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and
the Fun Begins*

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UP COMING EVENTS

- Jan 16: Board meeting/6:30 General Club Meeting 7:30 at the clubhouse
- Jan 17: Agility lessons begin
- Jan 22: Public Classes begin at the clubhouse, check the website for details & flyers
- Jan 22: 10:00 AKC Competitive Tracking Class begins
- Jan 27-29: ASCA all breed obedience, rally & agility trials/Aussie breed show, Baker, FL
- Jan 28-29: Flyball tourney, Talladega
- Feb 2-5: AKC agility, Pals & Paws Agility club, Jacksonville, FL. Closes Jan 19th
- Feb 8: Entries close for our Cluster Show
- Feb 10-12: AKC agility trial, Mobile, AL
[Mobile agility premium](#)
- Feb 22: Seminole Rottweiler Club of Tallahassee Specialty Show
[Link to Rottie specialty information](#)
- Feb 23/24: GPCDFA Cluster Dog Show/obedience & rally matches,
[Tallahassee GPCDFA Show Premium](#)
- Feb 25/26: ORKC Dog Show, Tallahassee
- Feb 24-26: ORKC Agility trials, Tallahassee

!!! Welcome New Members !!!

Leslie Sloan

Kaplan Petrik

Beach Rover Ramblings: by Donna Fowler



Chuck Thiele, owned by Snap the Staffy, helped Snap earn her FDX and FDCH December 31, and Jan 1, 2012:) The Beach Rover team Rang in the New year with a tournament that ended 2011 and began 2012:) Max, owned and handled by Donna Waddell, earned his FDCH at the same tourney & Trotter Dickon earned his FDCH-G! Next tournament is January 28 & 29 at Talladega.

At the January tourney, Max and Snap both earned FDCH-S! New members, Dwight & Lila Bates worked all weekend with Lila running Buster P and Dwight had probably the most impressive brag of the weekend, box loading with zero errors!!

We LOVE our Instructors!

GPCDFA would like to thank its instructors who willingly volunteer their time and talents, teaching a variety of classes to both members and non-members. Not only do you better the club by advancing the skills of the dog and handler teams, but you also bring in much needed funding to help get our club back on track financially. Classes have brought in \$3554.00 this year!

Everyone should check out the wonderful classes we are starting this month - registration information can be found on the club website. Also, consider trying one of the members-only classes, which include agility, working dog class and now tracking or test your dogs racing skills with the Beach Rovers Flyball team. There really is something for everyone!

Membership Dues. Our current dues are \$25.00 for single, \$35 for family (up to 3 adults in one household) All club members are members of our founding club, the Northwest Florida Foxhunters Assoc. and your Foxhunter dues are included in your GPCDFA dues. Your membership dues are due by April 1st.

You can mail your check to:

GPCDFA DUES
c/o Peggy Zacchio-Treasurer
P.O. Box 2491
Panama City, FL 32402

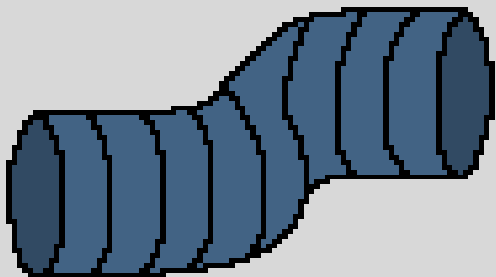
Agility lessons

...have been moved to Tuesdays - YEAH!!! Intermediate/Advanced is from 4:15-5:15 and beginners is from 5:30-6:30. The teacher is Christina Flynn. Lessons will be grouped in six week intervals.




Photo by Michael Loftis


Cost is \$100 for 5 lessons...however, if you come to all 5 lessons, you get a bonus lesson FREE! If you miss a lesson, you can make it up on the 6th lesson. Also, there is a 10% discount for the 2nd dog in the same family. Payment is due on the first lesson...Tuesday, January 17, 2012. The class is for club members only; however, you can sign up for the class, and join at the next dog club meeting. Each class will only have 4-5 students. If you are interested, please email Jennifer at keenerjen@knology.net to hold your spot.





[Taking 16 dogs
for a walk video](#)


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

 Contact Lori Starling at training@gpcdfa.org to request class registration forms

 Please bring a bag of dry dog or cat food to the monthly club meetings for donation to the local Family Services Agency

 Contact Karen at 850 832 3287 for more information on the PAWS pet therapy group.

 Contact Melissa BSCEltic@aol.com if you are interested in the tracking or working dog class.

 Socialization at the Dog Club - some Sundays, 12:00 noon - 2:30 pm, please confirm with Melissa BSCEltic@aol.com



BRAGS!! CONGRATS ALL!!



