



### 2021 Board Members

**PRESIDENT** Ginny Ruskuski  
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**BOARD** Sheila Garb  
**BOARD** Juli Wilkison  
**BOARD** Deb Gilman  
**BOARD** (membership) Colleen Whalen



**New Members** -none

### From the President's Desk:

Our Board of Governors is complete! Deb Hardman has graciously stepped up to be our Recording Secretary. For those of you who don't know Deb, she was a member and successful competitor many years ago when I was new to the club. After a long absence Deb is back and we're so grateful to have her on the Board!

This summer is a HOT one and some of our instructors are taking a break from teaching, but we have three who are still teaching. Alison Nelson is doing her Rally class, Dianne Strickland is teaching skills and Juli Wilkison is instructing Family Dog class. Thank you all for sharing your talents this summer.

Our next general meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 19 at the club. I hope to see you there. - Ginny

**COVID Protocols are still in effect**

# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

## 19 August at 7

### at K-9

By the time that you read this, summer will be nearing its end. School will have started and your gardens reached their peak. This is the time of year that I consider which of my plants have outgrown their space by spreading or reproducing or .... so it's time to pull up a portion of those overly luxuriant plants, or divide those caladium bulbs or split that fern or ...



So I decided that this month's meeting at K-9 would be an opportunity to share with other members in a bring a plant, take a plant (or 2 or 3).

Plants don't need to be exotic, indoor or outdoor and should NOT be TOO big. With your plant, you should bring a card with information on the plant. Is it a sun or a shade lover, or somewhere in between. Can one plant it outside or is it a houseplant? Does it need lots of water, or can it survive some neglect? Does it spread, is it invasive???

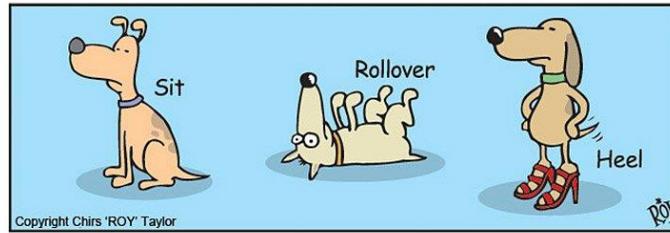


***Can't wait to see what shows up.*** Depending on the weather and Covid, we may choose to meet outside. Plants can be placed on tables in the pavilion.

Don't have any plants to share but want to participate? no worries, you can also bring any garden tools/supplies to re-home or make a donation (amount to be set on site and all monies will go to K9) in exchange for taking a plant/tool/pot home.

**Hope to see you there!**

## TRAINING DIRECTOR'S REPORT



**FALL CLASSES:** We will begin our fall schedule of classes on Labor Day. Classes will be posted on the web no later than 1 August and may be there sooner. As you may remember we are incentivizing early enrollment by providing a \$20 discount and hoping this works to get folks to sign up in a timely manner.

**AGILITY:** Unfortunately, our plans to have Gill teach agility classes for us on Tuesday morning is not going to happen. Our Agility Committee (Dianne Strickland, Ann Ouchterloney and Terri Reel) are discussing the possibility of offering a 6-week *Introduction to Agility* class that would provide the student with an idea of the kind of skills needed by both handler and dog to continue on to pursue a title. If any of you would be interested in helping formulate the structure for this class, please email me. The more of us working on this, the better!

**ENROLLMENT:** The Board has voted to participate in a senior seminar for students in School of Computing at UNF. A small group of students will work with us to create a web-based enrollment system. The work is done *pro bono* by the students. If the students' efforts are successful, getting people enrolled in classes will be far easier for Enrollment Secretary and for potential students.

**INSTRUCTORS AND ASSISTANTS NEEDED:** We can't enroll students in classes that we aren't able to offer because of a lack of instructors. Should any of you be willing to assist in a class, you'll make it possible for us to increase the number of students in that class. Your reward will be seeing these students learn how to teach their dogs and **a free class!**

**DOCOF:** We will not be sending a team to DOCOF this year as we don't have a sufficient number of members to fill all the slots on either an obedience or a rally team. Alison will be working hard during the coming year to prepare enough of you so that we can have a Rally Team next year.

