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New Members

**Provisional members: Virginia Novak
and Erika Wilson**

From the President's Desk

I'd like to thank all of you who came to our August General meeting. The plant exchange was a lot of fun and I think everybody enjoyed taking a new plant home with them. We had several new members and it was a pleasure to meet them. We are going to try a new program where we assign provisional members a mentor to help them through the provisional period; explain terminology, introduce them to other members, help them find the classes that appropriate for their dog(s), etc. I think it's a wonderful idea!

We were contacted by Julie Garmendia, a columnist from the Residents' Community Newspaper. and she came to a class and spent quite a bit of time with us as research for her article about the club. It should be out the first week of September and I promise to share it with you as soon as I receive it.

Our November trials are just around the corner! Hopefully we'll have plenty of volunteers. Nothing is better than stewarding for learning the requirements of the various Obedience and Rally classes.

Be a part of our trials, even if you're not entering!

. -Ginny

TRAINING DIRECTOR'S REPORT



We will be starting our fall classes after Labor Day. We are primarily offering pet classes as those have the most draw. We do have some new members who are progressing nicely and should be joining the Beginning Rally class this fall.

Our new offering this fall is An Introduction of Agility class with Terri Reel teaching. It will begin in mid-October when the heat and humidity are somewhat less (hopefully!).

Fall Class Schedule

STAR PUPPY. Instructor Dianne Strickland. 7-week class meeting on Tuesday evening at 6. Begins 9/7/2021 and ends 10/19/2021 Cost for class (with \$20 discount for early enrollment) is \$140 if enrollment secretary has received your entire application by 8/24. Registration after this date may be possible if seats remain, but you will not receive the discount of \$20 making the class cost \$160.

STAR PUPPY. Instructor Dianne Strickland. 7-week class meeting on Tuesday evening at 7:15. Begins 9/7/2021 and ends 10/19/2021. Cost for class (with \$20 discount for early enrollment) is \$140 if enrollment secretary has received your entire application by 8/24. Registration after this date may be possible if seats remain, but you will not receive the discount of \$20 making the class cost \$160. CLASS IS FULL

ADVANCED PUPPY Instructor Ginny Ruskuski. 6-week class meeting on Saturday morning at 10:30. Begins 9/4 and ends 10/9. Cost for class (with discount) is \$120 if enrollment secretary has received your entire application by 8/21. Registration after this date may be possible if seats remain, but you will lose the discount of \$20 and class cost will be \$140.

TRAINING DIRECTOR'S REPORT cont'd

FAMILY DOG. Instructor Juli Wilkison. 7-week class meeting on Saturday afternoon at 2:30. Class begins 9/11/2021 and ends 10/23//2021. Cost for class (with \$20 discount for early enrollment) is \$140 if enrollment secretary has received your entire application by 8/28. Registration after this date may be possible if seats remain, but you will not receive the discount of \$20 making the class cost \$160.

FAMILY DOG. Instructor Juli Wilkison. 7-week class meeting on Sunday morning at 9. Class begins 9/12/2021 and ends 10/24/2021. Cost for class (with \$20 discount for early enrollment) is \$140 if enrollment secretary has received your entire application by 8/29. Registration after this date may be possible if seats remain, but you will not receive the discount of \$20 making the class cost \$160.

OBEDIENCE & RALLY SKILLS. Instructor Terri Reel. 6-week class meeting on Wednesday morning at 9. Class begins 9/8/2021 and ends 10/13/2021. Cost for class is \$120.

