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2017/2018**

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From the President's Desk

Happy New Year to all!

Thanks to everyone who contributed a variety of very tasty menu items for our Holiday dinner. The gift exchange was fun and now is your chance to send along an item you got for Christmas to someone else. Our January meeting will have a white elephant gift exchange that works pretty much the same way. Bring a wrapped gift and watch the gift swap begin. Did you get singing petunia or a dog bed for a Great Dane instead of your papillon? Here's the right place for it.

Lots of classes begin in January: puppy, advanced puppy, family dog, agility, and we still have ongoing classes of Nose Work, pet therapy, puppy, agility, obedience. Have a look. If you don't need a class, maybe your neighbor's dog does!

Thanks to all instructors and assistants who kept us in business during the year and helped our members and the public train their dogs: Dianne S, Anita, Colleen, Marnie, Marcia, Jenny, Alanna, Elaine, Shannon, Terri, Ginny, Debbie, Tom. If you have skills to donate in the teaching ring, we have plenty of dogs waiting for classes.

We are looking for a new date for an obedience and conformation match, date to be announced.

Diane

Meetings

Board Meeting –
Jan. 11, 7:00

General Meeting –
Jan 18, 7:30



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

New Members



Please Welcome our new Provisional Members:

Kimberlie and Charles Bell

New Classes

Advanced Puppy – 1/6 - Diane Cohen -
udxtara@comcast.net

Family Dog – 1/8; 1/9 FULL – Anita Gard –
krisova@comcast.net

STAR Puppy - 1/27 - FULL- Marnie White -
marniej@comcast.net

Rally Advanced - 1/10 – Tom Wiley -
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Rally Novice – 1/10 – Tom Wiley -
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Performance Foundations - 2/4 - Elaine Nabors -
itchingtoogo@icloud.com.

Continuing Classes

Nose Work - Marnie White, Marcia Ladendorff, Anita Gard

STAR Puppy – Colleen Whalen

Pet Therapy – Colleen Whalen

Agility - Jenny Finland

Novice Competition – Alanna Lowry

Upcoming Events

January

01/07 – CCI - 3:00 pm

01/11– Board Meeting – 7:00 pm

01/18 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm

01/21 – CCI - 3:00 pm

February

02/04 – CCI - 3:00 pm

02/08– Board Meeting – 7:00 pm

02/15 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm

02/18 – CCI - 3:00 pm

March

03/04 – CCI - 3:00 pm

03/08– Board Meeting – 7:00 pm

03/15 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm

03/18 – CCI - 3:00 pm

Building and Grounds

We are looking for a new Building and Grounds Chairperson. Please let Diane know if you are interested. You will not have to attend board meetings and can keep us posted by email.

Support Your Club

K-9 Obedience is completely dependent on its members for its continued success. For a minimal annual membership fee of \$35 for individual or \$45 for a family, you get a 40% discount on classes and full members have the ability to obtain a key to the grounds for \$50 per year.

Beginning in 2018, we are asking member to contribute at least 8 hours of time per year to the activities that keep K-9 going – for example - acting as a board member or committee chairperson; instructing, co-instructing or assisting with a class; helping with Show & Gos and Trials; representing K-9 at offsite events; participating in clean up days and other onsite events; leading, hosting or assisting with seminars/ workshops; etc.

We will have sign in sheets for the volunteer activities so that you can record your time. Completing at least 8 hours of volunteer activities for K-9 each year will entitle you to retain the benefit of the class discount and ability to obtain a key to the grounds for the next year. For 2018, current discounts and the key policy remain unchanged. Volunteer hours completed in 2018 will enable you to keep those membership benefits in 2019.

We understand that there are members who may be unable to volunteer due to their personal circumstances, and the board will consider these on a case by case basis.

We look forward to your continued participation and support in the coming year.

Thanks!

To those who braved a cold day on Jan 30th to clean up our collection of leaves: Robin, Ron, Ginny & Betsy.

Special thanks to our board members who direct K-9's business during the year when all those small & big decisions need to be addressed: Diane Cohen, Lu Mota, Colleen Whalen, Ginny Ruskuski, Jennifer Gorman, Betsy Raiford, Marla Holliday, Tom Wiley, Cindy Torre and Deb Juhl.

Membership Renewals

Membership renewals have been sent out.

Please update your information and send your form and dues and any optional donations to:

Deb Juhl
12365 Apple Leaf Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32224

Congratulations!



Anita Gard & Parek (GSD): Loranger,
LA K-9 Nose Work Trial (NW3): 1st
Place Container Search, 1st Place
overall.

Melissa Hess and Adam
Utility Dog Title, Daytona



Colleen Whalen & Kate
Stokesdale, NC
NW3 – Vehicles, New Title
1st Place Interior Searches



Francine Gorman and Rudder
Earned AKC Achiever Dog

Ginny Ruskuski and Jack
Barnhunt, Morrison
1st leg Senior, 1st place, High
in Class

Other Volunteerism



Colleen Whalen, Marla Holliday and Marnie White spoke about responsible pet ownership to the Paws for a Cause Club at Christ's Church Academy. Kate and Cooper were a huge hit!

Personal Notes

Our condolences go out to Julie Schuneman on the loss of her husband.

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