Jack Zacchio & Trotter Dickon came in 1st & 2nd in the Octoberfest Doggie wet t-shirt contest! Peggy reports that the event was a great success with a large turn out from the dog club. Also, Trotter & Frosty Zacchio passed their Delta Society Therapy Dog test!

Debbie Thompson reports that Jetta passed the CGC exam!

Gemma McClusky (4 yr old golden/lab cross) got her Pet Partners Delta Therapy Certification in Dec! She & Barb are now a therapy dog team!



Keener Krew: Nikki-HIGH IN TRIAL, Open class in ASCA, w/ 1st & 3rd placements!

Chase- NA title with 1st place & Open Stnd leg w/ 1st place

Monet- 2 ASCA Open legs w/ 1st places, new NAP & NJP titles w/ 1st places



Clue-2 ASCA elite regular legs, each w/ 2nd place

Abby-Nov reg, 1st place, Nov jumpers, 1st place; 1 NJP leg

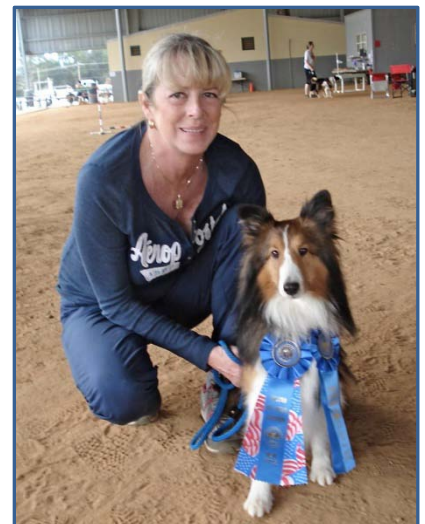
Remi-Nov reg, 1st place, Nov jumpers, 1st place; 1 NA leg, 1st place, 1 NAJ leg, 1st place

According to Mom Gina, Hera Chambers is "Back on her game", doing well in the show ring! She won Winners Bitch one day in Jackson, MS and won reserve 2 days!

Toby earned his NAJ title in Pensacola with a 1st place! He also placed first and second and earned a

new title in ASCA in December. He is pictured here with his proud mom, Debbie Weinberg.

Jax Merrell earned his Novice Fast title with 1st place!



PUPS Bill Update

January 3, 2012

http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=4543

The American Kennel Club and our Washington, D.C.-based advocacy team continue to closely monitor the federal Puppy Uniform Protection and Safety (PUPS) legislation introduced last spring as Senate Bill 707 ([S.707](#)) and House Bill 835 ([H.R. 835](#)). Each of the bills has been assigned to the Agriculture Committees of their respective chambers. To date, no hearings have been scheduled and no formal action has been taken on this bill.

PUPS would purportedly require anyone who *owns or co-owns* dogs that produce 50 or more puppies offered for sale in a 12-month period to be regulated under existing USDA dog “dealer” regulations. **These regulations are designed for high-volume commercial kennels that produce puppies for wholesale**, and require a USDA commercial license, maintenance of specified commercial kennel engineering standards and regular inspections.

The AKC does not oppose the general concept of reasonable regulations for high volume breeder/retailers. However, the PUPS bill is misleading because such regulations would hurt responsible small breeders who raise only a few litters of puppies each year in their homes, while also reducing the availability of resources needed to enforce against abusive or negligent operations.

The AKC also has a number of *serious concerns with the bill as introduced and does not support this measure*. These concerns include:

- Definition of “breeding female” as an intact female dog aged 4 months or older. This definition is misleading because female dogs are not sufficiently mature at 4 months of age to be bred. Additionally, such a definition should not be necessary if a “high volume retail breeder” is to be based on sales, rather than the number of dogs owned.
- Definition of “high volume retail breeder” as someone with “an ownership interest in or custody of one or more breeding female dogs.” This definition is overly broad and does not take into account the tradition of co- and joint ownerships common among dog show participants, sporting dog trainers, hunting club members, and other hobbyists. Additionally, a reference to the number of dogs owned by a breeder is unnecessary and potentially misleading in legislation that does not limit ownership rights per se.
- Current exercise language is overly vague and should be clarified to ensure that the daily exercise requirements do not preclude use of legitimate training or exercise equipment or other types of physical activity.
- This legislation calls for exponentially expanding the numbers of breeders regulated and inspected by the Animal Care division of the United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Animal, Plant and Health Inspection Service (APHIS). However, a May 2010 audit of this program by the USDA’s own Inspector General demonstrated that the existing inspections program is insufficient to carry out current responsibilities. The AKC believes these issues and full funding for the current program should be addressed before attempting to exponentially expand the program’s responsibilities and workload.