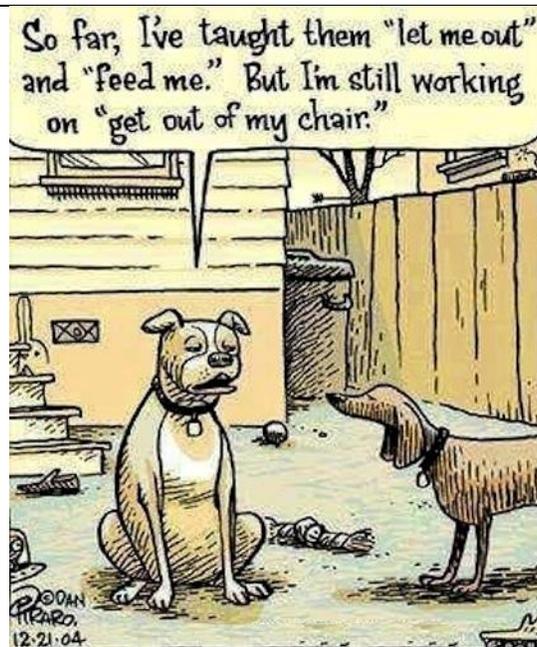
RALLY BEGINNER. Instructor Alison Nelson. 6-week class meeting on Monday evening at 5:30. Class begins 9/6/2021 and ends 10/11/2021. Cost for class is \$120

RALLY ADVANCED. Instructor Alison Nelson. 6-week class meeting on Monday evening at 6:30. Class begins 9/6/2021 and ends 10/11/2021. Cost for class is \$120

UNCONFIRMED CLASSES

ADVANCED OBEDIENCE (Open) - If anyone is interested, please email Dianne Strickland (diannestrickland@missouristate.edu). If there are 4 or 5 individuals, she'll find a time that fits everyone's schedule (hopefully).

CONFORMATION. Bekka, who taught last fall, is will to do it again. If anyone is interested, email Dianne Strickland (diannestrickland@missouristate.edu). Most likely it would be on Wednesday evening.



RECENT TRIAL UPDATES

Mid Florida Gold Retriever Club trial in Daytona Beach August 2021

Rex (Alison & Dennis Nelson) 2 titles – One in Beginner Novice and the other Rally Novice

Coco got her 3rd Rally Advanced Excellent leg



Rex and Coco, (Alison & Dennis Nelson) with titles and placements from Daytona Beach and Mid Florida Golden Retriever Club trials.

Central FL Aussie Shepherd Club trials in Lakeland, FL August 2021

Winston (Susan Howard) finished his Obedience Master 8 (OM8) in the first trial of the weekend. He also earned 3x HIT's and 2x HC's.



Mid FL Golden Retriever Club trials, Daytona, FL August 2021

Winston, (Susan Howard) finished his Obedience Master 9 (OM9) title on the last run of the weekend.

He earned:

2x HIT regular & 2x HIT Golden Retriever

3x HC regular & 3x HC Golden Retriever



RECENT TRIAL UPDATES cont'd

Winston (Susan Howard) was invited to the **AKC National Obedience Championship (NOC)** for the 2nd year running, in **Wilmington, Ohio**. Saturday everyone competes in all 8 rings, then the Top 50 are announced & they move onto Sunday's competition. We came in at #18 in the Top 50. Sunday he had wonderful runs, again 8 rings, and had only lost 5.5 points until he anticipated the 2nd go out in one ring so that took us out of the Top 20 placements! Super proud of him - not an easy venue.

A DOGGIE REUNION AT NOC

The day before the National Obedience Championship Susan Howard caught up with, and trained with a good friend of hers, who has one of Winston's pups & a sibling to Susan's young boy Flyte. The last time Susan saw Willow was when she handed her to Mary at 8 weeks old.



Willow, Winston and Flyte

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Simply Nourish Dog Food Recall

Approximately 51,000 packages of Simply Nourish Dog Food **sold at PetSmart** are being recalled due to **elevated levels of vitamin D**.

Excessive amounts of vitamin D in a dog's diet can lead to **kidney failure** and **death**.

For full details, please visit the following link:

[Simply Nourish Dog Food Recall](#)

What's Being Recalled?

Recalled products are marketed in 2-pound and 4.5-pound packages across specific "Best By" dates.

Affected Simply Nourish frozen food products were distributed at select **PetSmart stores nationwide**.

Club Facebook Page

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

Thanks go to Amy for watching over this page.

Sunshine Committee

Sheila Garbecki has agreed to oversee the "Sunshine Committee". If you know of a member in need of "cheering up" or "well wishes" from the club, please contact Sheila (sbgarb1@yahoo.com). Thanks to Shelia for volunteering to serve on this committee.

