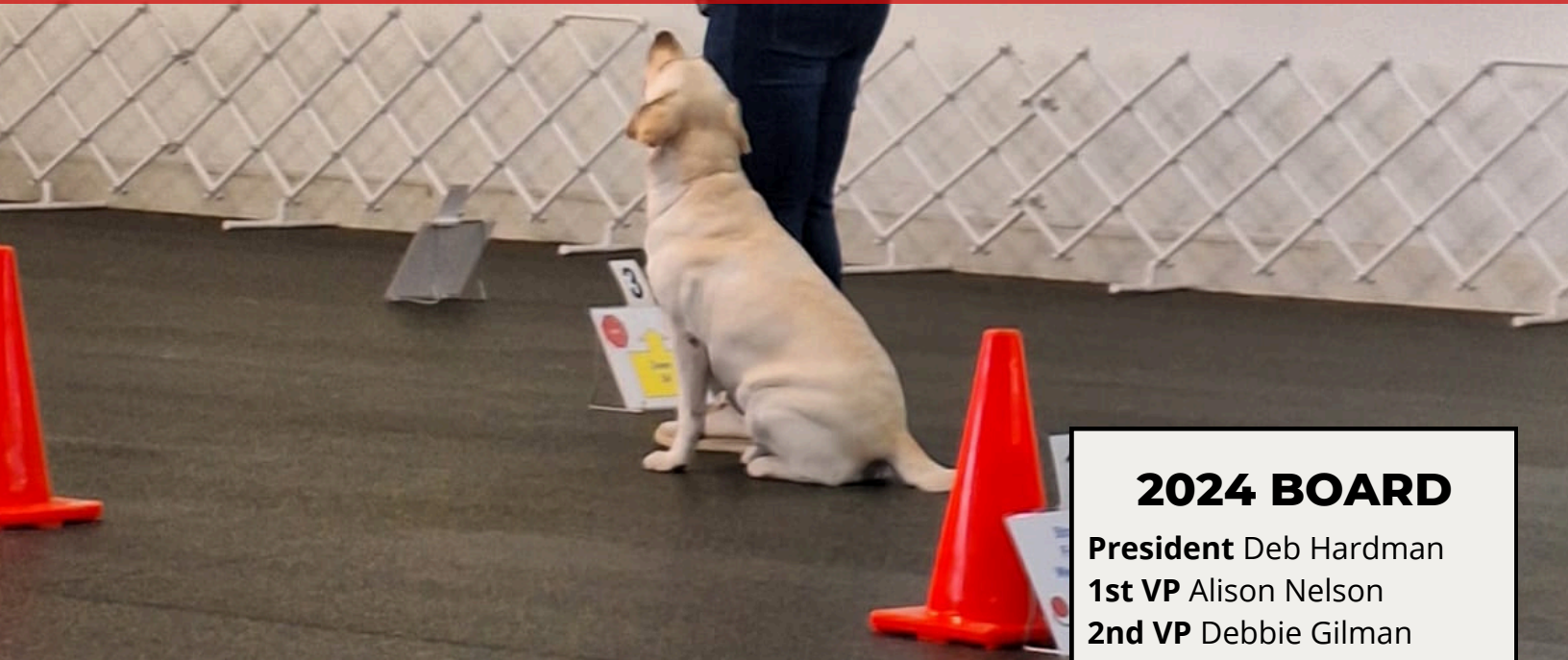




K9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville Inc.



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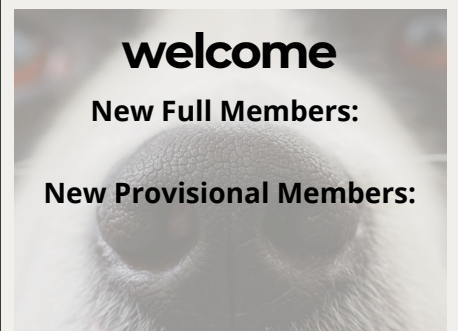
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President's Letter

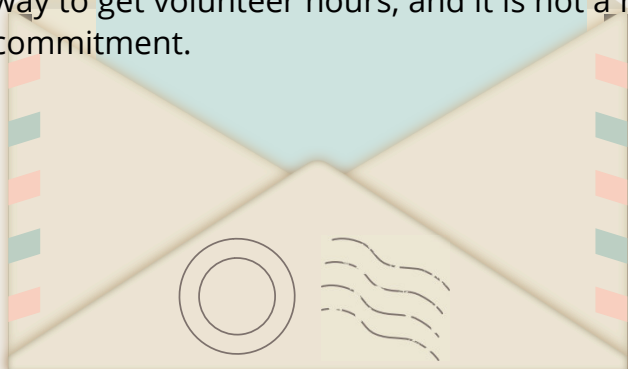
It is hard to believe that we are almost into June when our hot weather really begins to fire up. We have minimal classes running now as summer settles into Jacksonville.

