



K9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville Inc.



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welcome

New Full Members:

Cindy Iken, Megan Richards,
Rhonda Taylor and Ching
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President's Letter

I want to thank everyone who helped thin out the crates at K9. We now have a lot more room to move between crates and to keep the cement pad clean.

Today I am reaching out to all K9 members and provisionals to join our Building and Grounds Committee and/or our Hurricane Preparation Committee. Building and Grounds is responsible for keeping the campus clean and in good working order. As the saying goes, "many hands make light work". We thank Debbie Gilman for years of leadership and service as head of this committee. She is retiring from this job to spend more time with her grandchildren. Over the past year, we have been successful in shifting from one person doing everything, to working in committees that share the load. We are looking for people to make a one-year commitment as a volunteer, sharing the responsibility with others in maintaining our campus. K9 Obedience Club belongs to each of us. We need to build a list of members and provisionals we can call on an as needed basis to lend a hand, provide ideas, and share your talents. We are also looking for a member to chair this committee. This would entail identifying needs and reaching out to the committee members for help, acting as the point person.

The Hurricane committee also needs a chairperson and committee members. Members would be contacted well in advance of an imminent hurricane to come to K9 as a group and spend about an hour and a half preparing the facility for the storm. We have a written a document detailing what needs to be done to secure the property according to the predicted category of the hurricane.

Please email me at: **debhardman1@comcast.net** to let me know which committee you would like to volunteer on, and remember our Annual Meeting is June 20th when we vote on our board for 2024-2025.

Finally, I want to wish all our K9 exhibitors a fun and successful weekend at our trial in Daytona May 4th and 5th. And I want to thank Alison and all the volunteers who are helping make our trail a huge success. We could not do it without you!

Deb Hardman, President



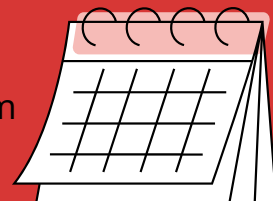
DON'T FORGET

5/4 & 5/5 K9 Trials @ Daytona Beach

5/9 Board of Governors Meeting

5/25 Newsletter deadline

5/26 Show n Go 9am-12pm



Training Director Report

Now is a wonderful time for class and training at K-9. Beautiful breezy days and brisk evenings make it fun to be outside with our canine companions! Classes will wind down in late May and fewer offerings are available in the summer heat. Don't worry, a full schedule will be set in September. Remember, K-9 is YOUR club—if there is a class you want to see offered, I encourage you to make it known.



BREAKING NEWS

In June, K-9 will have an exciting new Training Director take over! Samantha Giacalone is set to step into the role with enthusiasm, energy and new ideas! If you have taken a class with or from her, met her at the club and gotten to know her, you can imagine how effective she will surely be. I know every member will want to support Sam in this important role.

Of all the things I have done for K-9, Training Director is the most fun! The instructors are fantastic and there is never a dull moment with students and their dogs! It has been a really good way to meet and stay in touch with members. My advice for everyone is to review the progress you made during the year and set goals for the coming fall. Summer and outdoor training are a challenge, so finding ways to train in the AC is important. That way when the weather cools, you will be ready to continue your training program at full speed. A “Companion Dog Sports Program” trial will be held in Orlando in October. The K-9 fall trial is also scheduled for October. I hope you will prepare for both of these excellent opportunities to “test” your training skills.



Trial Secretary Report

As I write this report, I am finishing up with the details of organizing for the May 4 & 5 K-9 trials in Daytona Beach—and not alone, I might add. Cheryl Loze has been contacting you to steward. Melissa Hess, Deb Hardman and Sheila Garbecki have been organizing ribbons and awards. Angela Maddux, Livie Sayer and Terry Martin have planned and will set up the volunteer snacks and lunch. Ginny Ruskuski is preparing gift baskets to bid on. Ginny and Robin Wallen will organize the baskets for ticket sales. All of these details add up to make a cheerful, busy trial--speaking of which, this trial weekend filled to capacity before the closing date!! That is a rare occurrence these days, but some folks were VERY disappointed to be turned away. This is sure to be a very interesting weekend! Those of you who are stewarding are in for a treat because you will definitely see some of the premier competitors in Rally and Obedience from all over.

K-9's trial is special because we hold Rally and Obedience in the same venue. Also, having 2 trials in one day over a weekend has potential for people to earn a title in one weekend. Holding the trials in Daytona Beach is an advantage due to being centrally located right off I-95 and also where many competitors train and take classes. Finally, we are lucky to have some great judges for our trials. Dr. Robert and Cathryn Knight for obedience and Jeanette Rogers and Marlene Becker for Rally.

