



# MFSDA NEWSLETTER December 2020

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2020 is almost behind us. Despite the hurdles, our club has made great strides this year towards our AKC accreditation and the ability to hold AKC sanctioned events in 2021. This is because of our strong membership, board members and the love of our sporting dogs. Let us continue to work together.

Happy Holidays to All,

*Laurel*

Laurel Medley,  
President

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### 2020 MFSDA Executive Board:

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GENERAL MEETING - IN BROOKSVILLE AND VIA ZOOM  
BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR TIME AND ZOOM LINK




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Check you email and our FB page as the date nears.  
General meeting to be held in Brooksvilel at the Florida Gulf Coast Cluster AND via Zoom.

January 15, 2021



**MFSDA ANNUAL TITLE RIBBONS**

Did your sporting dog earn any new titles during 2020? If so, the Mid-Florida Sporting Dog Association would like to recognize your dog with special title rosette.

**Eligibility requirements:**

1. The dog's primary owner must be a member of MFSDA (primary owner determined by who the dog lives with 50% or more of the year)
2. The dog must be a sporting breed, or a breed that is currently in FSS or Miscellaneous prior to being recognized as a sporting breed.
3. Dog must have earned one or more titles during the 2020 calendar year.
4. Club will purchase only one rosette per dog, but co-owners may elect to purchase additional rosettes at their own expense

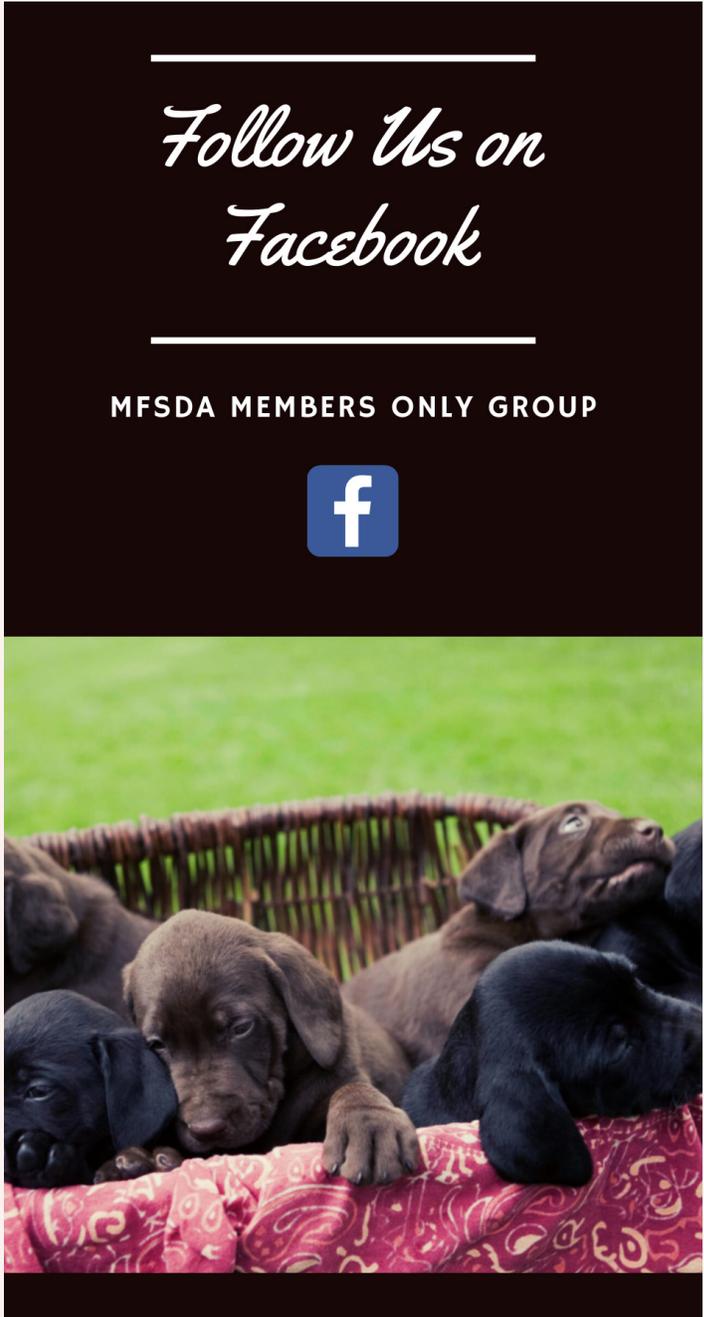
Each rosette will have your dog's call name, registered name with titles, and titles earned in 2020, under our MFSDA logo. All you need to do is provide the information, and MFSDA will do the rest.