K9 Webpage

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

August 17, 2021 — The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued a [formal warning](#) to Midwestern Pet Foods, Inc., maker of **12 pet food brands and sub-brands**, after inspections of manufacturing plants revealed **serious violations**.

The FDA claims conditions at the firm's facilities likely contributed to the illness or death of hundreds of dogs and cats. The dog food is sold under the following brand names: CanineX, Earthborn Holistic, Meridian, Nunn Better, Pro Pac, Pro Pac Ultimates, Splash, Sportmix, Sportmix, Wholesomes, Sportstrail, Unrefined and Venture.

Be sure to read the [official FDA Warning letter](#) issued to Midwestern Pet Foods.

MEET OUR BOARD MEMBERS

Alison Nelson, Board, Sunshine Committee, K9 Webpage and Instructor Biography

After retirement, we moved to Ponte Vedra almost 10 years ago to escape the brutal Illinois Winters. I had just begun training in Illinois after getting a puppy but we didn't have a club or group of trainers there. Fortunately, we met up with several K-9 members (Colleen Whalen among them) at a Farmers Market almost immediately after the move. We joined the club and became active attending meetings, wonderful classes and trials. I have learned so much from the K-9 trainers and decided to help as an instructor after completing several titles with our Lab EmmyLou and Sheltie Tanner. We earned Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE) and obedience titles CD, CDX, Graduate Open. I am currently training with Sheltie Coco in Open and Rally Advanced Excellent and Lab Rex in Novice and Rally Intermediate. I love training my dogs and working with dedicated trainers that share that love. I feel fortunate to be a K-9 instructor and meet so many great people and their dogs, many I consider good friends as the K-9 dog training community grows.



MEET OUR BOARD MEMBERS cont'd

Dianne Strickland

My life with dogs

Born and raised in Mayport, I left for college and only returned to Florida in 2017. During that time, I earned a BA, MA and PhD in Art History, settled down to teaching in 1974 at Missouri State University, acquired my first obedience sheltie in 1990 and then joined the Springfield, MO Dog Training Club. I was well and truly hooked. My first obedience dog, Toby, was whelped in my living room and went on to earn SMDTC's first UDX in 1995 (U-ATCH, Canadian OTCH Tobemory of Mull, UDX, TD) (pictured here). With marriage came not only a husband but 3 more shelties (Amy, Abby and Sunny) with whom I earned 2 CDXs on and a UD.

As the years passed came more shelties, Ruffy and Skye who both earned a UD but died at an unexpectedly early age. Skye left us a son, Sevi, who earned a UDX and was the father of Saxon who is still with me. At the encouragement of my niece and nephew, I returned to Florida in 2017 and immediately joined K-9 (I needed my dog club fix!) Joining with me were Sevi, Saxon and Sax's nephew, Carson (who just earned his UD). I finally reached my goal of an OTCH with Sax 2 years ago (more recent pic). After Sevi's passing and at the height of Covid, I journeyed in an RV to Illinois to pick up my new dog, Megan, who is currently enthralled with herding (not handled by me!) and having a ball meeting new people and dogs!



NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Miranda Swarz

Hi my name is Miranda and my 6-month-old bull terriers name is Lady Cotton. I own Cotton's mother and have loved dogs my entire life. I did not realize the difference training makes with your puppy. Raising Cotton from birth has been a different experience than any other dog I've had. It has changed me! Raising Bull Terrier puppies is what I do best. Through training I have made an unbreakable bond with her. I look forward to her paw healing up so that we can start back training for obedience and agility. Cotton is a very smart puppy, she is independent but very much attached to me. I'm going to take a trainer's course starting in the next couple of weeks. Also, I would love to meet other dog owners who are interested in Conformation Shows who would be will to mentor me for the future!

Thank you so much for accepting me and Cotton into the club. I'm really excited to learn more and see what the future holds for us!



NEW CLUB MEMBERS cont'd

Ben Bond

My wife Loretta and I moved to The Villages Florida from Northern Virginia, after I retired about 10 years ago. Last year, we moved to St. Johns to be nearer to our Grandkids who are 5 and 7 years old.

