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Full Members

Samantha Giacalone, Alaina George, Cheryl Loze, Rachel Singleton, Katie Worley, Tom and Kathleen Quinlan

New Provisional Members

Barry Sales; Heidi Graves and Ryan Streater

President's Letter:

I want to begin with a huge thank you to all our members who helped make the October trial in Daytona a big success. Everything went smoothly, and we received many compliments from exhibitors. As the new president of our club, I had a first-hand look at what it takes from beginning to end to put on a trial. It is a lot of work and requires many hands. Please consider volunteering for our next trial May 4-5. You don't have to be an accomplished handler, and it is fun to get to know your fellow club members and participate in a meaningful way.

Our next general meeting is December 21st at 7:00 p.m. followed by our annual Holiday Party, including a cover dish dinner and a gift exchange. If you are a long-time member, a provisional, or a newer full-time member, be sure to save this date in your calendar now. There will be more information about this in the future.

We are just ending the current series of classes and have lots of new classes to post beginning in November. We will have our puppy and family dog classes, CGC, nose work, beginner agility, rally, obedience classes, and drop in conformation. There is something for everyone. Thanks to all our committed members who teach these wonderful classes.

I want to thank Samantha Giacalone for stepping up as our new club secretary.

Enjoy the holidays and I hope to see you at the club.

-Deb

November Training Director's Report

A free workshop for members on "**Find Heel and Marking Accuracy**" will be held at K-9 on November 25 from 10:00-12:00. Participants will gain an understanding of how heel position impacts much of obedience training--and how to help your dog(s) find it by communicating with marking accuracy. Participants will have an opportunity to try the exercises. There is no registration, so just show up. Hope to see you!



THOUGHTS FROM A K9 STEWARD

I really enjoyed Stewarding at our club's October show in Daytona! Obedience is something my dogs and I have been training for and helping with the trial really put the big picture together for me. Stewarding showed me where we need to work before trialing and helped me learn so much about Obedience.

While I was stewarding in Obedience, I also trialed both my dogs in Rally. Peach & Mango are young dogs who are still green in the world of trialing, but Mango left the weekend with his Rally Advanced Title and his first Rally Excellent leg. Peach also earned her first Rally Excellent leg. This was our first trial where I was working between their runs, so it didn't go 100% perfectly - but things rarely go 100% to plan in the world of showing dogs, right?

Although I was working all day, both days, the steward team and judge were very helpful in giving me the time to get my dogs out and ready for their turn in the Rally ring. For my young, energetic, dogs I should have taken more time to get them warmed up before their runs, but this is part of my learning process and now I know what to change for the next trial.

For an older, or more seasoned, dog I would be more than comfortable stewarding and trialing in the same day. Even though I failed my dogs by not giving them an adequate warmup, they both still had fun in the ring, and we got some great ring practice and had brilliant moments as a team. To me, a happy dog in the ring is a bigger win than any placement or Q.

In the future, I will continue to be a Steward and set my dogs up for success in their trials through practice and planning. I hope anyone who is interested in learning more about Obedience, Rally, or Dog Shows, in general, considers volunteering as a Steward – the dog show can't run smoothly without the help of volunteers!

Warm Regards, **Samantha Giacalone**



Peach, **Samantha** and Mango

K9 Obedience Trials October 2023



Lisa Wilford and Brody



Susan Poole and Abby



Robin Wallen & Jasper



Terry Martin, Carol Fitzsimmons, Faith Frost & Samantha Giacalone stewards in the utility obedience ring

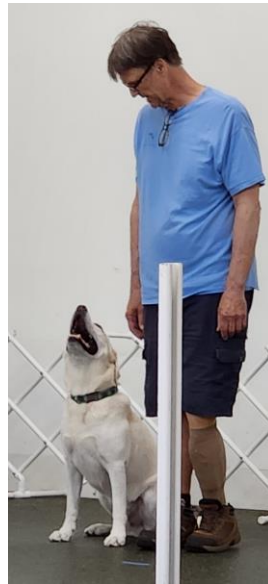


Cheryl Loze, Loretta Bond and Christopher Wallen stewards in the open obedience ring

K9 Obedience Trials October 2023



Megan Richards, Betsy RaiFord and Oliva Sayer
stewards in the Rally Ring



Ben Bond and Magic in the
open ring



Jean and Ginny Ruskuski



Juli Wilkison and Wesley



The basket raffle table



A tired **Debbie Gilman and Erika Wilson**

NOVEMBER 5th "SHOW N GO"

We will have a Show and Go on Sunday, November 5th from 9:00AM to Noon.
Great practice for the Daytona trials coming up Dec. 8, 9 and 10!