## RECENT TRIAL UPDATES

### Georgia - July 2021

Terri Reed and "Himark's Set In Stone TKN" Mica's First Agility Trial, Perry Ga.  
So much fun to be out running agility again with my young dog. We entered to see where we were in our training. He was a super star ★! 2 Novice Fast Legs. 2 Novice Jumpers legs, 1 Novice Standard leg. all with placements. Looking forward to our journey! ❤️



### Daytona – July 2021

Dannica & Sheila Garb competed in Rally at Obedience Club of Daytona. Dannica earned her Advanced title Saturday. She was a rock star. a couple of blips, but she did excellent with a score of 94. Love this little girl...She is such a good little worker and such a Happy girl.  
On to practice for Excellent!

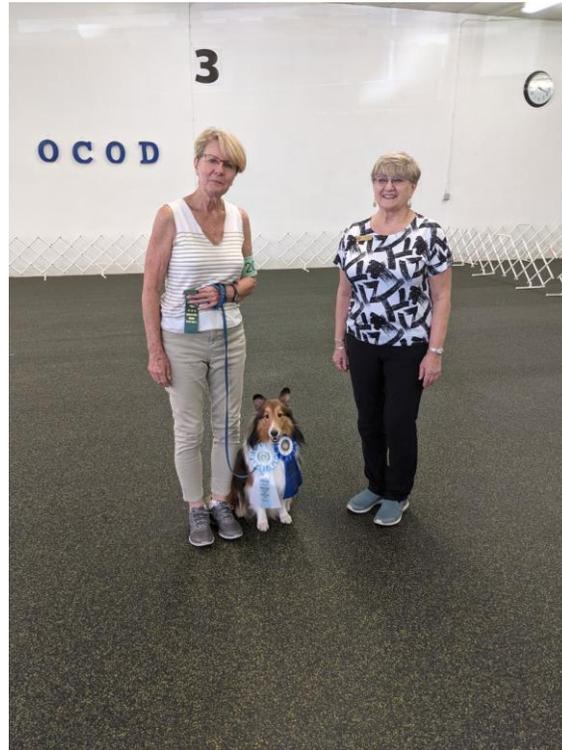


## RECENT TRIAL UPDATES

### Daytona – July 2021

Alison Nelson and Coco finished their Novice Obedience title with a first place at the Daytona Trials! They also finished their Rally Excellent title!

**BIG CONGRATULATIONS** to a team whose dedication and hard work has been amply rewarded! On to OPEN!



## Things you need to know:

### 🔥 6 SIGNS OF HEATSTROKE IN DOGS 🔥

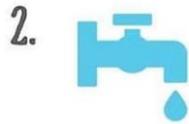
- RAPID PANTING
- WEAKNESS
- BRIGHT RED TONGUE
- DIARRHEA
- VOMITING
- THICK/STICKY SALIVA



### WHAT TO DO:



Move dog into a cool area



Apply cool water all over body



Apply cool towels to head, neck and chest



Give small drinks of cool water



Take your dog to the vet ASAP

## K9 Club Facebook and Web Pages:

Amy Wiley is the go-to person for all things having to do with K9 Facebook page. If you need help, want to join, etc. just contact Amy at [makumshine@bellsouth.net](mailto:makumshine@bellsouth.net).

Alison Nelson watches over the K9 Web Site. For questions or comments related to the K9 Web pages please contact Alison at [anelsonphs@yahoo.com](mailto:anelsonphs@yahoo.com).

Thanks to both Amy and Alison for 'keeping an eye' on these pages.

## Ban on Dogs From ‘High-Risk’ Countries a Wake-up Call About Importation Health Crisis

By Sheila Goffe, AKC vice president of government relations

In a major wake-up call about the dangers of importing foreign dogs from certain regions, the U.S. will begin in mid-July banning the importation of dogs from more than 100 nations that are at high risk for rabies and other highly contagious diseases, many of which can jump species and infect humans.

The CDC estimates that of the approximately 1 million dogs imported annually into the U.S., about 110,000 originate from countries with “high risk” for rabies and other diseases. [High-risk regions include](#) many countries in the Middle East, Africa, South America, Eastern Europe, and Asia, including China.