Mike and Carol Fitzsimmons have generously agreed to head up our hurricane committee and are still looking for volunteers to join the committee and be available to help prepare the club in the event of a storm. You can email Carol at fitzmandc@gmail.com. It is another way to get volunteer hours, and it is not a huge commitment.

Now that our May trial is over, the club will be in quiet mode for the summer. Alison told me that she has been working feverishly to get all arrangements made for our October trial. Building and Grounds committee is planning to repair the raised concrete in one of the rings. We plan to replace several of the rubber mats in ring B and to pressure wash the concrete pad.

We will miss being together for the next few months. Be sure to let us know the results of your trials so we can share your brags. Have a wonderful and safe summer.

Deb Hardman, President



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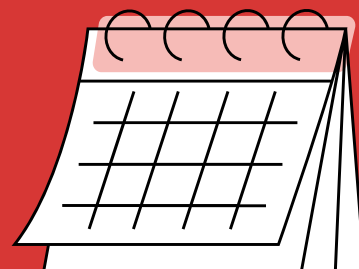
6/13 Board of Governors Meeting

6/20 General Meeting 7-8pm

6/25 Newsletter deadline



Be sure to thank our hard working volunteers and congratulate our K9 competitors for a job well done in Daytona!



Training Director's Report

What an outstanding year K-9's instructional program had! From September 2023 to June 2024, the class schedules were booked to capacity for the available rings and classes were filled because many members volunteered as assistants. K-9 classes continue to expand and improve because the members step up and pitch in with their time and effort.

Instructors are Alaina George, Samantha Giacolone, Ben Bond, Sheila Garbecki, Erika Wilson, Fran Gorman, Juli Wilkison, Deb Hardman, and Becca Grinsell.

Assistants are Amy Trelford, Debbie Gilman, Betsy Raiford, Susan Poole, Megan Richards, Jackie Payne, Olivia Sayer, Jaquelyn Newlands, Stacy Payne, Jaime Simpson, and Jennifer Rootham. You are all appreciated more than words can describe!

Of course, none of this happens without the diligence and leadership from Christine Peterson, K-9's fabulous Enrollment Secretary!!

Also, K-9 hosted training seminars with Rachel Flatley and several free training workshops were held for members, including ongoing Competition Puppy sessions for members with young or new puppies and the new AKC FETCH title, monthly Show N Go's were held, and some wonderful programs were presented at general meetings.

As I step away from the Training Directorship, I am sure that the new TD, Samantha Giacolone, is going to surpass my skills! Classes pause during the summer heat, but new classes will be posted in August to begin in September. Let Sam know if you are interested in being an assistant, becoming an instructor, have an idea for a class or want to join a committee to plan events. Also in the works is a fall enrollment day with demonstrations for club members.

Someone commented to me that I do lot at K-9, to which I answered I GET a lot from K-9. I hope you feel that way too. It's the friendship of training together, helping each other, watching members & their dogs progress, and being part of a great community--the dog training community.

Enjoy the summer and see you at K-9,

Alison



Trial Report

I can report that the K-9 May Obedience and Rally trials held in Daytona Beach were very successful based on the number of members that pitched in and also by the many comments from handlers and judges. The trials were filled before the closing dates, and it was a very busy weekend for the club.

Committee chairs are commended for the time they spent preparing the managing the trials: Debbie Gilman & Cheryl Loze--Stewards; Angela Maddux--Hospitality; Melissa Hess--Ribbons; Ginny Ruskuski--Basket Drawing; Sunday Building Clean up--Lisa and Dan Wilford.