When my son was about 7 or 8 years old we were thinking about getting a dog, but I was not sure it was a good idea. One day, we were at my son's Little League practice and his coach's wife walked up with this big yellow dog. I asked her what it was and she said it was a yellow Lab. I was pretty sure she was lying to me since I knew Labs only came in black. She also told me she was raising it to be a guide dog for Guiding Eyes for the Blind and that she would keep it for a year and then return it to the school for training. This seemed like a good deal to me because I was not sure I wanted the long term commitment of owning a dog. To make a long story short, we raised four yellow Labs, none of which became guides, but two of which were used as breeders (supposedly top 5% of dogs). We also adopted two of the labs. Since our house was filling up with dogs, we suspended our puppy raising until we got down to Florida. We immediately began raising puppies for Southeastern Guide Dogs. Our first puppy was an almost white Golden Retriever. I discovered Golden Retrievers are different from Labs. He went on to become a guide and is still working. After that we raised a yellow Lab that went on to become a guide, and then a yellow Lab that became a service dog for a veteran with PTSD.

The next dog we raised was Magic. His Magic level exceeded that allowed in a guide dog, so we adopted him when he was released from the school. He did very well the first 6 weeks, until they took him outside for training. Magic had issues with anything that moved, leaves were the worst, but he also liked bunnies, squirrels and armadillos. Even though I had raised him from a puppy I still could not walk him around the block without being dragged to everything that was interesting. So I decided to enter him in an interim obedience class at Marion Alachua dog training. At this point I had had no formal training in dog obedience other than basic commands we were taught by the guide dog schools. What I did not realize was that the class I had signed him up for was obedience for dog trials. During this class, I learned two things. First, all types of dogs are smart, and second that obedience was not for me. But one of the instructors suggested Rally to me because Magic takes additional guidance which you can give in Rally.

So over the next 3 years, Magic and I practiced and went to Rally trials. Initially, all I wanted to do was qualify. In Magic's first off lead Advanced trial (which was outside), he decided to run out of the ring and say high to someone eating nachos in their truck that was parked right outside the ring. I had seen this happen to other people, and I was told if you could call them back, you still might qualify. After he realized the guy would not give him any nachos, he looked over at me and I called him back into the ring. He came back to heel and we finished up and I got a qualifying score. I was very happy. Since that time, we got better, and this year he got his Championship Title in

Rally. We also somehow managed to get his CD and had fun getting his Trick Dog Intermediate title. Since we finished up Rally, Magic and I are now working on Agility and Open obedience.

We also raised another guide puppy since Magic. His name is JC, and while we were raising him he got his Novice Rally title in ASCA. But when he was a little over a year old he developed some fear issues related to scents. Since this was during Covid and the school was not able to take as many dogs back for training, they released him without taking him in for formal evaluation. We adopted him. I have started working him in AKC Rally and plan to show him soon.

We are trying to figure out when we will get our next guide dog puppy, but right now, I am happy working on Magic and JC and playing with our grandkids



UPCOMING FLORIDA SHOWS

September

18-19	RALLY only Imperial Polk Obedience Club of Lakeland, Fl. Closes 9/1, 2 trials each day; Sat and Sun; BJC Critelli and E McCarthy
24-26	RALLY only. Marion Alachua Dog Training Association (Ocala), Closes 9/8, 2 trials Friday & Sat; one on Sunday. Fri & Sat Klein & Withers. Sunday Wedekind
25-26	OBEDIENCE only. Orlando Dog Training Club, Closes 9/8, 2 trials Sat & Sun. K. Walker, J. Kern, C. Mett