AKC Government Relations & our Washington-based advocates will continue to closely monitor the activities of key members of Congress, policy committees & their staff for any developments regarding PUPS. We are committed to keeping our constituents updated via email and the AKC website. Updated information about PUPS & other legislation is available online at http://www.akc.org/news/sections/legislative_alerts.cfm or by clicking on “US Fed” on [AKC’s online legislative tracking system](#).

2012 Dog Show - "Name that Cluster" Cluster

GPCDFA is having a cluster show with Ochlockonee River Kennel Club February 23-26, 2012 at the Tallahassee Fairgrounds. GPCDFA has Thurs the 23rd & Fri the 24th. ORKC will be Saturday the 25th and Sunday the 26th, 2012.

Please come and enter these Shows to support our club. We also will be offering Rally/Obedience matches. Entry forms are on page 28 of the Premium, which can be found down at the clubhouse.

Liz Eckert, Show Chairwoman

"Name That Cluster" Cluster Show Premium

Please read this information on our Cluster Show! There are obedience, rally & conformation matches, an agility trial, heart & CERF clinics, DNA lab, Rottweiler specialty, golf tourney, etc! Not to mention the great vendors who will be there. Please plan to come out and support our club!



Volunteers needed for our show!

Looking for volunteers for our conformation shows Feb 23-24, as well as the obedience & rally matches. We will need hospitality hosts for the judges, folks to sell catalogs & raffle tickets, ring crew & judges for the matches, volunteers to bring a covered dish for the workers, etc. ORKC also asks that we provide relief workers for their gate crew.

We also need raffle prize donations.

More details at the January 16th club meeting, and watch the Yahoo group.

This is an opportunity for our club to make some much needed \$

Please plan to help!

For more info, Contact Lori at membership@GPCDFA.org

Some info on Cluster Show events. For more info, see the premium list.

ATTENTION TO ALL

Because this will be a **SELF-CLEANING SHOW**,
we want to treat you right!

Thank you **Coffee & Donuts/Danish**
will be served every morning in **Building #2**.

For the early arrivals, don't forget the
PEACH COBBLER WELCOME PARTY!!
Beginning at **7:00 pm on Wednesday, February 22**
Just arrive at **Building #2 & ENJOY!!!!**
Sponsored By **Sam's Club**

WHO LET THE DOGS OUT???

Dinner Saturday night

\$10.00 per person, children under 6 **FREE**
Tickets must be purchased at the Trophy Table
Seating limited to the **FIRST 100!**

Greater Panama City Dog Fanciers Association, Inc.
is holding an **Obedience/Rally Match on Thursday & Friday.**
Entries taken at the Trophy Table
Matches begin **30 minutes after Best in Show**

Parking Fees for Automobiles & Spectators:
\$6:00 per car per day • **5 day** parking pass **\$25.00**
(Unlimited entry per day)

NAME THAT CLUSTER CLUSTER RULES

This is your opportunity to name this show.
There will be entry blanks at the Trophy Table.
All entries must be submitted by **Saturday at noon.**
Winner will be announced **before Best in Show on Saturday.**

Spring Class Schedule: by Training Director Lori Starling

Classes start January 22nd.

[Link for Flyers with info on each class](#)

Times:

12:00 STAR Puppy

1:00 CGC

2:15 Rally for Fun

3:30 Obedience Training with Markers

NEW Advanced Obedience Training Drop-in Class will be held the first Saturday of each month from 10:00 to 12:00. We ask a donation of \$5-\$10.

**** Members-only classes ****

Agility (details on newsletter pg 3)

Working Dog Sport Class - meets on Sunday mornings at 8:30 am. Class covers Schutzhund Style Obedience, Drive building, Tracking (different style to AKC) and for those that are interested Protection Work.

NEW AKC Competitive Tracking Class - They will be meeting at 10:00 on Sunday Jan 22nd to meet the instructor and set up class schedules and fees.

Email questions to: training@gpcdfa.org

The Florida Pan-Handlers Australian Shepherd Club will hold its show January 27-29th in Baker, FL. All breeds (including mixed breeds) can participate in agility, obedience & rally. (it's a wonderful opportunity to practice your skills for upcoming AKC trials) The conformation shows are for Australian Shepherds only. See this website for more information, including ASCA rally rules and signs.

[Florida Pan-Handlers ASCA Website](#)

Dog Show Raffle Basket Donations

A HUGE thank you to those of you who have made donations for the raffle prizes for our Feb 23/24th shows. Barb McClusky donated some of her gorgeous handmade baskets! More donations are needed, either prizes or cash to buy prizes. I plan to buy a crate & fill it with goodies, which has been done very successfully in the past.

We are only 6 weeks out, so it's almost begging time!
Please let me know how you can help!



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



[Bulldog vs kitten](#)
[CUTE video!](#)