Most recently, a dog imported with rabies from Azerbaijan by a U.S. rescue was placed with a family in Pennsylvania. The dog was one of 34 animals — 33 dogs and one cat — imported into O’Hare International Airport in Chicago on June 10. The rabid dog also exposed 12 people to the disease, sparking a multi-state investigation to determine the potential spread and [costing taxpayers](#) as much as a half-million dollars.

The CDC’s ban is warranted as a temporary fix given how dangerous the situation has become. But for the longer term, policymakers should take two tacks.

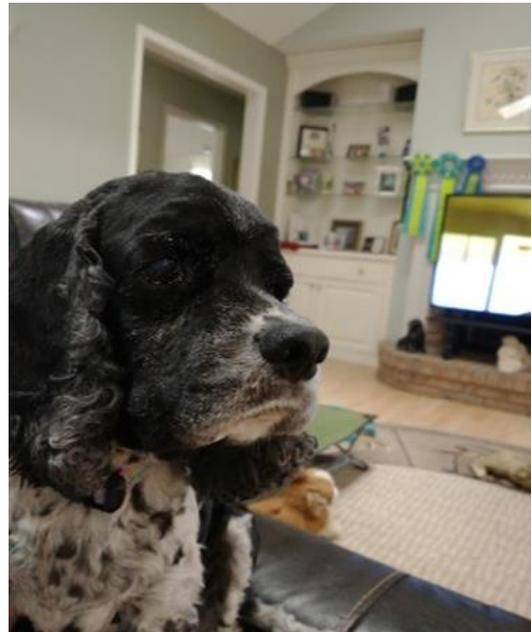
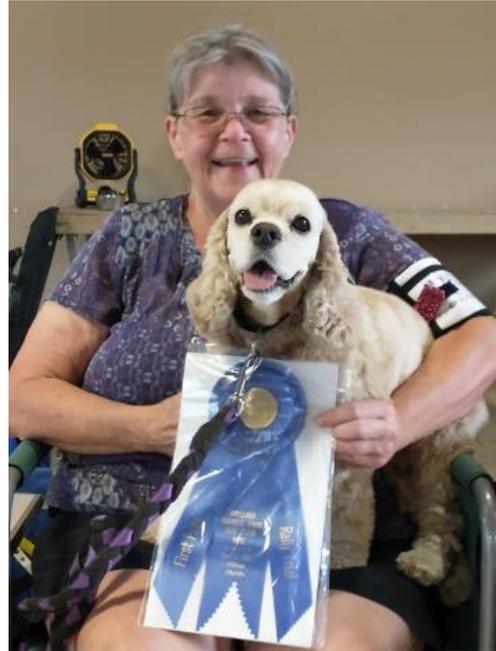
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## MEET OUR BOARD

### Sheila Garbecki

I have had dogs all my life. I always loved all animals, except snakes, 😊 Snakes give me the heebeegeebees... 😊 but I love dogs especially. I never knew about dog sports until I was in my late 40's. I went to an obedience class as I got a new puppy and wanted to get a little bit of knowledge to help me walk my dog on a loose leash. Little did I know I would learn about so many fun things we can do with our dogs. The instructor I had at the time had asked me if I ever thought about doing agility with Cassie (Black American Spaniel). I said what is agility? So, I figured I would go for a lesson or two and that would be the end of it. It was something different for me and way out of my comfort zone. Needless to say, I got hooked, and well, that was almost 20 years ago. Cassie & I were a great team. I did agility exclusively for about 12 years and then Cassie died suddenly. I wasn't going to get another dog right away, I wanted to think about it, but then all of a sudden Dannica, (Buff Cocker Spaniel) came into my life. We have had so much fun. We are learning agility, and we now compete in Dock Diving with NADD (Dannica was the number one American Cocker Spaniel in the whole US under NADD in 2018). We also compete in Rally with AKC, Nose work with NACSW, and she has dabbled a little in Barn Hunt. I also have Missy, she also did some agility, but wasn't really fond of it, and when a very kind person told me she was a very soft dog and explained what that was, I decided not push her anymore. I didn't know when I got her 14 years ago that there was such a thing as a "soft" dog. She did agility because I asked her to, it just was not something she enjoyed. She did like nose work, so I would play nose work a little with her. She is now 14 years old and retired. I decided to get on the board to listen and learn more about K-9 obedience club.



