please stop by the baskets and buy some tickets. Lots of great stuff to take a chance on!

Hope to see you in Daytona! - **Ginny**

## November's Training Director's Report

The 2nd round of classes begins in early November with 15 offerings and end in late December. You can check out the offerings on the website's "Class Schedule" page (<https://www.k9obedienceclub.org/class-schedule.html>). S.T.A.R. Puppy and Family Dog classes continue to be in high demand with members and nonmembers. Obedience and Nose Work classes are filling fast also.

Let me know if there is a class you would like to see offered at K-9. We would like to continue to expand our offerings to meet members' needs.

K-9 is very fortunate to have a group of skilled and dedicated instructors and assistants. We can always use more, so if you would like to volunteer for a class let me know.

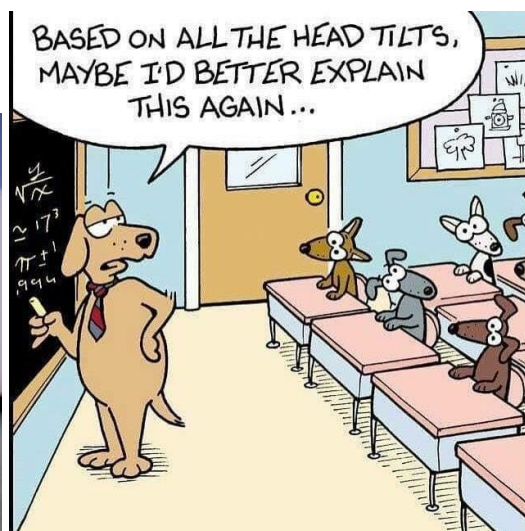
If you wish to have your discount for classes in 2023? See page 8 for details on your volunteer hours requirement to maintain the discount.

Rachel Flatley will return to K-9 on December 4 for an obedience seminar.

With the cool weather, now is a great time to take a class and/or come train on your own at K-9. Set your goals, find a training buddy and try to solve problems in a creative and fun way!

Happy Training!

**Alison Nelson**



## Daytona November 12/13 2022 Trials



We are still in need of a few Stewards to help us in Daytona. We need you promptly at 7:30am to get instructions for your assignment. Lunch will be provided. We can give you names of members that might wish to carpool.

This is a great opportunity for newbies in Rally and Obedience to watch all levels compete. You will learn a tremendous amount from stewarding. And, we are a fun group to be around.

You will receive your volunteer credit for 8 hours, your requirement for the year.

You will also receive 2 tickets for the lap quilt raffle in December.

Contact **Debbie Gilman** at 610-597-5454, Thank you in advance!





## General Meeting Guest Speaker



Andrew Carre and Sandy (labradoodle) Therapy team for St John's Sheriff's Office

Working with staff, victims, inmates and inmates' families. Sandy brightens everyone's day and comforts people in difficult situations. Then she goes home with Andrew to his family with 3 children and lives a regular life off-duty. Sandy is adored by all who interact with this charming good will 'officer.'





## Clean-Up On a Sunny October Sunday at K9

K9 had a clean-up day on Sunday October 23 for approximately 4 hours. I would like to thank all the people that volunteered to spruce the place up.

Bathrooms were cleaned, lattice was reattached to PVC pipe gates with aluminum zip ties, vines removed from fences, old shrubs removed from side of house, plants pruned, leaves removed from around crates. I'm probably forgetting something.



Jack Gilman



Terri Martin



Robin Wallen

To everyone that contributed, I am extremely grateful to you. It was the perfect temperature and we had some nice goodies to keep up our strength.



Jean Coker, Carol Fitzsimmons & Janet English



Alison Nelson

Participants received volunteer hours and a raffle ticket for the lap quilt to be raffled off in December. If you see any of these people, mention the dramatic change in the club rings and grounds. We all need to take pride in our facility. Being outdoors, it gets dirty quickly. Not every club has what we have. Help us by picking up trash you see when you are there. ----**Debbie Gilman** Building and Grounds Chair

## Thanksgiving Food for Dogs: Have a Pet-Safe Feast!

### Keep Your Dog's Belly Calm This Thanksgiving

As you set your holiday table, don't forget to make a safe setting for your pet to keep your family's feast happy and stress-free!

Follow these quick tips to keep your pup included in the day's festivities while avoiding any turkey day mishaps.

Opt for pet-safe chew bones! If you want to make it feel extra special, wait to give your dog their chew bone until everyone sits down at the table for dinner.

