





**"WHERE TRAINING KICKS IN AND  
THE FUN BEGINS!"**

 Interested in club membership, which includes discounts on classes? Members can be voted in after attending 2 meetings & paying dues.

 Socialization on Sundays at the Clubhouse 12:00-2:30

 Please contact Lori Starling at [Lstar@Knology.net](mailto:Lstar@Knology.net) to request class registration forms

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GPCDFA is also on facebook

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 1: 6:00-7:00 Intro to Flyball class starts
- Oct 2: Octoberfest. Wet Tshirt & Weiner Dog Contest - Harrison Ave.
- Oct 13: 6:30 AKC Star Puppy class starts
- Oct 14: 6:30 Canine Good Citizen class starts
- Oct 16: Barkin' on the Bay, Bay Point Marina
- Oct 18: 7:30 Dog Club meeting
- Oct 30: 10:00-5:00 AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day, including Dog-O-Ween and photos with Santa-Naju dog park
- Nov 12: Grad Nov/Open Obed Class starts
- Nov 13-14: Obed/Rally Seminar, Pensacola
- Nov 15: 7:30 Dog Club meeting
- Dec 3-5: AKC Agility, 5 Flags DTC, P'Cola
- Dec 3-5: Flyball tourney, Talladega
- Dec 4: Christmas Parade (time to get started on our float)
- Dec 10-12: AKC Agility, Montgomery, AL
- Dec 20: GPCDF Christmas Party
- Jan 7-9: AKC Agility, Pensacola Dog Fanciers

Watch for our members on the news!

Karen and Ben will be on News 13 October 26th. It is confirmed that Karen and Jeremiah will be on News 7 October 27th. The television appearances are to promote Responsible Dog Ownership Day at NaJu on October 30th.

## *Beach Rover Ramblings*

*by Donna Fowler*

*The Beach Rover Flyball Team competed in two tournaments in August and September. The Dog Daze UFLi tournament was August 14 & 15 and the Beach Rovers took 3 teams to the tournament; that's 18 dogs! Just to put that number of dogs in perspective - a two years ago we had trouble filling ONE team. Wow the team has grown.*



*Dogs earning titles at that tournament were:*

*Ava & Gatlin owned/handled by Allen & Debbie Jelks, and Max owned/handled by Donna Waddell- Top Flight; Mindy owned & handled by Jen Keener and Rascal handled by Nancy Roesle, Top Flight Level I, Dixie (our Great Dane from NC) handled by Joyce Linnon & Jax owned by Lynn Merrell-Top Flight Level II, and Toby owned by Debbie Todd-Weinberg - Top Flight Level III.*

*The September tourney was at the Liberty Run Tournament in Talladega on September 11 & 12. Again the team entered 3 teams and earned titles for many of the dogs who competed: Lucy Roesle, Ava & Gatlin Jelks all earned their Flyball Dog Titles. Rascal, handled by Nancy Roesle and Mindy Keener both earned their Flyball Dog Champion titles.*



*The next tournament for the team is the Jingle Bell Jump in Talladega on December 4 & 5th. The club will be conducting an intro to flyball class. Those classes will begin October 1 and there will be 6 weekly classes. For additional information e-mail Donna Fowler @ [donninpc@yahoo.com](mailto:donninpc@yahoo.com) or contact any flyball team member!!!*

**Intro to flyball classes begin October 1.** You should be able to view the file, but for those of you with difficulty opening PDF files or attachments - below is the text only version. Flyball is a race between two teams of four dogs racing side-by-side over a 51 foot long course. Each dog must run in relay fashion down the jumps, trigger a Flyball box, release the ball, and return over the jumps with the retrieved ball. Flyball is not limited to the size or breed of dog: both purebred and mixed breeds are welcome.

There are two national organizations that have Flyball tournaments: United Flyball League International (UFLi) and North American Flyball Association (NAFA). Both organizations have tournaments, titles, and similar rules. The goal of the sport is to create a strong working bond between owner and dog and participate in a team sport. Fun is the ultimate goal of the classes and sport.

