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K-9 TAILS

K9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville Inc.

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welcome

New Full Members:

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Margaret Pontillo
Cindy Fodera

President's Letter

Hi K9 Members,

Summer is upon us and it is HOT and wet! We had a great Annual Meeting. Megan Heppner prepared a slide presentation of all the dog teams that won titles since last Annual Meeting. The Sportsmanship Award was given to Jacquelyn Newland. Beth Mercier won the outstanding achievement award. Congratulations to all of our members who were honored at the meeting.

Juli is planning lots of fun events for club members so keep an eye out for information about these outings.

Have a great summer.

Deb Hardman, President

DON'T FORGET

7/25 Newsletter deadline

Future programming events to watch out for:

-**August** Meeting: Therapy Dog Presentation
-**September** Seminar: Canine Fitness and Massage 2.0
-**October** Meeting: TBD
-**October** Event: 75th Anniversary Halloween Event!
-**November** Seminar: Rachel Flatley Seminar on Engagement

Volunteer Hours

K-9 Members! Please remember to submit your volunteer hours for credit towards your provisional or full membership requirements!

Provisional members can submit their hours once they have reached the required 8 volunteer hours and attendance to 2 membership meetings.

Full members must submit their hours to receive Club benefits like class discounts. Volunteer hour forms for full members can be found on K-9's website.

Please submit forms via email to: k9obedienceclubjax@gmail.com or mailed to K-9's address.

Training Director's Report

Somehow we are another month closer to Fall classes starting. All class information is posted on the K-9 website, so remind all your friends to check there first! Registration will open August 15th with classes starting mid September.

I am still planning a new instructor training day, but currently raising a very cute litter of GSP puppies, so our date is still TBD. It will likely be pushed back until sometime in late August. I will email those who have expressed interest when I have more information.

Enjoy finding new ways to train in the AC this month! Foundation skills can also be revisited.

Trial Report

Steward incentive coupons were handed out at the June General Meeting and will be mailed to those who weren't there. And.....
For many of us, it's time to start thinking about K-9's trials coming up in October and making a plan to enter them. The premium opens July 20 and closes September 16 at 5:00 am. Trials will be in Daytona. If you are a Rally exhibitor, be aware that AKC limits runs for 2 trials a day to 108 runs per day. Get your Rally entry in early so you aren't disappointed. It's also time to start planning how to volunteer whether it is as a steward or other jobs that are so necessary for a successful trials weekend. Stay cool and train in AC!!

Barks & Brags

Peach welcomed a very cute litter of 8,
5 girls and 3 boys, on June 18th. There is likely still some availability if anyone is interested in a new best friend!

Dear Members of the K9 Obedience Club,

I am deeply honored to have received the 2025 Sportsmanship Award, and I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude.

This recognition means so much to me because it comes from a community I admire. Our club is filled with dedicated, passionate people who show up not just for the ribbons, but for the love of each sport and the dogs who share it with us. To be recognized by you all for sportsmanship is humbling in the very best way.

I believe that how we conduct ourselves in and around the ring — encouraging one another, celebrating each other's successes, and supporting each other through the tough days — is what makes this community so special. I'm grateful to be part of it.

Thank you again for this honor. I look forward to many more years of learning, competing, and growing alongside all of you.

With appreciation,
Jacque

Heat Stroke in Dogs

Florida summers are notoriously brutal especially for our furry friends. Since they rely on panting and sweating through their paws, they are more susceptible to heat than humans. Heat stroke occurs when the body can't cool effectively while the body temperature rises to a dangerous level. A dog's normal temperature is between 100-102.5°F with heat stroke occurring above 104°F. By 107-109°F, organs begin to fail with possible death. Risk increases in humid environments or when temperatures are above 80°F. Humidity is an important factor regardless of temperature as it makes it harder for dogs to cool themselves through panting. Humid air slows evaporation therefore making panting a less effective cooling mechanism. Since we have high humidity and high temperatures, it is even more vital for us to take precautions to keep our pups cool especially those of us with high drive dogs who don't know when to quit. Although heat related illnesses develop quickly and can result in death in under an hour, it does occur in stages. Watch for early behaviour changes such as struggling to settle, anxiety, shade seeking, refusing to move, and lagging behind. Early symptoms include excessive panting, difficulty breathing, drooling, red gums, increased heart rate, vomiting, and diarrhea. Advanced symptoms include weakness, stumbling, confusion, sudden collapse, and seizures.