**Avoid Mid-Meal Begging:** If your dog loves begging for scraps during mealtime on a normal day, Thanksgiving will have them pulling out all the stops, including the puppy eyes! (Can't say we blame them with all those drool-worthy smells in the air.) Keep them happy and away from the dinner table with puzzle toys that can be stuffed with yummy treats, or try adding a freeze-dried topper to their regular food.

**Is Turkey on Your Dog's Menu?:** If you do decide to slice up some turkey or plate up some other favorites for your pup, keep these guidelines in mind:

- Serve them turkey without the skin, as it can have fats and seasonings that we find delicious but can easily upset your dog's stomach.
  - Feed them only small amounts of turkey, and make sure that it is fully cooked.
  - Say no to stuffing due to ingredients like onions and garlic that are harmful to dogs.
  - Your pup should pass on the green bean casserole, but you can save some plain, fiber-filled green beans for their dish.
  - Skip the pie, but you can safely opt for plain, canned pumpkin (just not pumpkin pie filling).
- On the (Dinner Table) be defensive: If you and your guests are distracted by parades, football or playful pups and kittens on the TV, make sure leftovers, especially turkey bones, are out of reach of your dog. A curious pup surfing counters or table can quickly lead to a tummy ache – not to mention sad guests who were hoping for seconds – if leftovers aren't stashed away!

We hope you and your dog have a happy Thanksgiving! If you have any questions about your pet's diet or health, we recommend reaching out to your veterinarian.







**Always double check that PAVILION FANS and LIGHTS are turned off when you leave--THIS INCLUDES THE BATHROOMS.** K-9 has strategically located automatic LED security lights to light your walk to the car. **When leaving, always check that you have locked the gate to the grounds.**

**Remember that ALL visitors to K-9 for any reason--meetings, seminars, classes, training--are required to wear close toe shoes for their safety and K-9's liability. No flip flops!!!**

Keep the feet on the agility fences side by side-**do not overlap.** When the gates blow over, if they are overlapped, the gates tangle and breakage occurs. **Likewise, keep the agility gates 6 feet from the Pavilion floor.** Again, when they blow over, if they are too close to the pavilion, they crash into the flexible ring gating and breakage results.

Members are welcome to leave a crate for their dog at K-9. Please keep the crate clean and labeled with your name. K-9 belongs to the members, and it is hoped that every member will treat this fabulous facility like their own. All routine clean-up is done by member volunteers, so pitch in! One person alone cannot keep K-9 in tiptop shape; it's too big. But with every member's support, we can keep the place shaped up. You can help by picking up litter if you see it, sweeping up a pile of leaves if they are accumulated, straightening up and stacking scattered chairs if they are left in the aisles.

This is your club, it is hoped you will help take care of it. – **Alison Nelson**



## IT'S TIME TO CHECK IF YOU ARE UP TO DATE WITH YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS

Don't know if you are up to date, now is a good time to check and confirm. For those that haven't completed your annual volunteer hours we still have opportunities for you to do so. If you're not sure how many hours you've contributed contact us and we can tell you what you have on file.

Remember **active members** are those who pay their annual dues and contribute 8 hours to the club each year. **Active members** are entitled to discounts on our training courses. But even more than that the Club needs your help. We can't do it without our members supporting us.

Keep an eye out for those requests for help in the blast emails from **Judith Solano** and also those activities needing help posted in the newsletter.

### Upcoming Volunteer events:

Daytona Beach Trial Nov 12, 13 –  
Contact **Debbie Gilman** and  
**Alison Nelson**





***SAVE THE DATE K-9 MEMBERS!!!!******HO HO HO!!!******YOU'RE INVITED***

That's right, K-9 members. The delicious and famously fun-filled K-9 General Meeting Christmas party is coming to town on Thursday December 16 at 7:00 PM. The meeting business will be brief so we can get to the potluck and gift exchange that is sure to provide some much-needed hilarity!

Bring a dish to share and a gift wrapped or gift bagged ANONYMOUS GIFT. Cost suggestion is \$20.

Each person is welcome to participate in the gift exchange--all you have to do is bring a present. We draw numbers and when your number is called, you choose a gift from the gift table or choose (steal) a gift from someone that has already chosen. A gift can be "rehomed" 2 times and after that is out of circulation. It's all in fun--you don't want to miss it!

Start thinking about a dish to share at the potluck. Appetizer, Main dish, side dish or dessert...