Cost: \$50.00 for GPCDFA club members (in good standing) or \$80.00 non-club members. A \$25.00 charge for each additional dog for Handlers with more than one dog. Register by e-mail to Donna Fowler: [donnainpc@yahoo.com](mailto:donnainpc@yahoo.com) or call 850-6251063.

Prerequisite: Dog must not be aggressive, must come when called, and must be able to walk on a leash. Dog must be in fair to good physical condition.

Class Length: 6 weeks

Location: Greater Panama City Dog Fanciers Association (GPCDFA)

4909 East 11th Street, Springfield

Dates: October 1, 8, 16, 22, & 30, November 5th.

Time: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Friday Evenings / Saturday mornings 10:00. First Class is 10/1/2010. Demos on 10/16 & 10/30 will include class time. Talk to D. Fowler if this presents a problem.

Instructors: Primary - Donna Fowler – all Flyball team members will instruct during the classes.

Maximum class size: 10 teams (Handler & Dog) (handler with two dogs is two teams)

Note: Classes are sequential. Students must pre-register and provide dog's shot records. Classes are limited to the first 10 teams who pay in full. Overflow students will be placed on a waiting list but are not guaranteed entry to the class. Once Class begins, no refunds will be issued.

For more information about the class contact and/or Submit Registration form Request to Donna Fowler at [donnainpc@yahoo.com](mailto:donnainpc@yahoo.com) or call 850-625-1063

**Club Clean up (by Ben Ortiz)-** The back area of the dog club was overgrown with thorns, brush, broken fence pieces, & trash. Now, the area is trash free & safer. There were many club members willing to lend a hand. Donna Waddell brought her army of tools and tractors. The huge bonfire at her house was a blast. The Keeners, the “Queen” and Chuck, Melissa Frye, and many others sweat gallons and suffered bloody cuts by thorn bushes. First phase is finished; next, the new growth will be leveled so a layer of wood chips can be spread out. Thanks to everyone that helped with grounds and building maintenance this summer. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



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## BRAGS!!! CONGRATS ALL!!

**Kinsley McClusky** received his Delta/Pet Partner re certification as a therapy dog on 9/12/10! It is good for 2 years.

**Remi Keener-** AKC Star Puppy & **CGC Monet Keener-** AKC Open Agility

**Finn Eckert** finished his ASCA Novice B Obedience with a score of 189. He also got 2 legs in Novice Rally, which gave him his Title. **Will** and **Lolly** both got 2 legs each in Novice Rally giving them their titles.

**Saydie Waddell** earned her AKC Star Puppy Certificate!

**Missy Sanders** took the Brood Bitch class in the UKC premier shows in Richmond, IN. **Knight** took the Best puppy in show & **Sas-A-Fras** took Best Female in the White Shepherd National Specialty!!

**Gracie**, owned by new member **Amy Roberts**, earned her Star Puppy Cert. **Abby** earned her CGC!

**Donna Fowler & Chuck Thiele** proudly announce the arrival of **Snap**, an adorable Staffordshire Bull Terrier pup! Also, **K.T.** completed her first heat in flyball!!!



New Member **Debbie Thompson's Jetta** received her AKC Star Puppy Certificate!

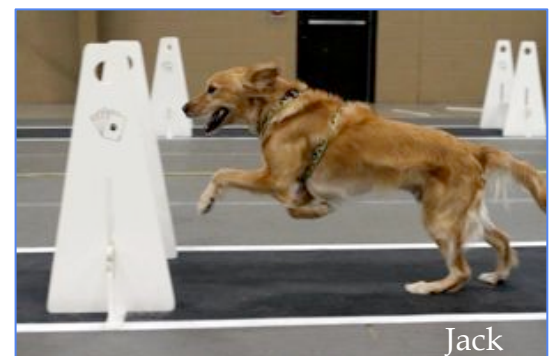
**Melissa Frye** is also proud to introduce her new GSD puppy, **Mako!!**

Congrats to new member **Kim & Rusty Gebhardt** who just adopted, **Blue**, a 2 year 8 month old Lab/Australian Shepherd mix from The Humane Society of Bay County!! Blue is heartworm positive & will begin treatment at Breeze Animal Hospital in late Oct. The Humane Society of Bay Co raised funds to pay for the treatment. Until treatment begins, the Gebhardt family will be at the dog club on Sundays for socialization & the rally novice class. They are overjoyed with the warm welcome they have received at GPCDF and look forward to being active members.

