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K-9 TAILS

K9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville Inc.

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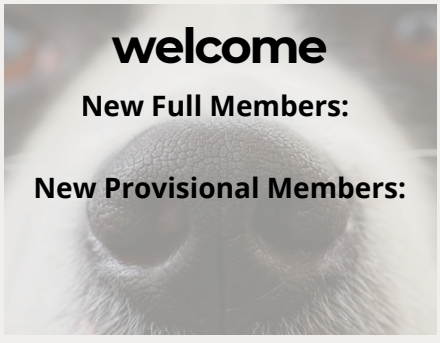


President's Letter

· K9 will be celebrating its 75 anniversary on Halloween, and it is going to be a BIG event. Be sure to put it on your calendar. Kids are welcome! Watch the news flashes for more information.

· Our K9 Trial in Daytona is October 3rd and 4th. A huge thank you to the members who contributed to the Awards Fund. We raised the entire cost of our awards.

· Rachel Flatley will be at the club November 21st teaching a seminar on Engagement.
We have had Rachel in the past, and it is a real treat to have her back again. We will be sending our information on how to sign up soon.

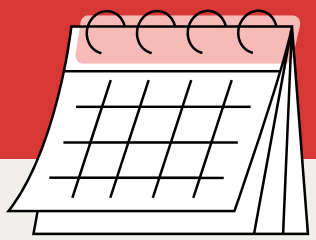
Hope to see you at the club,
Deb

This Month:

10/3 & 4	Daytona Trials
10/15	General Meeting 7pm and Tracking Demo (New Class!) with Kate
10/16	Fast CAT
10/25	Newsletter deadline
10/31	75th Anniversary Event (open to the community) 10-2pm

Upcoming Program Events:

November: Engagement with Rachel Flatley Saturday 11/21 (registration coming soon)
December: Holiday party at General Meeting
January: Happy Ratters Seminar Sunday 1/17
February: Grooming Seminar with Brianna TBD
March: TBD
April: Something exciting! Stay tuned for updates...



Training Director's Report

Thanks again to all instructors, assistants, and students for another great start to classes! Most classes filled completely and there was a lot of interest in Alison's obedience classes being brought back. Continue to invite your friends, family, neighbors to join us at K-9 for classes. The more people we can help with their dogs and dog sport goals the better!
Our next term will start in mid-November and be open for enrollment by October 15th.

I am always looking for members who want to expand their dog training knowledge (or show what they already know) by assisting with a class or even becoming an instructor. I would love to see more members, who are involved in sports, instructing classes to help others. If this sounds like you, send me an email.

Reminder for everyone interested in conformation class: we have transitioned to the online enrollment system for this class as well. You must sign up for class at least 24 hours in advance and classes are capped at 15 students. We are opening 7 weeks of class at a time, so you can register for as many dates as you want (register for each individually). The class must have at least 5 students to be held. In the case of any cancellations by the club you will be notified through PocketSuite. Be sure to save the text number and email to your contacts so you get your class reminders.
Text Reminders: (855) 936-4897
Email:
K-9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville,
postmaster@app.pocketsuite.io

Any questions or comments about classes are welcomed - email is always best (whoanellietraining@gmail.com).

Happy training!
Sam

Trial Report

The October 3rd and 4th obedience and rally trials are just around the corner. The trials are held in Daytona Beach both days as in previous years. Please contact Jacque Newlands to steward one or both days and contact me at anelson@yahoo.com for other volunteer opportunities or questions about the trials. All help is appreciated and needed. Obedience and rally trials cannot run without member volunteers' support. K-9 is so fortunate to have talented steward volunteers and others who have made our trials well-respected and attended.

Thank you to those of you who have signed up to steward our upcoming trial. We cannot make this happen without you and greatly appreciate you! If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Jacque at Jacquelyn.Newlands@gmail.com.

Membership Report

Membership Renewals start October 1st
Happy Fall K-9 Members! It's time to renew your membership for 2027. Look for an email in early October with the renewal form or plan to attend the October 15th General Membership meeting where you win a prize if you renew!

Programming Ideas Requested!

The programming committee is looking for your ideas and speaker recommendations for the 2027 year. Is there a topic you want to learn more about? Is there a speaker you'd like to learn from? Is there a sport you want to learn more about? Let us know! Share you ideas with us. Please send your ideas to Jacque at Jacquelyn.Newlands@gmail.com.