Obedience - \$10.00 per run starts with utility at 9am, then open
followed by novice (*DOWN*)

Rally - \$10.00 for 2 runs (starts with Novice at 9:00 and works starting
with Novice, followed by Advanced, then Excellent, then Masters
(*UP*))

No Trick or CGC testing this time.

Please let me know if you will be able to help out (hours counts toward
Provisional and Annual Volunteer Hours) - Ginny Ruskuski,
ruskuski5030@att.net



HELP NEEDED



Hello everyone! Time for a fall club clean up.
Get 3 to 4 hours of volunteer credit and 1 or 2 raffle tickets.

We will be power washing, raking leaves, trimming branches,
cleaning bathrooms, etc.

If you have tree trimming tools, please bring them along.

Notify Debbie Gilman if you are available on Sunday November 12,
2023 from 9:00 until 1:00pm unless we get too tired to go on or we
run out of things to do!

Debbie Gilman 610-597-5454



Rachel Flatley Seminar

1 Day – Saturday, December 16, 2023 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
\$125.00

Held at K-9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville, 2638 Powers Avenue, Jacksonville, 32207

“ ATTENTION, FOCUS, & ENGAGEMENT”

Rachel Flatley is no stranger to K-9! She has presented numerous seminars and given private lessons afterward to many participants. Rachel's instruction is clear, fun and can change your training for the better. Her instruction and practical experience have been an important part of helping K-9's new trainers learn about the best practices of training dogs. Her topic will concentrate on the foundation needed for all obedience and rally—ATTENTION. She will provide a one full-day seminar that is appropriate for anyone who wants to teach attention or who might find they are struggling getting or maintaining their dog's attention". The seminar is described below:

"Attention, Focus, Engagement -- Learn techniques and games for teaching attention and how to make your training and time in the ring look more alike. Learn about things you are doing that may be undoing all the hard work on attention, focus and engagement. Teach your dog that a distraction is actually a cue to pay attention

REGISTRATION FORM

Rachel Flatley Seminar at K-9 Obedience Club Registration form

“ATTENTION, FOCUS & ENGAGEMENT”

2638 Powers Ave., Jacksonville

1 Day Session December 16, 2023

Entry fees are Nonrefundable

Working Spot \$125.00

Registration closes Friday December 1, 2023. Payment with PayPal instructions below. Send registration form to address below.

Please print the following information clearly:

Name _____

Address _____

City & Zip _____

Telephone _____

Text message ph # if different _____

Email _____

Please note that you may video your dog while working, but no video of Rachel's lecture or working her dogs is permitted.

Pay using PAYPAL to: k9obediencelclubjax@gmail.com

note that payment is for: K-9 Rachel Flatley Seminar Dec 16, 2023

Mail your registration form to:

Alison Nelson

1808 Falbridge Lane

Ponte Vedra, FL 32081

2023 Volunteer Hours

Before time and opportunities run out. Remember members, in order to receive the substantial class discount in 2024 you need to be up to date on both your annual dues and volunteer hours. **In addition, you will get your name into the raffle for a chance to win a quilt or afghan.**



Remember: Only potty your dogs in the designated “potty area”.
The Agility Field is **NOT** the appropriate place.

LIGHTS, FANS and LOCKING DOORS

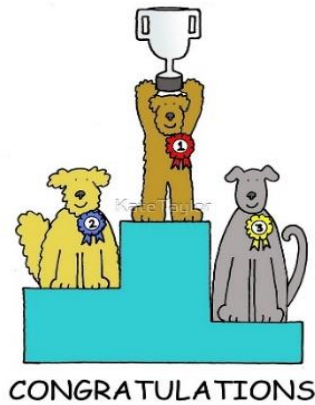


If you see lights or fans on, please make sure to turn them off when you leave.



Also, if you take something out of a shed, please make sure that the door is closed when you are done.





“Barks and Brags”



K9 Obedience Club of JAX at Daytona Beach Oct 7-8, 2023

Samantha Giacalone and Mango (Aussie) earned his Rally Advanced title and his first Rally Excellent leg.