Committee members that really pulled the whole weekend together along with the Chairpersons were Hospitality--Olivia Sayer & Terry Martin; Ribbons--Sheila Garbecki & Deb Hardman;

Stewards--Betsy Raiford, Olivia Sayer, Stacy Payne, Jaquelyn Newlands, Ben bond, Christine Peterson, Linda Mikoley, Megan Richards, Tom Ford, Deb Hardman, Patty Sheppard, and Christopher Wallen.

Sunday Building Clean up--Christopher Wallen & Jean Coker. Daytona's Club supported the trial with steward volunteers--Susan Armstrong, Joan Digillio, Claire Israelson, Mindy Rohr, Margot Estrada, Robin Scott, Jon Glass and Kris Davenport.

In addition to the volunteer effort, generous contributions to the trial cash awards were made by Jean Coker, Olivia Sayer, Michael & Carol Fitzsimmons, Jack & Deb Hardman.

Several K-9 members earned titles and legs toward titles and I'm sure more members will be ready come October 5 & 6 !

I want to thank everyone who donated items to the raffle held at our Obedience and Rally trials in Daytona last month. Because of YOUR generous donations we had a new record for ticket sales; \$600.00+!!!!

I regret not sending each of you a personal thank you note but work and life got in the way. I *would* like the name and address of the member's mother who made that beautiful beach tote, so if you have it, please send it to me. It was a wonderful offering of baskets and the great items they contained. Again, my deepest thanks. - Ginny Ruskuski

Thank you to all our Trial Stewards that volunteered for 1 or 2 long days. If you see these people at the club, give them a personal thank you. Trial keep the sport alive so our club can thrive. - Debbie Gilman

Betsy Rayford, Livie Sayer, Stacy Payne, Jackie Newlands, Linda Mikoley, Ben Bond, Christine Peterson, Claire Israelson, Megan Richards, Tom Ford, Deb Hardman, Patty Sheppard, Christopher Wallen

Building and Grounds Report

In late April, Christopher Wallen and a classmate, painted our bathrooms for us. They are earning community service hours towards college scholarships. They work a long hot day and did an excellent job. Now we have new floors, fresh paint and new curtains in our outdoor bathrooms.

Thank you to everyone that came to help us clean up the grounds. Alison Nelson, Carol and Michael Fittsimmons, Robin Wallen are just a few of the people that put in some hours that day. If I missed you, I'm sorry!

Building and Grounds Chairman,
Debbie Gilman



The K9 website URL has been replaced on the large sign near the parking lot.



The shifted concrete in Ring B has been painted yellow.

Barks and Brags

Hold onto your leashes, K9's got lots to brag about!



On April 28, Tugg attended his first AKC Scentwork Trial in Daytona and was successful in all 4 areas. He was 2nd in containers with a score of around 6 seconds and 5th place in the 4th area. Three qualifying scores in an area earns a title.



Roxie the Doxie earned her AKC Novice Trick title



Acro passed his CGC!



Coco Nelson (Alison) -- Utility B 1st place K-9 May 5 in Daytona Beach



Michael Fitzsimmons and Reagan earned a Beginner Novice title in Daytona

Barks and Brags

Still holding onto your leashes? There's more to brag about!



Peach - CH Woodlyn The Sweet Cide RE BCAT CGCA CGCU TKI (GSP top left) earned her Rally Excellent title and first two RAE legs at K-9's trial in Daytona

Mango - T-N-T's Ghost Water RE DCAT ACT1 SCN SIN CGC TKA (Aussie) earned his Rally Excellent title in Elkton, Novice Scent Work Containers and Novice Scent Work Interior Titles in Daytona, and then went out to Dog Sport Unlimited to get his last 0.33 point needed for his DCAT title in New Smyrna Beach

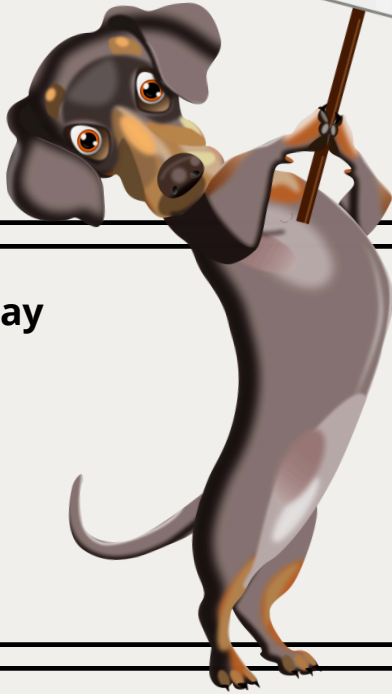
Holden - VJK-MYST Make Today Your Someday at Woodlyn CGC TKI RN (GSP center) earned his Rally Novice title at K-9's trial in Daytona and two legs toward his Intermediate title



K9 Class Calendar for

Monday

New classes
post in
August!