Halloween Safety

Most people are aware that 4th of July fireworks can be problematic for dogs, but Halloween can also be a stressful time for our furry friends.

Halloween Treats:
Keep candies and treats out of reach as they can be choking hazards or contain toxic to dog substances like chocolate or xylitol. Refresh your "Zen hand," "leave it," and "drop" for extra assurance.

Decorations:
Decorations can be choking hazards therefore following the advice on treats will also apply here. However, some more elaborate decorations that move and make noise can also cause fear. Consider opting out and avoiding these kind of decorations. If working on this fear is important to you, start with small toys that move and make noise at distance and work your way up to these decorations at a pet-friendly store that has them on display. Watch your dog's body language, give your dog choice to opt in and out, and keep sessions short.

Costumes and Trick or Treaters:
Some dogs are wary of strangers and costumes can exacerbate this stress. Consider walking your dog outside of trick-or-treating hours, leave candy outside instead of having people knock on the door, and putting your dog away in their safe space. To train more confidence around costumes, condition your dog by wearing costumes and other random objects on your body. Reward neutral responses and decrease intensity if you notice discomfort. Depending on the dog, you may even be able to use this as a proofing exercise and train while you're wearing a costume, then introduce a familiar person wearing a costume as a distraction.

Please join us for the celebration of our 75th Anniversary on Saturday, October 31st from 10-2 pm! We will have a games to compete in with your dog for prizes, "ask a trainer" booth, raffles, costume contest for dogs and kids with prizes, professional photography, and more!

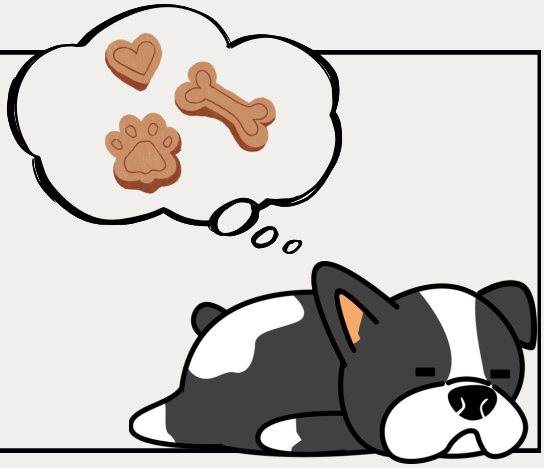
We are still looking for volunteers so please reach out to Jacque at Jacquelyn.Newlands@gmail.com to sign up!

K9 Class Calendar

Monday

6:00-7:00pm STAR Puppy
6:00-7:00pm Advanced Puppy 1
7:15-8:15pm STAR Puppy
7:15-8:15pm Advanced Puppy 2

Friday



Tuesday

6:00-7:00pm Novice Obedience
7:15-8:15pm Adv. Novice/ Open Foundations
7:15-8:15pm Family Dog

Saturday

1:00-2:00pm Nosework 1
2:30-3:30pm Nosework 2

Wednesday

10:00-11:00am Advanced Rally
6:00-7:00pm Family Dog
6:00-7:00pm CGC
7:15-8:15pm Conformation Drop-in

Sunday

10:30-11:30am Nosework 3
6:00-7:00pm Engagement Games

Thursday

6:00-7:00pm Continuing Nosework (off site)