### New Beach Rover Titles:

**Ava & Gatlin Jelks-** Top Flight & FD  
**Mindy Keener** - FDCh & Top Flight I  
**Jack Zacchio** - FDCh-S  
**Jax Merrell** - Top Flight II  
**Toby Todd Weinberg** - Top Flight III  
**Max Waddell** - Top Flight  
**Rascal (Nancy Rosele)** Top Flight I, FDCh  
**Lucy Rosele** - FD

**Mya Dickon** earned her CGC!!



### SHOW UPDATE:

The judges for the 2011 shows have been hired: Mrs. Arlene Benko, Mrs. Patricia Gellerman, Mr. Pete Dawkins, Mr. James Frederiksen, Mrs. Ruth Prehn. Waiting on approval from AKC. We will need a couple more volunteer stewards. Free stewarding class will begin in March or April 2011. Please email me if anyone is interested in learning how to steward conformation and/or obedience.

Thanks,  
Margaret Adcock, Show Chairman



GPCDFA is very excited to introduce several new members!! We extend a warm welcome to: Kim Gebhardt, Debbie Thompson, Karen Nuesbaum, Amy Roberts, and Ricky Beggins.

Congrats to Yolanda Purvis for submitting the winning slogan for our contest. Her entry, "**WHERE TRAINING KICKS IN AND THE FUN BEGINS!**" won her a \$50 certificate to her favorite restaurant!! The slogan will be used on new club tshirts.

### Barkin' On the Bay –

Bay Point Marina

Oct 16<sup>th</sup> is the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser for Bay County Humane Society. GPCDFA is a sponsor and will be doing demos & meet the breeds. There will be contests with great prizes. It's a fun way to spend time with your dogs and friends, and to help raise money for a very worthwhile cause.

### Responsible Dog Ownership Day

when? October 30, 10:00-5:00

where? Naju dog park

**AKC RDOD** is our **BIG** event of the fall! We need everyone to come out and help! There will be demos throughout the day...agility, obedience, rally, flyball, search and rescue, and Meet the Breeds.

**Pet Pictures with Santa** from 1:00-3:00  
You can choose from Traditional or Beach Santa – photo packages start at \$10

**Dog-O-Ween** registration at 3:00,  
judging at 4:00

The Humane Society of Bay Co will do microchipping, aided by Breeze Animal Hospital.

We will be selling hamburgers and hot dogs. There will be lots of vendors. Free Admission. Please spread the word!

**AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy** graduates will be encouraged to continue working towards the next step in training, AKC's Canine Good Citizen award. Canine Good Citizen training emphasizes responsible owners and well-mannered dogs.

Cost: \$50.00 for GPCDFA club members (in good standing) or \$80.00 non-club members. There is a \$25.00 charge for each additional dog for Handlers with more than one dog.

**Prerequisite:** Dogs will need to be between 8 weeks of age and 1 year. Owners must attend all 6 weeks of classes. We understand that emergencies and health issues happen so we will have a way of making up missed tests.

Class Length: 6 weeks

Location: (GPCDFA) Club House

4909 East 11th Street, Springfield

Dates: Oct 13th, 20th, 27th & Nov 03rd, 10th, 17th

Time: 6:30pm – 7:30pm, Wednesday Nights

Instructors: Melissa Frye

Maximum class size: 10 teams (Handler & Dog) (Handler with two dogs is two teams)

## Canine Good Citizen Class

Cost: \$50.00 for GPCDFA club members (in good standing) or \$80.00 non-club members. There is a \$25.00 charge for each additional dog for Handlers with more than one dog.