Friday

Tuesday

Saturday

STAR Puppy 9-10am

Family Dog 10:30-11:30am

Wednesday

Conformation Drop In's 7:15-8:15pm

Sunday

Thursday

Click to check the
K9 web calendar
for last minute
updates

Upcoming Florida Trials

JUNE 2024

Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
6/8-6/9	O	Obed Club of Palm Beach	Lake Park	5/22	O Chever Jr.
6/14	RLY	St Pete Dog Fanciers Assoc	Tampa	5/29	M Becker
6/15-6/16	O	St Pete Dog Fanciers Assoc	Tampa	5/29	RE Seeley, ENA
6/15-6/16	RLY	Marion Alachua Dog Train	Ocala	5/29	P Young, L Mills
6/22-6/23	O	Imperial Polk Obed Club of Lakeland	Lakeland	6/5	NJ Watson, RH Knight, CA Knight

July 2024

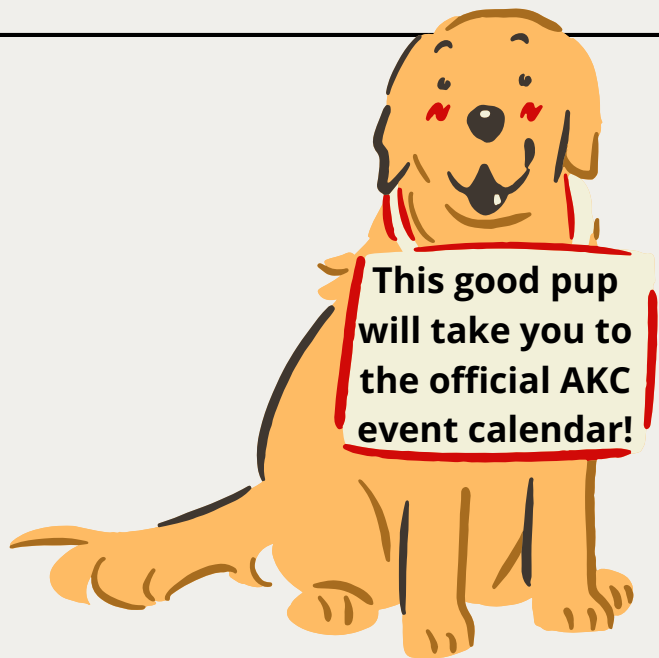
Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
7/6-7/7	RLY	Imperial Polk Obed Club of Lakeland	Lakeland	6/19	L Currey, BJ Crim Critelli
7/12	RLY	Obedience Club of Daytona	Daytona	6/26	NE Noonan, NJ Watson
7/13-7/14	O	Obedience Club of Daytona	Daytona	6/26	J Kern, B Riemer, NJ Watson
7/20-7/21	O, RLY	Upper Suncoast Training Club	Clearwater	7/3	RH Knight, CA Knight, E McCarthy
7/20-7/21	RLY	Obed Club of Palm Beach	Lake Park	7/3	L Currey, BJ Crim Critelli
7/27-7/28	O	Dog Training Club of Tampa	Tampa	7/12	CA Knight, RH Knight
7/27-7/28	O	Indian River Dog Train Club	Palm Bay	7/10	L Seeley, RE Seeley

Upcoming Florida Trials

August 2024

Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
8/3-8/4	RLY	Dog Training Club of Tampa	Tampa	7/17,19,&26	J Rogers, M Becker, ENA
8/9-8/11	RLY, O	Mid-FL Golden Retriever Club	Orlando	7/24	L Pinnell, C Mett-Trumbly, CA Knight, RH Knight
8/17-8/18	O	Sarasota Obedience Training Club	Myakka City	8/2	TG McCall
8/24-8/25	RLY, O	Dog Training Club of St. Pete	St. Petersburg	8/7	K Wrey, R Hornfisher

RLY (rally), O (obedience), PO (preferred obedience), NA (not yet approved), TBA (to be announced), ENA (event not approved), P (pending), PJA (pending judge approval), PPP (pending panel processing)