As soon as you see possible overheating signs, focus on immediately cooling the dog prior to transport to hospital. Prior cooling significantly increases survival chances from 50 to 80%. Slowly cool the dog by wetting the body down with tepid water focusing on the neck, chest, and abdomen. Avoid pouring water over the head as this can exacerbate a dog that's struggling to breathe. Use a fan to encourage evaporation and heat dissipation and attempt to give the dog small amounts of cool water to drink. Do not use frigid water or ice as extreme cold makes surface blood vessels constrict thereby slowing core heat from releasing. If using wet towels, place them beneath the dog and never over the body. Wrapping a dog in wet towels hinders evaporation and traps heat. While cooling the dog, monitor the body temperature and stop once the temperature drops to 103°F.

Prognosis depends on the dog's physical health prior to the incident, how high their temperature was elevated, and for how long. Once dogs have experienced heat stroke, they are at a greater risk for subsequent heat strokes because of damage to the thermoregulatory center in the brain. While we wait for our summer to pass, keep outdoor activities short, provide water, shade, ventilation, give frequent breaks, and keep a mindful eye out.

References:
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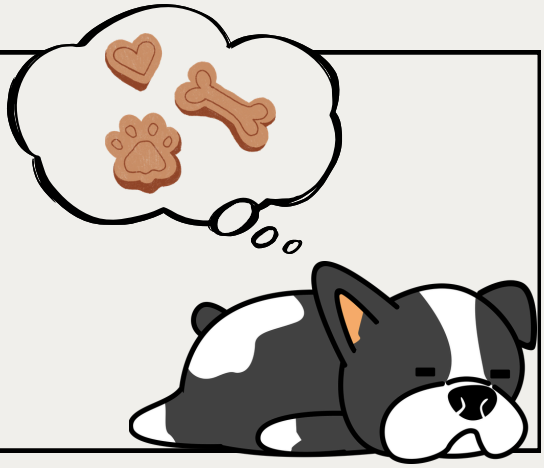
https://vcahospitals.com/know-your-pet/heat-stroke-in-dogs
https://www.petmd.com/dog/conditions/systemic/heatstroke-dogs

K9 Class Calendar

Monday

9:30-10:30am Rally - All Levels
6:00-7:00pm Rally - All Levels

Friday



Tuesday

Saturday

Wednesday

7:15-8:15pm Conformation Drop-in

Sunday

Thursday

Click to check the K9 web calendar for last minute updates

Upcoming Florida Trials

July 2026

Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
7/4-7/5	RLY	Imperial Polk Obedience Club of Lakeland, Florida	Lakeland	6/17	N Noonan, J Rogers
7/10-7/12	RLY, O	Obedience Club of Daytona	Daytona Beach	6/24	N Noonan, N Watson, C Knight, R Knight
7/11-7/12	O	Obedience Club of Daytona, Inc.	Daytona Beach	6/24	C Knight, R Knight, N Watson
7/18-7/19	RLY	Upper Suncoast Dog Training Club	Clearwater	7/1	M Becker, BJ Crim Critelli
7/18-7/19	RLY	Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County	Lake Park	7/1	C Klein, C Boyles
7/18-7/19	SCWK	Imperial Polk Obedience Club of Lakeland, Florida	Lakeland	7/2	J Leitzsch
7/18-7/19	O	Dog Obedience Club of Lee County Florida	N Fort Myers	7/8	R Seeley, L Seeley
7/24-7/26	SCWK	Dog-On-It Agility Club of Greater Orlando	Daytona Beach	7/10	E Jernigan, CE Happel
7/25	O	Dog Training Club of Tampa	Tampa	7/8	R Seeley, L Seeley
7/25-7/26	O	Indian River Dog Training Club	Palm Bay	7/8	D Neufeld, C Klein

