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## From the President's Desk

The AKC Obedience and Rally Trials will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

It's time for me to put a little pressure on all members to help out one way or another. If you're able to donate some time during the weekend please call or email **Alison Nelson**, our ring steward coordinator. No experience is necessary! You can reach Alison at [anelsonphs@yahoo.com](mailto:anelsonphs@yahoo.com).

Our AKC trials are traditionally the time of year when we replenish our supplies; we need toilet paper, paper towels and **bottled water**. The donations of these items usually last us about a year.

We'll also need some soft drinks. If you'd like to donate cola, diet cola, or Sprite, please call me. I welcome these donations but don't want so many that we end up with soda going flat in the fridge six months from now. Let me know what you plan to bring so I can keep track of the quantity. Email me at [ruskusi5030@att.net](mailto:ruskusi5030@att.net) or text 904 661 8999.

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## Meetings

Board Meeting –  
Oct. 10, 7:00 pm

General Meeting –  
Oct. 17, 7:30 pm



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

## New Members



None

# President's Message – continued

Please visit our basket drawing table at the trials and buy a ticket or two. Your purchase offsets trial expenses. It's a fun way to donate to the club. You never know – you might just win something.

Speaking of Alison, I want to thank her for getting the lights repaired around the club. She has also made arrangements for a parking lot face-lift that will happen after the trials. I hear she has planned one more (brief) workday to spruce up before the trials. This is another opportunity for provisional members to get their cards signed and full members to earn hours toward next year's key.

It's finally October so I'm hoping for a cold front – 85 degrees would be a welcome break. If you are volunteering at the trials, you have my sincere thanks. If you've entered your dog in the trials, may the Obedience gods smile on you. Good luck!

- Ginny

## Upcoming Events

### October

10/10 – Board Meeting – 7:00 pm  
10/12 – AKC Obedience and Rally Trials  
10/13 – AKC Obedience and Rally Trials  
10/17 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm  
10/18 – 10/20 – Parking lot repair -  
Grounds Closed

### November

11/09 – NW3 in Elkton  
11/10 – NW 1 in Elkton  
11/14 – Board Meeting – 7:00 pm  
11/15 - Irish Setter Club – Grounds  
Closed  
11/21 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm

### December

12/12 – Board Meeting – 7:00 pm  
12/19 – General Meeting – 7:30 pm

## Basket Raffle

We haven't had a drawing at K-9 in a year or two, and I'm really looking forward to a fun raffle!

If you plan to bring a gift basket for the Saturday drawing, **please bring it to K-9 by 8:00 AM Saturday morning!**

(If you can bring it earlier, leave it in the house.) Thanks! – Ginny



## Notice – Grounds Closed

Washout will be delivered October 18 and the spreading will be Oct 19. No one should be walking on the material until it has had a while to dry. So, K-9 grounds and parking lot will be closed Friday, Sat, Sun, and open as usual on Monday morning.

Also, the grounds will be closed on November 15, for the Irish Setter Club.

## Volunteers Needed

**FOR NW1 & NW3 TRIALS:  
ST. JOHNS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 5840 S.R. 207  
ELKTON, FLORIDA 32033  
NW3 ON SATURDAY, 11/9/19  
NW1 ON SUNDAY, 11/10/19**

*Volunteers still needed for November NACSW trial hosted by K9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville, Sat. Nov. 9th and Sun. Nov 10th! Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered! We also need more vehicles for the searches so please consider allowing us to use your vehicle if you can be at the trial all day. We also can use canopies and tarps. Please use this link to let us know if you can volunteer your time or any items [NACSW TRIAL VOLUNTEER ST. JOHNS COUNTY 2019](#),*

Christy and Bob  
Volunteer coordinators  
K9 Obedience Club Elkton NW Trial

# Training Ideas

By Dianne Strickland

I was privileged to attend a seminar given by Peggy McConnell a few weeks ago and wanted to share some of the information that she provided. Granted, these are not quotes from her presentation, but information she provided that has been filtered through my mind . . . (for better or worse 😊)

I've tried to gather the information that would be of interest to club members who train dogs for many different activities. I hope that you find it of interest and that we can continue this conversation in the newsletter and in person.

Peggy contends, and I agree, that a good handler must **consciously** know their philosophy of training.

Is it           **Inducive:** influencing; leading on  
                  **Compulsive:** making something occur  
                  **A combination** of these two?

Once you have decided on your basic philosophy, then you must choose a method that fits within your philosophy. Your method is the "how to" that you learn about in classes, seminars, videos. Choosing a method that is counter to how you generally train will confuse the dog.

In choosing a method you need to be aware of the tendencies of your dog. For example:  
What **group** is your dog from? Hunting, working, herding? You need to be *consciously* aware of the tendencies of this group.

What is your specific **breed** and what are its tendencies?

There is, of course, variation within the breed. Is **your dog** a male/female? Neutered? Shy/bold? Hard physically/soft mentally? etc.

Dogs learn through association, especially with regard to **time and space**. Peggy is assuming that you use the most prevalent/current method of training of marking behaviors and she believes that you should mark behaviors as **both positive and negative** as this gives the dog more specific information and helps the dog learn faster.

**Time:** how long after the behavior do you mark it? The sooner you can deliver this information to the dog, the more potent the learning is.

**Space:** Do you reward correct behavior at the spot where the dog is right or wrong (in perfect heel position, just where you want him to be in agility/nose work/hunting) or mark as wrong where he made the mistake (he went off line in a retrieve). The more accurate the feedback you give to the dog, the easier it will be for him to learn what you want him to.

The 2 day seminar presented far more than I've covered here, but I think this is enough for now. I expect that many of you know this information intuitively, but Peggy's suggestion that we become consciously aware of our basic philosophy and how our methods fit within that philosophy is perhaps something that few of us think about. I like these ideas and I hope that you find them helpful. Let me know if you do.

## ***Congratulations!***



### **Judy Fortner and Sophie**

Sophia Loren (Sophie)  
MADTA-Ocala  
September 20-22  
Intermediate Rally Title  
Advanced Rally Title

### **Cindy Torre and Chewie**

NW 2 Title September 2019

### **Diane Cohen and Puff**

Puff was honored by Wolfson Children's Hospital at a luncheon at Jax Golf & Country Club. He completed 100 visits with the children in their Pet Therapy program.

Isaac earned 4 Masters Rally legs at MADTA's trials in Ocala.

### **Dianne Strickland and Saxon**

4Qs in 4 classes with placements in 3 and OTCH points in Palm Beach.

### **Diane Cohen and Isaac**

Isaac earned 4 Masters Rally legs at MADTA's trials in Ocala.

## Personal Notes

We send our deepest sympathy to Beth Berry, whose mother passed away in September.

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