**Prerequisite:** None.

Class Length: 6 weeks

Location: Greater Panama City Dog Fanciers Association (GPCDFA) Club House

4909 East 11th Street, Springfield

Dates: Oct 14th, 21st, 29th & Nov 04th, 11th, 18th

Time: 6:30pm – 7:30pm, Thursday Nights

Instructors: Melissa Frye

Maximum class size: 10 teams (Handler & Dog) (Handler with two dogs is two teams)

Please contact

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## Upcoming Classes at GPCDFA:

Instructor	Course	Dates	Time
M. Frye	AKC Puppy	Oct 13	6:30-7:30
M Frye	CGC	Oct 14	6:30-7:30
L Eckert	Grad Nov/Open Obed	Nov 12	*1.5+ hours for 6 Classes
A. Robbins	Conformation	Jan 11	2 Hours for 6 Classes
D. Fowler	Intro Flyball	Oct 1	6:00-7:00 for 6 Classes
D. Fowler	Adv Flyball	TBA	2 hours for 8 Classes
L. Starling	AKC Novice Obedience	TBA	*1.5+ hours for 8 Classes
Y.Purvis	AKC Novice Rally	TBA	*1.5+ hours for 8 Classes
L Merrell	Agility skills	TBA	1.5 hour seminar

\* (based on class size)

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## GPCDFA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Jon Eckert

My name is Jon Eckert and I was born and raised in Western Colorado from 1937 until after World War II. My mother was a 3rd generation Coloradoan raised on ranches near Montrose, Paradox and Cedaredge, Colorado. My Grandfather was a rancher ending up near Cedaredge in the mid-20s owning a ranch originally homesteaded by Ed Lavender.



Of course they had cattle and herding dogs. My Grandfather preferred "Shepherds" as did most of the ranchers in the area. I think the "Shepherd" they used would certainly qualify as an Australian Shepherd. Here is a picture of me and Bob our cattle dog around 1938. Now Bob may have been a little high in the rear end according to the Aussie standard but the head and ears are all Aussie. In addition Bob had a blue eye.

The development of the "Shepherd" in this area was facilitated by the annual cattle round up & sort. Each year the cattle are pastured on the Grand Mesa from June to Oct & then driven home. It was a good opportunity for the "Shepherds" to show their stuff to the other ranchers & there was always a demand for offspring. Thus I would suggest the breed was refined based on performance & utility. I don't know that Bob was in demand as a stud dog, but he certainly was one of the performing offspring. He was followed by another red merle "shepherd" called Louie.

As I got older I would go along on the rides in June taking the cattle to the Mesa. It was Bob's & my job to bring back the strays as we worked the herd up the mountain. It kept me busy & Bob or Louie always took care of me and made me look good. Sometimes we would be a mile or so from the herd with some ornery cow that wanted to go her way. Bob or Louie took care of it for me & after a long absence end up back with the herd.

One more story before I bore you too much. My mother was raised as a child near Paradox, Colorado, west of Montrose on the Colorado/Utah border. As a child she had a "Shepherd" which later became the center of a great mystery. When "Mary" the "Shepherd" died, she was ceremoniously buried in a Ute Burial Ground on the ranch.



Later in the '70s archeologists were excavating the site and were confused about the modern day dog bones in the grounds. An article was published in the Grand Junction Sentinel about the find. Word got to my Mother and she was glad to settle the mystery.

The ranch is still going, run by another uncle and his sons. However, the "Shepherds" have turned into borders with the new generation of cattle ranchers.

We still remain faithful to the breed as Liz and I have 3 Aussies at this time. We are out of cattle here in Florida so we are doing agility and obedience. Still the greatest dogs.

# OUT AND ABOUT WITH THE DOGS (& people!) OF GPCDFA!!



[Feel-good puppy video!](#)