## Show n Go Oct 16 2022

Many Thanks to **Erika Wilson** who provided a fall backdrop for taking pictures.  
See the benefits of obedience training look at all these nice sit stays.



Ginny Ruskuski's Jean



Deb Gilman's Tugg



Jean Coker's Alexi



Sheila Garbecki, Josie and Dannica





Ben Bond and Magic



Deb Hardman and Cody

We also had lots of fun with dogs doing various practice obedience and rally runs



Robin Wallen setting up for utility



Ginny Ruskuski and Jean

Many thanks to **Sheila Garbecki** and **Deb Hardman** for submitting these photos.





## "Barks and Brags"

### K9 Obedience Show-n-Go 23OCT2022

**Gemma Pessina's** Golden Retriever Benki passed the CGC test with flying colors at the final class of CGC Preparation on October 26. Evaluator was **Ben Bond** and Benki's instructor was **Alison Nelson**. CGC is a very challenging title for most teams because it is often the first time, they have to successfully complete (10) exercises without food or toy rewards. Taking a class to prepare for the CGC test provides a group learning experience for the dogs and helps prepare them to follow commands in highly distracting environments.

Gemma Pessina and Benki



## UPCOMING FLORIDA TRIALS

November 2022					
Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
05	RLY	Lake Eustis Kennel Club	Ocala	Oct 19	L Currey, NJ Watson
11-12	RLY	Ochlockonee River Kennel	Monticello	Oct 26	K Hazelet
12-13	RLY	Indian River Dog Training	Palm Bay	Oct 26	PM Young, RE Millar
12-13	RLY, O	K-9 Obedience Club of JAX	Daytona	Oct 26	NE Noonan, L Seeley, RE Seeley, L Mills
12	O	Obedience Training Club	Lake Park	Oct 26	L Currey, O Chever
19-20	RLY	Obed Train Club Palm Bch Ct	Lake Park	Nov 02	L. Currey, CA Klein
19-20	O, RLY	Greater Ocala Dog Club	Ocala	Nov 02	AS Albert, L Pinnell
26,27	RLY	Dog Training Club of Tampa	Tampa	Nov 18	CA Klein, DP Neufield

December 2022					
Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
09-11	R,O	Obedience Club of Daytona	Daytona	Nov 23	RE Millar, NE Noonan, S Sherman, J Kern, N Hayes, CA Boyles
14-16	R,O	Orlando Dog Training Club	Orlando	Nov 25, 30	BL Roland, CM Maurer, D Maurer, J Comunale

January 2023					
Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
12,13	R,O	Hernando County Kennel Club	Brooksville	Dec 21	AP Kincaid, K Kincaid, NJ Watson
14-15	O	Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County	Lake Park	Dec 28	CA Knight, RH Knight
14	O, RLY	Pasco Florida Kennel Club	Brooksville	Dec 28	NJ Watson, BJC Critelli
20-22	O	Marion Alachua Dog Training	Ocala	Jan 04	S Sherman, CA Knight, RE Seeley, L Seeley
22	RLY	Manatee Kennel Club	Brooksville	Jan 04	CA Klein, J Kern
28-29	O	Dog Obed Club of Lee County	Punta Gorda	Jan 11	C Mett, L Currey
28-29	R	Greater Gainesville Dog Fancier Assoc	Ocala	Jan 28	ENA, PP Barras, TG McCall
28-29	R,O	Five Flags Dog Training Club of Pensacola	Pensacola	Nov 16	N Grimm, NJ Watson, ENA

RLY (Rally), O (Obedience), PO (preferred Obedience), NA (Not yet Approved, TBA (To Be Announced)  
 RLY (Rally); O (Obedience); ENA (event not approved), P (pending), PJA (pending judge approval)

## K9 Club Events Calendar for November

<b>Monday</b> 3:30 pm 6 pm 7:15 pm	Obed & Rally Skills (7,14,21,28) STAR Puppy (7,14,21,28) Rally Advanced (7,14,21,28) CGC (7, 14, 21, 28) Advanced Puppy (7,14,21,28)	<b>Friday</b> 9:30 AM 11:15 AM	Adv Obed & Rally Skills (4, 25) Adv Obed & Rally Skills (4, 25)
<b>Tuesday</b> 6 PM 6 PM 7:15 PM	First Tue of the Month – Guide Dogs of Northeast Florida STAR Puppy (1,8,15,22,29) Family Dog (1,8,15,22,29)	<b>Saturday:</b> 10:30 AM	Obed & Rally Skills (5,19,26)
<b>Wednesday</b> 8 -10 AM 7:00 PM 8:15	Obedience folks train together Conformation Drop Ins STAR Puppy (2,9,16,23,30)	<b>Sunday</b> 8-10 AM	Obedience folks meet to train
<b>Thursday</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs	K9 Board of Governors Meeting		

