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From the President's Desk

K9 came through the storm well due to the precautionary steps taken by members to protect our property. Thanks go to those folks and to the members who put it all back together with cleanup as well as a Show & Go.

Please remember our animal shelters who took on more animals than they could afford. Send a check, no matter how small, to our rescue groups who went to Houston & all over the country to retrieve animals from various shelters in & out of Florida & Texas.

On to our big October:
This Saturday (10/7) there is a Pet Therapy Expo (with David Frye, former announcer of Westminster), our cleanup day at K9 on Saturday at 10 am. On Sunday we'll have our Rally Seminar with Deb Neufeld. spots are still open. Contact me for that.

On Thurs, Oct 12th at 6 pm we'll put up the ring gates for the trials.
Fri, Oct 13th we'll have our show & go.
Saturday & Sunday, Oct 14 & 15 we'll have our trials.

Are volunteers needed? And how! Please step up.

Our biggest contact is Tom Wiley so email him at bout volunteering at twiley@bellsouth.net

Contact Ginny Ruskuski to donate your raffle baskets & items for that.

Your contact for trophy donations is Melissa Hess.

Good luck to all in our Rally & Obedience Trials!

Diane

Meetings

Board Meeting –
Oct.12, 7:00

General Meeting –
Oct. 19, 7:30



No training will be allowed on the grounds during the General Meeting

New Members



Please Welcome our new Members:

None

Upcoming Events

October

- 10/07 Therapy Animal Expo – Offsite
- 10/07 Clean Up Day
- 10/08 Rally Seminar – 10 am – 3 pm
- 10/08 CCI Service Puppy – 3:00 pm
- 10/11 Remove all non-show crates
- 10/12 Trial Set Up – 5:00 pm
- 10/12 Board Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 10/13 OC Match for Obed Competitors – 5:00 pm
- 10/14 AKC Rally and Obedience Trials @ K-9
- 10/15 AKC Rally and Obedience Trials @ K-9
- 10/19 General Meeting – 7:30 pm

November

- 11/05 – CCI Service Puppy – 3:00 pm
- 11/09 – Board Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 11/11 – NACSW Nose Work Trial @ Marco Ophthalmic
- 11/12 – NACSW Nose Work Trial @ Marco Ophthalmic
- 11/16 – Irish Setter Club – 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
- 11/17 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm

December

- 12/03 – CCI Service Puppy – 3:00 pm
- 12/14 – Board Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 12/21 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm

Join us for our Basket Drawing!

Our October trials will feature our popular Basket Drawing which is always fun!

We will need basket donations. A gift basket can be made up of anything; dog toys, treats, wine, gift cards to any store a person might want to go - anything!



Please drop off your gift basket by Friday, Oct. 13th. **Items for a gift basket MUST be dropped off at the club the weekend before the trials.**

PLEASE TYPE OR WRITE A LIST OF ITEMS IN THE BASKET TO BE TAPED ON THE BASKET SO PEOPLE KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DRAWING FOR!

-Thanks!



Trophy Fund Donations

Would you like to have your name in the catalogue as a much appreciated trophy or prize sponsor for our upcoming trial? Or be one of our anonymous benefactors? Donations can be made to our general trophy fund, or for any class or placement prize, or even in honor of any person or dog that's special to you.

Please contact Melissa Hess at hess124@bellsouth.net by Friday 10/6 if you wish to contribute and for more information on how to memorialize your donation. And at the trial, don't forget to look in the catalogue to see the generosity of our members.

AKC Obedience & Rally Trials October 14 & 15, 2017

K-9's Club Clean-up Day will be **Saturday, October 7** starting at 11:00. Much of the storm debris has already been disposed of, but more work remains to be done. Please come out and help us get the club looking nice for the following day's rally seminar and for our fall trial.

If you are not showing, your crate(s) should be removed from the center aisle by **Wednesday, October 11th** in order to make room for trial participants. Non-show crates not taken home will be placed in an out-of-the-way location where they will be exposed to the weather.

TRIAL SETUP will be on **Thursday, October 12**, beginning at 5 PM. Justin will again be putting out the mats, but we need help to place them and get the ring equipment set for the Friday "C" match. We would like to complete this job before the board meeting at 7.00, so please email me if you can help.

TRIAL TEAR-DOWN will be on Sunday afternoon following the last run. In the past, this has been done by only a few members who end up working until 6:30 or 7 PM. Tear-down requires a lot more effort than setup, so we need **5-6 committed members** to stay at the club until the mats are rolled and put away and the other equipment is back in it's place. The more folks that help, the sooner *everyone* can go home. Again, please email me at tlwiley@bellsouth.net if you are willing to stay a bit after the trial to help out.

As always, sincere thanks and appreciation to all of you who help make our trials and other events a success!

OFFICIAL NACSW™ K9 NOSE WORK® Trial November 11 & 12, 2017

K9 has been approved to host a NW2 trial on 11/11 and an Element Specialty Trial Level 2 Containers and Level 2 interiors on 11/12. The trial will be held at Marco Ophthalmic in Jacksonville, FL.

Volunteers are needed, especially for Sunday.

Visit the NACSW Trial Premium page and sign up to volunteer!

SHELTER FROM THE STORM *By Ginny Ruskuski*

Although Irma was predicted to be “not as bad,” as originally thought, I had looked into emergency shelters way back when it was tearing through the Atlantic as a category 5. I was undecided about going until Mayor Lenny Curry appeared on television Sunday at 7:00PM and said, “If you are thinking about going to a shelter, go NOW. After 8 o’clock, it’s going to get very real.” With those words I gathered the dogs and drove to Mandarin Middle School, our neighborhood pet-friendly shelter. It was an interesting experience and I’d like to share with you what I learned.