Click to check the K9 web calendar for last minute updates

Upcoming Florida Trials

October 2026

Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
10/2-10/4	SCWK	Sarasota Obedience Training Club	Myakka City	9/18	N Duberow, J Leitzsch
10/3-10/4	O, RLY	K-9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville	Daytona Beach	9/16	A Eisthen, D Neufeld, M Wilson, S Baker
10/3-10/4	RLY, O	Five Flags Dog Training Club of Pensacola, FL	Pensacola	9/18	A Kincaid, K Walker
10/5-10/6	SCWK	Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Inc.	Ocala	9/16	N Duberow, L Walsh
10/7-10/8	O, RLY	Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Inc.	Ocala	9/16	J Kern, N Grimm
10/9-10/11	SCWK	Doberman Pinscher Club of Florida, Inc.	Punta Gorda	9/25	W Hudson
10/9-10/11	SCWK	Dog-On-It Agility Club of Greater Orlando	Lady Lake		T Johnson, C Dostal
10/10-10/11	RLY	Dog Obedience Club of Lee County Florida	N Fort Myers	9/30	N Heidt, W O'Brien
10/10-10/11	RLY	Miami Obedience Club	Miami	9/25	J Rogers
10/16-10/17	RLY	Sarasota Obedience Training Club	Myakka City	9/30	J Rogers
10/17-10/18	O	Imperial Polk Obedience Club of Lakeland, Florida	Lakeland	9/30	TBA
10/17-10/18	O	Jupiter-Tequesta Dog Club, Inc.	Jupiter	9/30	T McCall
10/17	RLY	Obedience Club of Daytona	Daytona Beach	9/30	S Baker, C Boyles
10/23-10/25	SCWK	Dog Obedience Club of Lee County Florida	North Fort Myers	10/14	W Hudson
10/24-10/25	SCWK	Greater Panama City Dog Fanciers Association	Panama City	10/14	C Dostal, E Jernigan
10/24-10/25	O	Dog Training Club of Tampa	Tampa	10/7	ENA
10/24-10/25	RLY	Brevard County Dog Training Club	Orlando	10/7	M Becker, A Kincaid
10/27-10/28	SCWK	Sonlight Agility Club of Brooksville	Brooksville		W Hudson, T Johnson
10/30-10/31	O	Marion Alachua Dog Training Association	Ocala	10/14	N Withers
10/30-10/31	SCWK	Scent Work Club of Brevard County	Titusville	10/9	N Duberow, C Happel
10/31	RLY	Australian Shepherd Club of Central Florida	Lakeland		ENA

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November 2026

Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
11/1	RLY	Australian Shepherd Club of Central Florida	Lakeland		ENA
11/1	SCWK	Scent Work Club of Brevard County	Titusville	10/9	C Happel, N Duberow
11/1	O	Marion Alachua Dog Training Association	Ocala	10/14	J Kern
11/6-11/7	SCWK	Lake Eustis Kennel Club, Inc.	Lady Lake	10/28	T Johnson
11/6-11/8	SCWK	Sailfish Capital Agility Club of Florida	Punta Gorda	10/23	J Leitzsch, W Hudson
11/7-11/8	RLY	Indian River Dog Training Club	Palm Bay	10/21	K Hazelet, N Noonan
11/7-11/8	O	Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County	Lake Park	10/21	R Knight, C Knight
11/14-11/15	RLY, O	Greater Ocala Dog Club, Inc.	Ocala	10/28	C Knight
11/14-11/15	RLY	Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County	Lake Park	10/28	J Rogers, N Noonan
11/17-11/18	SCWK	Tampa Bay German Shepherd Dog Club	Brooksville	11/10	W Hudson, T Johnson
11/20-11/22	SCWK	Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg	St Petersburg	11/9	W Hudson, B McDonald
11/21-11/22	RLY	Dog Training Club of Tampa	Tampa	11/4	B Critelli, M Becker
11/21-11/22	SCWK	Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County	Lake Park	11/4	C Happel, F Smith, M Hohmann

Upcoming Florida Trials

December 2026

Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
12/4-12/6	SCWK	Scent Work Club of Ocala, Inc.	Orange Lake	11/20	J Leitzsch, L Walsh
12/4-12/6	RLY, O	Obedience Club of Daytona	Daytona Beach	11/18	L Pinnell, N Noonan, R Knight, C Knight
12/5-12/6	O	Dog Obedience Club of Lee County Florida	N Fort Myers	11/25	A Kincaid, P McCafferty
12/9-12/11	RLY, O	Orlando Dog Training Club	Orlando	11/20	T Czaplinski, C Caballero, J Comunale, C Boyles
12/11-12/13	SCWK	Sailfish Capital Agility Club of Florida	Punta Gorda	11/27	J Leitzsch, W Hudson, K Prichard, C Skoog
12/15-12/16	SCWK	Sonlight Agility Club of Brooksville	Brooksville		W Hudson, T Johnson
12/19-12/20	O	Miami Obedience Club	Miami	12/2	L Seeley, P McCafferty
12/26-12/27	SCWK	NorAust K9 Agility Club of Mid Florida	Lady Lake	12/12	W Hudson

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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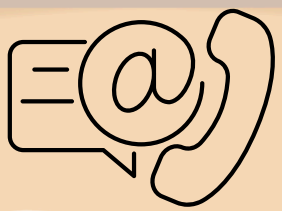

K9 Webpage

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

Robin Wallen oversees the "Sunshine Committee." If you know of a member in need of cheering up or well wishes from the club, email **Wallenrobin@yahoo.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.