October

1	OBEDIENCE & RALLY. Greater Ocala Dog Club. 2 trials each day, Closes 9/15. Obedience judges CA. Knight and Dr. RH Knight. Rally event TG McCall.
2-3	RALLY ONLY Orlando Dog Training Club. 2 trials each day. Closes 9/15; E McCarthy OBEDIENCE ONLY. Miami Obedience Club (Lake Park, FL) Closes 9/15; RE Millar and L Seeley
9	OBEDIENCE & RALLY. Pasco Florida Kennel Club (Tampa) Closes 9/22; Obedience: O Chever, Jr Rally E. McCarthy
16-17	RALLY ONLY. Australian Shepherd Club of Central Fl. (Lakeland) 2 trials each day; Closes 9/29. L Currey & BJC Critelli
22-24	RALLY ONLY. Sarasota Obedience Training Club Myakka City FL; Closes 10/13 R Cox
23-24	OBEDIENCE ONLY. Jupiter-Tequesta Dog Club, Inc, Jupiter FL; Closes 10/06 RE Seeley (Sat) E Beasley and NJ Watson (Sun)
	OBEDIENCE ONLY. Imperial Polk Obedience Club of Lakeland, Fl. Closes 10/6; 2 trials on Sat , one on Sun; E Beasley and NJ Watson
26	RALLY & OBEDIENCE. Golden Retriever Club of America Nationals (OCALA); Closes 9/29 (goldens only) DP Neufeld
30-31	OBEDIENCE ONLY. Brevard County Dog Training Club (Daytona Beach) Closes 10/22; 2 trials on Sat, one on Sunday. L Seeley & RE Seeley
	OBEDIENCE & RALLY. Dog Training Club of Tampa. Closes 10/22. RR Withers (Obedience); CA Klein (Rally)

November

Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
6-7	RLY	Lake Eustis Kennel Club	Ocala	Oct 20	RR Withers; BJC Critelli
13-14	O (A) & RLY (NA)	K9 Obedience	Jacksonville	Oct 27	TG McCall
13-14	O	Obedience Club of Palm Beach Co	Lake Park	Oct 27	Pending Judge Approval
13	RLY	Ochlockonee River Kennel Club	Monticello	Oct 21	N Heidt
18-21	O (A) & RLY (NA)	Greater Ocala Dog Club	Ocala	Nov 03	S Sherman, Dr. RH Knight; RE Seeley
27-28	RLY (NA)	Dog Training Club	Tampa	Nov 19	Pending Judge Approval

RLY (Rally); O (Obedience); NA (not approved); A (approved)

K9 Club Events Calendar for September & October

Monday 5:30 PM 6:30 PM		Rally Beginner 9/6-10/11 Rally Advanced 9/6-10/11	Friday	
Tuesday 6 PM 6 PM 7:15 PM		First Tue of the Month - Guide Dogs of Northeast Florida Star Puppy 9/7-10/19 Star Puppy 9/7-10/19	Saturday 10:30 AM 2:30 PM Advanced Puppy 9/4-10/9 Family Dog 9/1-10/20	
Wednesday 8-10 AM 9 AM		Obedience folks train together Obedience/Rally Skills 9/8-10/13	Sunday 8-10 AM 9 AM 1 PM Obedience folks meet to train Family Dog 9/2-10/21 CCI 9/5 & 9/15	
Thursday 2 nd Thursday Sep 16; 7PM Oct 21, 7PM		Board of Governors Meeting at K9 K9 Club General Meeting		

Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming K9 Club Events

<p>Sunday Sept 12. 9:30 to 11:30 – Club Grounds light maintenance cleanup, leaf pickup, a bit of raking, equipment cleaning and gate repair.</p>	<p>October 21 meeting K9 Community Event – Let’s go through out closets and bring freshly laundered towels or blankets to the October club meeting. We plan to donate then to the Humane Society. (Please nothing with stuffing in it, as you know what the pups would do with that!).</p>
<p>October 21 meeting 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>November 13-14 is the K9 Obedience dog show hosted at the club. Volunteers will be needed.</p> <p>December meeting, December 16 at 7pm This will be our annual Christmas party with the well-known gift exchange (AKA White Elephant). Hope to see you there!</p>

REMINDER: QUILT RAFFLE

You saw how beautiful the quilt was when Deb Gilman displayed it at the August meeting.

The large lap quilt with a luxuriously soft back brown panel that will be heaven to keep us warm 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 approved by Tugg



NEWSLETTER EDITOR DEADLINE:

Please email any material you would like included in the Newsletter to peteronchris7@hotmail.com by the 20th of this month.