The shelter seemed to be a joint effort of the Red Cross, National Guard, JSO, and volunteers from Animal Care and Protective Services. Everyone was *extremely* nice. The first order of business was to show my

- Driver’s License so they could add me to their list of people registered at the shelter. After that I was sent to the next group of volunteers to register my dogs for the Pet-Friendly Shelter.

Lesson 1- DO YOUR RESEARCH! I did and had no problems, in fact, as the volunteers flipped through the folder I handed them a big smile appeared on their faces; I had all required documentation. Required documentation consists of:

- a photo of each animal being checked into the shelter. This is for purpose of identification. I printed the color photos of Annie and Jack separately on paper and beside the photos each I printed their names, my name, address and phone numbers.

Also required is documentation of

- all vaccines and dates given. Must be up to date. Required for dogs are Rabies, DHLPP, and Bordetella. (Yes, I know you might not be a fan of yearly vaccination. If that’s the case, get a statement from your vet that antibody levels are sufficient *and cross your fingers*. These volunteers have probably never heard of “titers.”)
- Microchip documentation is required.

Dogs MUST have a

- license tag from city and be wearing it.
- **An ID tag with phone numbers. (This is a good idea even without a hurricane.)**
- Any medications your animal requires
- Dogs and cats must have crates. (Shock and awe – the volunteers had never seen a soft crate before.) While I was checking in, a woman came in with the biggest Great Dane I’ve ever seen, but no crate. The shelter had about 15 large, new crates but nothing that would be big enough for this giant. I don’t know if she was actually turned away but alas, I never saw her again.
- Dog/cat food, enough for 3 days. They also said to bring water and I brought 2 gallons of water but there was a mountain of bottled water available.
- Bowls (I forgot their bowls but found a Frisbee in the back of my car that served the purpose, despite Annie’s initial, horrified reaction.)

SHELTER FROM THE STORM *By Ginny Ruskuski*

With luck, there may be room in your duffle for a few things *you* might need. Essential: a flashlight, extra batteries, a good book, toothbrush, pillow, blanket, and a small hotel-sized bar of soap. (Duval County Public Schools endlessly stresses the importance of hand washing but there's never any soap in the bathrooms.) True, the shelter personnel pass out blankets but they had run out by the time I arrived. It was a very good thing I brought my own blanket as the AC was cranked down to about 60 degrees.

Brace yourself - **ANIMAL CRATING AREA IS SEPARATE FROM HUMANS.** If you thought people in Pet-Friendly shelters could hug their fur babies during the storm think again. The people were quartered in the gym, animals were in a room of their own down a long hallway in the Music Suite. There are stated times that owners can walk, feed and visit their animals. During the height of the storm no walking of dogs is allowed for safety reasons. From 11PM to 7AM absolutely nobody was allowed to see their animals. This sounds draconian, but people visiting their pets **MUST** have a volunteer escort (*to make sure they "don't walk away with somebody else's dog"*). Volunteers need to rest, too.

LESSON 2 – IF YOU'RE NOT ORGANIZED, GET ORGANIZED STARTING TODAY

Most of us were pretty lucky, all things considered. We might not be the next time. No dog, cat, or house is worth trying to ride out a category 2, 3, 4, or 5 hurricane. The lady on the cot to my left was from West Palm Beach, the family to my right from Homestead. There but for the grace of God... You might think I was crazy for going to a shelter, but I'd do it again in a heartbeat. Be ready and

- Save all receipts from the vet and put them in a folder. Whenever your animal gets a rabies vaccination the tag is usually stapled to the receipt. Rather than using my *old* method of letting those receipts slide around the foot well of my car or lay on the kitchen table for several days until they were thrown in a basket or, eventually, the trash, save everything in one place. You'll thank me. Really.
- If you're not sure what vaccines were given when, ask your vet. They will be happy to provide you with a list of dates given and dates due.

When safety is the main concern I have no problem complying with rules. Sunday night I gave Annie and Jack a Benadryl each and took one myself and we all spent a quiet, if somewhat sedated night, aside from me waking up every hour or so hearing the rain pounding on the roof of Mandarin Middle. At least we were spared the terror of bangs and thunks on our roof at home and *very* happy to have missed the exploding transformers (complete with blue lightning) at the corner of our street.

And how did Annie and Jack do? Annie is particularly neurotic during a severe storm, panting, pacing, drooling and trying to climb under my clothes. The concrete walls of the shelter deadened the noise of the raging winds outside. When we left, Annie seemed to be thinking, "Well, that's the damnedest dog show I've ever been to. Never even saw the judge. Never even saw the ring!"

Jack's just happy to be home. Me, too.



Congratulations!

Diane Cohen and Puff (Miniature Poodle)
ODTC Obedience Trial, Orlando, FL (October)
CD – 1 leg, 3rd place *NEW TITLE!!!*



Send your Brags and pictures to Melissa Hess
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THANKS!

Big Thanks to Deb Juhl and Tom Wiley for pressure washing the Rally ring, walkway and ring gates!

Personal Notes

Our condolences go out to Dot Mitchell on the loss of her sweet Sunshine and to Susan Howard on the loss of her father.

Artist Carol Ann Lanzarotta creates amazing personalized pet portraits that truly capture the personality of her subject. She specializes in dog portraits and is now offering K-9 Obedience Club members a 10% discount. Prices depend on the medium (pastels, colored pencils, etc.) and portrait size requested. Please send inquiries to: carolannie101.aol.com and be sure to visit her shop on the Etsy website called carolannieArt to see more examples of her artwork.



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