K9 Obedience Club of JAX at Daytona Beach Oct 7-8, 2023

Magic got the first two legs of his Open obedience title at our trial, with 2 second places. He would have gotten his title if his partner would quit talking with his hands. - **Ben Bond**

When submitting a brag please add “**Brag**” to the email subject line. Thanks

UPCOMING FLORIDA TRIALS

November 2023					
Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
03-05	O	Marion Alachua Dog Training	Ocala	Oct 18	RH Knight, J Kern
10-11	RLY	Ochlocknee River Kennel Club	Monticello	Oct 25	J Rogers, NE Noonan
11-12	O	Obed Train Club Palm Bch	Lake Park	Oct 25	CA Klein
11-12	RLY	Indian River Dog Training	Palm Bay	Oct 25	AP Kincaid, K Kincaid
18-19	RLY,O	Greater Ocala Dog Club Inc	Ocala	Nov 01	J Rogers, NJ Watson
18-19	RLY,O	Obed Train Club Palm Bch	Lake Park	Nov 01	BJC Critelli, NE Noonan
25-26	RLY	Dog Training Club of Tampa	Tampa	Nov 10	TBA

December 2023					
Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
08-10	RLY, O	Obed Club of Daytona	Daytona Bch	Nov 22	TG McCall, RH Knight, CA Knight
13-15	O, RLY	Orlando Dog Training Club	Orlando	Nov 24	CA Knight, R Cox, LL Seale, D Eddins
30-31	O	Miami Obedience Club	Miami	Dec 13	L Seeley

January 2024					
Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
11	ORLY	Hernando Cty Kennel Club	Brooksville	Dec 27	C Melt-Trumbly, L Rixham, PPP
13-14	O	Obedience Training Club of Palm Bch Cty	Lake Park	Dec 27	PPP
13	RLY,O	Pasco Florida Kennel Club	Brooksville	Dec 27	M Becker, O Chever Jr
19-21	O	Marion Alachua Dog Train	Ocala	Jan 03	DP Neufeld, K Kincaid
21	RLY,O	Manatee Kennel Club	Brooksville	Jan 03	M Becker, CA Klein
27-28	O,RLY	Five Flags Dog Training Club	Pensacola	Jan 10	J Kern, ENA, L Pinnell
27-28	RLY,O	Greater Gainesville Dog Fanciers Assoc	Ocala	Jan 10	B Hornfisher, R Hornfisher

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

K9 Club Events Calendar for November

Monday 6:00pm 6:00pm	STAR Puppy Advanced Puppy	Friday	
Tuesday 6:00pm 6:00pm 7:15 pm 7:15pm	STAR Puppy Agility Foundations Family Dog Canine Good Citizen	Saturday:	
Wednesday 8-10am 9:30am 11:00am 12:15pm 6:00pm 6:00pm 7:00 pm 7:00pm	Obedience folks train together Advanced Rally Intermediate Obedience Intermediate Obedience STAR Puppy Advanced Rally Continuing Nose Work Conformation Drop In's	Sunday 8-10am 10 am 11:45	Obedience folks meet to train Intro to Nose work Intro to Odor
Thursday 11:00am 5:00pm 2 nd Thurs	Basic Obedience Intro to Nose Work K9 Board of Governors Meeting		

Please check the K-9 web calendar for any last-minute updates



**Dates to
Remember
at the K9 Club**

Nov 5 9:00am to noon SHOW n GO

Nov 23 Thanksgiving Day

Nov 9 7:00pm Board of Governors Meeting

Nov 25 10:00 to noon More Heeling Games

Dec 21, will be the next General Meeting as well as our Holiday Celebration and Gift Exchange. Please put it on your calendar and join us for a fun evening!



K9 Webpage

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

Membership Committee

Any membership questions can be sent to **Coleen Whalen** (K9Whalen@comcast.net)

Sunshine Committee

Sheila Garbecki 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 sbgarb1@yahoo.com.

Building and Grounds

If you see something that needs cleaning or repairing, please let **Debbie Gilman** know about it by text [610-597-5454](tel:610-597-5454) or email debgilman10@gmail.com

Facebook Page

Janice Butler, Deb Hardman and Juli Wilkison administrate the Facebook Page. For issues or additions related to the Facebook please email Janice, Deb or Juli

K9 Website Calendar

Colleen Whalen updates the Calendar on the K9 Website. For issues or additions related to the calendar please contact Colleen at K9Whalen@comcast.net.



Nature's Miracle

Program Committee

Colleen Whalen and **Deb hardman** are out program committee. If you have suggestions for speakers contact with Colleen contact **Colleen Whalen** (K9Whalen@comcast.net) or **Deb Hardman** (debhardman1@comcast.net) with suggestions.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please email any material you would like included in the Newsletter to peteronchris7@hotmail.com. If not received by the 25th of this month it will be included in the next issue.

The Quilt is Finished



Thanks to **Debbie Gilman** who made and brought the quilt to the general meeting. Look at the design on the underside. It is so soft to the touch. The dog houses have names of some of our K-9 member's dogs.

Get those volunteer hours in, you get a ticket for the hours you volunteer. A drawing of all the collected tickets will be done at the holiday party and the winner will get the quilt or

There is a second chance to win a prize this year!



Olivia Sayer made an afghan that she donated to the Club.

Notice it's Jaguar's colors. Isn't it beautiful.

Thank you, Livie!