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### **Robin Wallen, Treasurer:**

I completed my first basic obedience class with my rescue, Blu, seven years ago and have been hooked ever since. I now compete with Blu in Obedience and Rally. I have been a member of K9 Obedience Club for about five years and have made many great friends that have helped me so much. I currently have three dogs in my family, Blu, Jasper (the Pug) and Jade (a pit bull rescue). In my previous life I had trained and competed horses since I was a teenager so I have spent most of my life working with animals in some way.



### **Deb Hardman, Recording Secretary:**

"I started training dogs when I was a little girl, had a "dog show" on our patio and my family and grandparents would all come and clap and cheer for Old Yellar and me. My breed of dog has always been standard poodles because of their intelligence and wonderful personalities. I joined K-9 about 30 years ago and have trained and competed with the club with three previous dogs. I trained through utility but all that was years ago. I am now training my new dog, Cody who is 2. All of my dogs have worked in my psychotherapy office as therapy dogs."



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### Deborah Gilman

Hi, my name is Debbie Gilman and Tugg is my French Bulldog sidekick. In 2016, I moved to FL from PA when my husband Jack retired for the first time. We came here with my second Pug, my 4th dog in my adult life. She was 12 when we decided to bring Tugg into the family. She loved bossing him around and wrestling with him. She is no longer with us.

I had taken previous dogs to Puppy Kindergarten but that was the extent of my formal dog training. With a truly empty nest and how much I enjoyed STAR Puppy, I decided to pursue more training. After Advanced puppy, we tried Rally and a Skills class, a Tricks class, Agility and Nosework.

In April, Tugg was playing with my daughter's Golden Retriever, herniating two discs. Surgery has given back Tugg's mobility. He is continuing his home therapy. Jumping is now forbidden for Tugg so we are done with Agility and will not be able to go on to Advanced Rally.

I plan on continuing taking classes with Tugg and hopefully helping with STAR Puppy classes and continue to work as the Registration Secretary and Board member. I enjoy helping to keep the club active and looking good.

I also am a quilter and do water aerobics, occasional golf and pickle ball. Before bilateral knee replacement surgery, I had a horse that I competed with in Dressage. The knees caused me to end my riding hobby.