Obedience Club of Daytona

OBEDIENCE AND RALLY "C" MATCH

SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2024

OCOD TRAINING CENTER
1276 8th Street, Daytona Beach
(Corner of 8th & Derbyshire)

REGISTRATION
(Day of Match only - no pre-registration)
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Building opens at 7:30 AM
Judging starts at 8:30 AM

OBEDIENCE:
Beginner Novice, Novice, Open & Utility

RALLY
Nested Rally Course (Novice – Masters)

OBEDIENCE - \$10 PER RUN
RALLY - \$10 FOR 2 RUNS
(Check or Cash - Please bring correct amount)

The Novice ring (Ring 4) will be available for Open/Utility runs after Novice class is complete

For more information contact Anna Johnson
tyddenbach@gmail.com - (386) 767-6798

School's Out for Summer but Training Never Ends!

Temperatures are rising as we approach the dog days of summer, but don't let the lack of classes at K9 be your excuse to slack off! Keep reading for training ideas in the comfort of your AC.

Summer's the perfect time to work on "non-sexy" training skills. If your dog's behaviour has made you say "I don't have time for this," now is the time to work on it! What can you work on that would making living with your dog easier or make trial experiences smoother? This might look like finessing crate behaviour, stationing, waiting your turn or finding optimal arousal for any given activity.

Consider strengthening your dog's obedience skills as well as your own training skills. Get creative beyond what you'll experience in real life or in trial and proof with all of your dog's senses in mind. As visual creatures, people tend to be more cognizant of our dog's visual distractions, but what about tactile senses, scents, and sounds? For example, can your dog transition from sit, down, to stand on bubble wrap while you're wearing a new perfume? Incorporating controlled randomness and novelty in training builds optimism and strengthens skills so that when something unexpected happens in the real world, your dog will assume that it's just another test you've set up in the training game. We can also proof you, the handler! Try testing YOUR ability to focus on your dog and resiliency to recover appropriately. Can you ignore a phone randomly ringing during your session? Think of ways you can artificially introduce pressure and arousal in yourself to practice performing under stress so that you're not affecting your dog. For example, can you work with your dog after you've done some cardio to bring up your heart rate, adrenaline, and breathing? Weird things happen in trial and real life, so it's worth your while to prepare both ends of the leash with external tangible distractions and internal physiological and mental distractions.

Work on slow emotion related behaviours like cooperative care, building confidence and resiliency. This often requires incredibly small steps, but makes life easier in the long run. Perhaps you want to get fancy and incorporate "start buttons" in your husbandry so that your dog can tell you when to keep going and when to give them a break. Even if your dog is already a superstar, you can still work on emotion! I have yet to see someone say their dog is TOO confident and resilient. Increase the difficulty with cooperative care to mimic vet procedures, work on sudden environmental changes, or create obstacle courses with stuff around the house to build confidence through body awareness. Can your dog walk through a sheet draped over 2 chairs or will he be unsure of the sheet falling on him? Get creative! Now is also the time to prepare for 4th of July fireworks whether that's getting medication on board or practicing your fireworks protocol. It's too late if you wait until July to start.

As for my summer plans, I hope to strengthen my reinforcement procedure specifically with play. Just like with confidence and resiliency, there's always something more you can do to make your reinforcement clearer and more enticing for your dog.

Stay cool and happy training! - Amy





Contact Us



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 **Colleen Whalen** **K9Whalen@comcast.net**

Sunshine

Sheila Garbecki oversees the "Sunshine Committee." If you know of a member in need of cheering up or well wishes from the club, email **sbgarb1@yahoo.com**

Building & Grounds

If you see something that needs cleaning or repairing, please let **Debbie Gilman** know about it by text **610-597-5454** or email **debgilman10@gmail.com**

Facebook

Janice Butler, Deb Hardman, and Juli Wilkison administrate the Facebook page. For issues or additions related to Facebook, email Janice, Deb or Juli

K9 Web Calendar

Colleen Whalen updates the calendar on the K9 website. For issues or additions related to the calendar, please email **K9Whalen@comcast.net**

Wishlist



Nature's Miracle

Program Committee

If you have suggestions for speakers, contact **Colleen Whalen** at **K9Whalen@comcast.net** or **Deb Hardman** at **debhardman1@comcast.net**

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.