Please check the k9 web calendar for any last-minute updates

	<h3>Upcoming Events at the K9 Club</h3>
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**Nov 6** – Daylight Savings Time Ends

**Nov 8** – Election Day



**Nov 10<sup>th</sup>** K9 Board Meeting  
7 pm

**Nov 12-13** Daytona Beach K9 Trials

**Nov 18:** No K9 activities - closed due to  
Irish Setter Club using the facility

**Nov 24** - Thanksgiving



	<h2>K9 Webpage</h2> <p><b>Alison Nelson</b> watches over the K9 Website (excluding the calendar). For questions or comments related to the K9 Web pages please contact Alison at <a href="mailto:anelsonphs@yahoo.com">anelsonphs@yahoo.com</a>. Thanks to Alison for updating the website.</p>
<h2>Membership Committee</h2> <p>Any membership questions can be sent to Coleen Whalen (<a href="mailto:K9Whalen@comcast.net">K9Whalen@comcast.net</a>)</p> <h2>K9 Website Calendar</h2> <p><b>Colleen Whalen</b> updates the Calendar on the K9 Website. For issues or additions related to the calendar please contact Colleen at <a href="mailto:K9Whalen@comcast.net">K9Whalen@comcast.net</a>. Thanks to Colleen for keeping this updated.</p>	<h2>Sunshine Committee</h2> <p><b>Sheila Garbecki</b> oversees the “Sunshine Committee”. If you know of a member in need of “cheering up” or “well wishes” from the club, please contact Sheila at <a href="mailto:sbgarb1@yahoo.com">sbgarb1@yahoo.com</a>. Thanks to Shelia for volunteering to serve on this committee.</p> <h2>Facebook Page</h2> <p><b>Amy Wiley</b> and <b>Ginny Ruskuski</b> co-administrate the Facebook Page. For issues or additions related to the calendar please email Amy <a href="mailto:makumshine@bellsouth.net">makumshine@bellsouth.net</a> or Ginny <a href="mailto:Ruskuski5030@att.net">Ruskuski5030@att.net</a>.</p>
<h2>New Program Committee</h2> <p>Deb Hardman and Colleen Whalen are our program committee. If you have suggestions for speakers or topics, please email them to Deb (<a href="mailto:debhardman1@comcast.net">debhardman1@comcast.net</a>) or Colleen (<a href="mailto:K9Whalen@comcast.net">K9Whalen@comcast.net</a>).</p>	 <h2>Paper towels</h2>
<p><b>NEWSLETTER EDITOR DEADLINE:</b></p>	<p>Please email any material you would like included in the Newsletter to <a href="mailto:peteronchris7@hotmail.com">peteronchris7@hotmail.com</a>. If not received by the 25th of this month it will be put in the next issue.</p>

## VOLUNTEER INCENTIVE

### Volunteer Hours Drawing



The quilt drawing last year was not a one-time event.

There is a quilt drawing in 2022!

So, if you like quilts to keep you warm, when the weather is for cold, keep an eye on the calendar for chances to volunteer.

You can get 1 ticket for each volunteer session. If you do 8 hours in one day you will receive 2 tickets. Don't forget to sign in when you volunteer to be counted.

Help the club and get a chance to win a quilt. Good luck and get volunteering!!

### And lastly...

A woman brings her parakeet to the vet. The bird is stiff and lifeless. "I'm sorry miss, but this parakeet is dead"

"How can you know so quickly?" she replies, "Is there a better way so that you can be absolutely certain?"

The vet whistles and a black Labrador walks into the room. The Lab sniffs the parakeet, then looks at the vet with sad eyes and shakes his head.

"A dog shakes his head and I'm supposed to accept that?!" the woman cries. "You're going to have to do more than that to prove my poor parakeet is dead!"

The vet leaves momentarily and comes back with a cat. The cat hops up on the table and looks closely at the parakeet. After walking around it, she prods the bird a bit, then shakes her head and jumps off the table.

Finally, the woman is convinced. As she turns for the door, the vet announces that she owes him \$400.

"\$400?!" she asks. "How in the world is it that much just to tell me my parakeet is dead?"

"Well, it would've been a lot cheaper, but with that Lab report and cat scan..."