<b>UPCOMING FLORIDA SHOWS</b>	
<b>August</b>	
<b>1&amp;2</b>	RALLY only. Dog Training Club of Tampa. Closes 7/23 trials B. Critelli
<b>7&amp;8</b>	OBEDIENCE only. Australian Shepherd Club of Central Fla, Closes 7/21 Lakeland. 2 trials both days. Withers & C. Knight
	RALLY only. Dog Training Club of Tampa. Closes 7/30 2 trials each day. Noonan & A. Kincaid
<b>13</b>	RALLY only. Mid-Fla Golden Retriever Club, Daytona Beach, 2 trials. A. Kincaid
<b>14&amp;15</b>	OBEDIENCE only. Mid-Fla Golden Retriever Club, Closes 7/26 Daytona Beach. 2 trials on Sat & Sun. A & K Kincaid, Griner
<b>14</b>	OBEDIENCE only. Heartland Dog Club of Florida, Tampa, Closes 7/28 Not yet approved
<b>21&amp;22</b>	OBEDIENCE only. Sarasota Obedience Training Club, Mykka City; Closes 8/4. Withers
<b>28-30</b>	OBEDIENCE & RALLY. Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg; Closes 8/11. Roland & Neufeld; 2 trials Friday & Saturday. 1 trial Sunday. Klein and Withers. B Selton
<b>September</b>	
<b>18-19</b>	RALLY only (not yet approved) Imperial Polk Obedience Club of Lakeland, Fl. Closes 9/1, 2 trials each day
<b>24-26</b>	RALLY only. Marion Alachua Dog Training Association (Ocala), Closes 9/8, 2 trials Friday & Sat; one on Sunday. Fri & Sat Klein & Withers. Sunday Wedekind
<b>25-26</b>	OBEDIENCE only. Orlando Dog Training Club, Closes 9/8, 2 trials Sat & Sun. K. Walker, J. Kern, C. Mett
<b>October</b>	
<b>1</b>	OBEDIENCE & RALLY. Greater Ocala Dog Club. 2 trials each day, Closes 9/15. Obedience judges not yet assigned. Rally event not approved.
<b>2-3</b>	RALLY ONLY Orlando Dog Training Club. 2 trials each day. Closes 9/15; Events not yet approved
	OBEDIENCE ONLY. Miami Obedience Club (Lake Park, FL) Closes 9/15; Events not yet approved
<b>9</b>	OBEDIENCE & RALLY. Pasco Florida Kennel Club (Tampa) Closes 9/22; Obedience: Cheever Rally E. McCarthy
<b>16-17</b>	RALLY ONLY. Australian Shepherd Club of Central Fl. (Lakeland) 2 trials each day; Closes 9/29. Currey & Critelli
<b>22-24</b>	RALLY ONLY. Sarasota Obedience Training Club; Closes 10/13 Cox
<b>23-24</b>	OBEDIENCE ONLY. Jupiter-Tequesta Dog Club, Inc; Closes 10/06 R. Seeley
	OBEDIENCE ONLY. Imperial Polk Obedience Club of Lakeland, Fl. 2 trials on Sat, one on Sun; Closes 10/6. Event not approved
<b>26</b>	RALLY & OBEDIENCE. Golden Retriever Club of America Nationals (OCALA); Closes 9/29 (goldens only)
<b>30-31</b>	OBEDIENCE ONLY. Brevard County Dog Training Club (Daytona Beach) Closes 10/22; 2 trials on Sat, one on Sunday. L & R Seeley
	OBEDIENCE & RALLY. Dog Training Club of Tampa. Closes 10/22. Obedience Withers Rally Klein

## K9 Club Events Calendar for August & September

<b>Monday</b>		<b>Friday</b>	
5:30 PM	Rally Beginner 9/6-10/11		
6:30 PM	Rally 8/1-8/30		
6:30 PM	Rally Advanced 9/6-10/11		
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>Saturday</b>	
6 PM	Star Puppy 9/7-10/19	10:30 AM	Advanced Puppy 9/4-10/9
7:15 PM	Star Puppy 9/7-10/19	2:30 PM	Family Dog 8/11-10/20
<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>Sunday</b>	
8-10 AM	Obedience folks train together	8-10 AM	Obedience folks meet to train
9 AM	Obedience/Rally Skills 8/4-8/18	9 AM	Family dog (8/1-8/8)
9 AM	Obedience/Rally Skills 9/8-10/13	9 AM	Family Dog (8/12-10/21)
		1 PM	CCI (8/1 & 8/15; 9/5 & 9/15)
<b>Thursday</b>			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday Aug 12; 7PM	Board of Governors Meeting at K9		
August 19: 7PM	General Membership Meeting		

## Mark your Calendars for These Upcoming K9 Club Events

<p><b>October meeting, October 21</b> at 7pm Program on "Keeping your dogs fit and healthy" given by Dr. Nicole Hardy DVM, CCRT, CVA who is an orthopedic rehab specialist. Be sure and put this one on your calendar.</p>	<p><b>December meeting, December 16</b> at 7pm This will be our annual Christmas party with the well known gift exchange. Hope to see you there!</p>
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## REMINDER: QUILT RAFFLE

Deb Gilman has again offered one of her wonderful quilts to raffle.

It's a large lap quilt with a wonderfully soft back panel that will be heaven to sit with when it gets cool again.

And since it won't get cool again any time soon, we won't raffle it off until the December Meeting/celebration.

## BUT...

In the meantime, any time you attend a K9 meeting or participate as a worker/helper at any event sponsored by K9, you'll get a free ticket to drop into the bucket at the December event.

For those of you who aren't able to join us, tickets will be available for \$10.00 at any event or you can send your check made out to K9 to: Dianne Strickland, 9013 Ft. Caroline Rd, Jax, FL 32225 and I'll send you however many tickets you send me money for.

## AND HERE'S THE QUILT



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