Upcoming Florida Trials

August 2026

Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
8/1-8/2	RLY	Dog Training Club of Tampa	Tampa	7/15	J Rogers, L Mills
8/7-8/9	RLY, O	Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club	Orlando	7/22	C Boyles, L Pinnell, L Seeley
8/7-8/9	SCWK	Indian River Dog Training Club	Palm Bay	7/24	L Bara-Weaver, K Prichard
8/15-8/16	RLY	Mid-Florida Dalmatian Club	Ocala	7/29	N Noonan
8/15-8/16	O	Sarasota Obedience Training Club	Myakka City	7/31	L Seeley
8/22-8/23	RLY	Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg	St Petersburg	8/14	B Selton, N Withers
8/22	SCWK	Marion Alachua Dog Training Association	Ocala	8/5	E Jernigan, J Leitzsch
8/22-8/23	RLY	Treasure Coast Kennel Club of Florida	Lake Park	8/5	M Becker, N Noonan
8/22-8/23	O	Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg	St Petersburg	8/14	B Selton, N Withers
8/29-8/30	RLY	Indian River Dog Training Club	Palm Bay	8/12	B Roland, C Klein

Upcoming Florida Trials

September 2026

Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
9/5-9/6	RLY, O	Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg	St Petersburg	7/15	B Selton, C Mielziner, O Jr.
9/5-9/6	SCWK	NorAust K9 Agility Club of Mid Florida	Lady Lake	8/26	E Jernigan
9/7	RLY, O	Tampa Bay Area Shetland Sheepdog Club	St Petersburg	8/28	N Noonan, C Mielziner
9/11-9/13	SCWK	Obedience Club of Daytona	Daytona Beach	8/21	L Bara-Weaver, W Hudson
9/12-9/13	RLY	Imperial Polk Obedience Club of Lakeland, Florida	Lakeland	8/26	J Kern, N Watson
9/18-9/20	RLY	Marion Alachua Dog Training Association	Ocala	9/2	K Hazelet
9/19-9/20	O	Orlando Dog Training Club	Orlando	9/2	TBA
9/19-9/20	O	Miami Obedience Club	Miami	9/2	L Seeley
9/26-9/27	RLY	Orlando Dog Training Club	Orlando	9/9	TBA

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)

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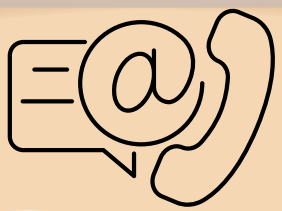

K9 Webpage

For questions or comments related to the K9 web pages, please contact **Alison Nelson** at **anelsonphs@yahoo.com**

Membership

Any membership questions can be sent to **Stacy Payne** **k9spayne@gmail.com**

Sunshine

Jacquelyn Newlands oversees the "Sunshine Committee." If you know of a member in need of cheering up or well wishes from the club, email **jacquelyn.newlands@gmail.com**

Building & Grounds

If you see something that needs cleaning or repairing, please email **TBD**

Facebook

Juli Wilkison administrates the Facebook page. For issues or additions related to Facebook, email **Juli** at **dakoiah@gmail.com**

K9 Web Calendar

Megan Hoeppner updates the calendar on the K9 website. For issues or additions related to the calendar, please email **hoeppner.megan@gmail.com**

Wishlist

Program Committee

If you have suggestions for speakers, contact **Deb Hardman** at **debhardman1@comcast.net** **Jacquelyn Newlands** at **jacquelyn.newlands@gmail.com**

Newsletter

Email material to include in the newsletter to **amee763@hotmail.com** with the subject *"Newsletter"* by the *25th* of this month. If not received by the 25th, it'll be included in the next issue.