K-9 has all the makings of a good trial---Active member volunteers that contribute time and talent, a clean well-equipped location with cooperative membership, super judges that draw a large entry, eager exhibitors. It's very exciting to be part of a special event that celebrates what we love—training our dogs!! If you haven't volunteered yet and would like to do so, let me know...
FINALLY,
Good luck to all members that have entered the trials!!

Alison



I want to thank all of you who donated to the Basket Drawing! Because of you, we will have a very tempting Raffle table. We really have enough for two trials, so if you don't see your donated item(s) please understand they will be used for our November trials. If you are stewarding at our trials, remember to stop by the table for some free tickets! It's the least we can do for our stewards.
My sincere thanks. -
Ginny Ruskuski

Show n Go LAST one before summer!

May 26 from 9 to Noon - Cash only! Last sign up at 11:15am

Rally \$10.00 for 2 runs. Rally starts with Novice and works *up.* In other words, we'll start with Novice at 9AM until 10AM, then Advanced, then Excellent, then Masters.

Obedience - \$10.00 per run. Obedience starts with Utility and works *down.* So, Utility starts at 9AM, then Open, then Novice.

There will be CGC testing (\$20.00) and Trick testing (\$10.00 per level).

All are welcome. We hope to see you there!

I was the goodest pup at the last Show n Go.



Nuh uh! My mom said I was the goodest at Show n Go!



Barks and Brags



Sheila Garbecki's spaniels are on a roll!

On the left, Dannica entered and Q's in 3 events in the Greater Orange Park Dog Club on April 6. In addition she earned her Title in Master Choice.

On the right, Josie entered her first Fast Cat event in Elkton, FL. She ran twice with 14.55 MPH her 1st score and then she increased to 17.53 MPH. Josie was also entered in Rally Intermediate and took home 2 Q's one of which was 4th place.

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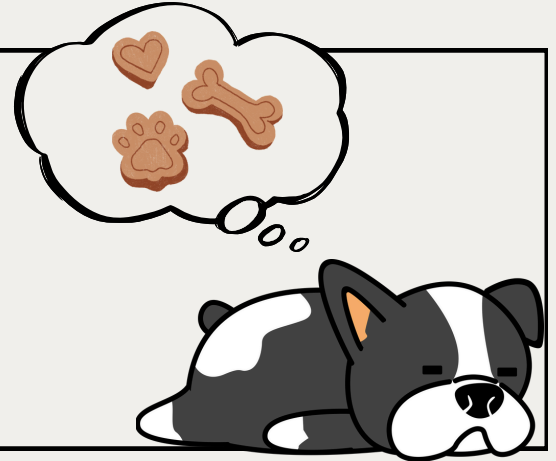
A huge congratulations to Toby VI Graves (lab on the left) and Ryker Venet Wills (bulldog on the right) for earning their CGC titles! Both teams worked incredibly hard in preparation for the test and they passed with flying colours. These pups and handlers have built the skills and relationship that will take them far beyond CGC. Their instructors couldn't be more proud, you did it!



K9 Class Calendar for May

Monday

Friday



Tuesday

6:00pm CGC prep (ends May 7th)

Saturday

12pm Intro to Nosework
(ends May 18th)

Wednesday


6:00pm STAR Puppy (ends May 1st)
7:15pm Advanced Rally (ends May 1st)
Conformation Drop In's

Sunday

11:30am Intro to Odor II (off site)

Thursday

10:00am Obedience and Rally Skills
(ends May 8th)
11:15 obedience and rally?
6:00pm Continuing Nosework
(off site - ends May 1st)



**Click to check the
K9 web calendar
for last minute
updates**

Upcoming Florida Trials

May 2024

Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
5/4-5/5	O, RLY	Dog Training Club St Pete	St Pete	4/26	DP Neufeld, C Caballero
5/4-5/5	O, RLY	K9 Obedience Club of Jax	Daytona Bch	4/17	CA Knight, RH Knight, J Rogers, M Becker
5/11-5/12	RLY	Indian River Dog Train Club	Palm Bay	4/24	M Becker, K Hazelet
5/13-5/14	O, RLY	Boston Terrier Club of Amer	Tampa	4/17	DP Neufeld, L Pinnell
5/18-5/19	RLY	Imperial Polk Obed Club	Lakeland	5/1	K Kincaid, AP Kincaid
5/24-5/26	O	Miami Obedience Club	Miami	5/8	L Seeley
5/31	O	Orlando Dog Training Club	Orlando	5/15	L Currey, RH Knight, CA Knight

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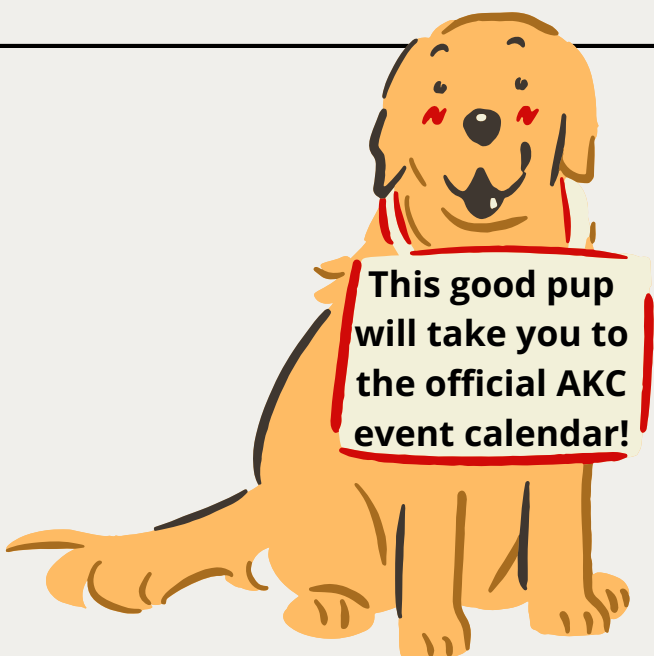
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6/1-6/2	RLY	Orlando Dog Training Club	Orlando	5/15	NE Noonan, L Currey
6/1-6/2	O, RLY	Tallahassee Dog Obed Club	Tallahassee	5/17	J Kern, C Caballero
6/8-6/9	O	Obed Club of Palm Beach	Lake Park	5/22	O Chever Jr.
6/14	RLY	St Pete Dog Fanciers Assoc	Tampa	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

Upcoming Florida Trials

July 2024

Date	Event	Club	City	Closing	Judges
7/6	RLY	Imperial Polk Obed Club of Lakeland	Lakeland	6/19	ENA
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	O	Upper Suncoast Training Club	Clearwater	7/3	RH Knight, CA Knight
7/20-7/21	R	Obed Club of Palm Beach	Lake Park	7/3	L Currey, BJ Crim Critelli
7/21	RLY	Upper Suncoast Training Club	Clearwater	7/3	E McCarthy
7/27-7/28	O	Dog Training Club of Tampa	Tampa	7/12	ENA
7/27-7/28	O	Indian River Dog Train Club	Palm Bay	7/10	L Seeley, RE Seeley, ENA

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)



PUPPY Reveal!



Heidi Graves's Toby VI

Heidi Grave's Jameson

Alison Nelson's Rex

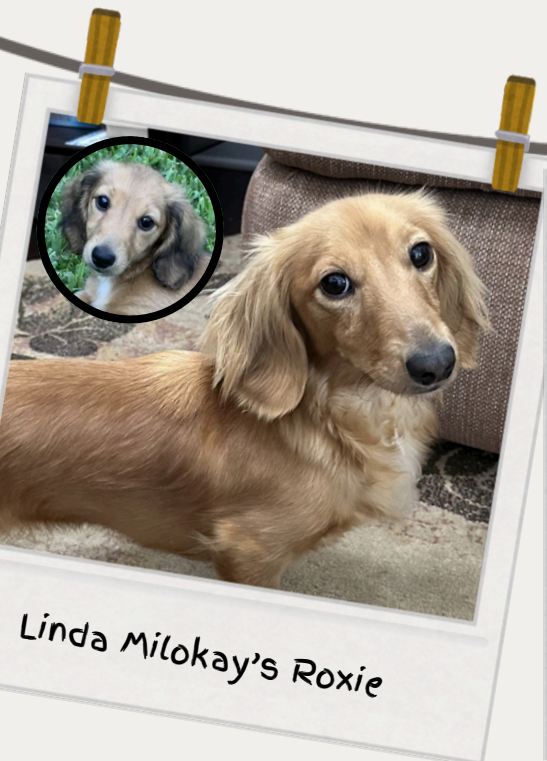


Patty Keiner's Brodie

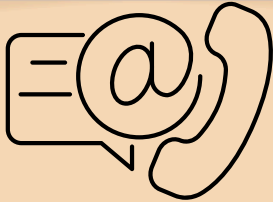


Alaina George's Everest

PUPPY Reveal!



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.