For each dog you wish to list on a title rosette, please provide the following information:

- Your name**
- Your e-mail address**
- Dog's full name with titles**
- Dog's titles earned in 2020**
- Dog's breed**
- Dog's call name**

Please send this information to Carolee Boyles at [carolee@caroleeboylesmediagroup.com](mailto:carolee@caroleeboylesmediagroup.com) by **January 5.** That will give everyone time to include any titles earned in Orlando in December.

You will have an opportunity to proof the information before it goes to be printed on the rosette.



*We are looking for contributors for: Conformation, Field (Pointing & Retrieving), Agility, Rally, Tracking and all performace events. We welcome articles & stories about all kinds of events so that others can learn what these activities are and how they can get involved.*

*Share your Stories & Information to:  
[FSDANewsletter@FLSportingdogs.com](mailto:FSDANewsletter@FLSportingdogs.com)*

MID-Florida Sporting Dog Association  
proudly presents...

# MFSDA

## Member SpotLight

### JUDEE BOLAND

I was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, where my father raised Beagles. Most all of my toddler pictures are in the puppy pens. At three, we moved to Scottsmoor, Florida. I grew up in Brevard County, during the boom of the Space Industry. My father was an avid hunter, deer and fowl, and trained, owned and bred a variety of Sporting dogs. There was a lot of scent training involved. When I was nine, he brought me a Weimaraner, female, and it was love at first site...she was my constant shadow. She was the introduction to my heart dog!

In the 1995, the dog who changed my life came to me on Christmas Eve. He was eight weeks old, and in a room full of people, he came over and sat on my feet. He challenged me to be the human he deserved. My first champion! My first competitive hunter, rally, CGC, and the best ambassador for the breed you could ever meet. He helped me hone my evaluation of the breed, and to breed with purpose purebred dogs.

I competed in horse shows and trained Quarter Horses for showmanship as well as cutting horses on cattle. I was the President of the Brevard County Junior Horseman's Association. We held horse shows and participated in community events which taught me the value of volunteers' contributions. When people talk about all the work of showing dogs, it causes me to chuckle...try showing horses every week end!

I was always involved in helping Weimaraners whose owner's failed them find a permanent home. That eventually progressed into Weimaraner Rescue. In the 1990s, a group of Weimaraner lovers met, and founded the Timucuan Weimaraner Club of Florida. I have served actively since we started the Club. At one time, we placed over 200 Weimaraners through Rescue in one year. That's really a full time job. I currently serve as the Rescue Coordinator and Show Chairman for our annual Specialty. One of my sweetest oldies that I rescued from a shelter repaid me for all my years of service by saving my life. He detected my breast cancer when it was approximately 6 mm and it was successfully removed...twenty years ago.

I currently serve as the Vice President of the West Volusia Kennel Club and work on the annual All Breed show. I have made lifelong friendships with people who share the love of our dogs, a common bond that is truly heartfelt.



# Committee Updates

## Activities Committee Update

*Rob Bitler, Activities Chair*

While the current pandemic conditions have kept us home with our dogs, that doesn't keep the MFSDA from planning for the future when we can be together celebrating the greatness of our sporting dogs.

We are currently planning two events, conditions permitting, for later in 2021. Exact dates will be determined as conditions allow.

The first event is a confirmation workshop with Mara Powell. This would be a working event with you and your dog and should cost around \$70 (exact cost to be determined). Estimated time for the workshop is late winter/early spring.

Our other event will be a seminar with Pat Hastings. Pat is very well known and hasn't been in the area for quite sometime, so we are excited to welcome her to FL and to work with our group. We are still working with Pat on the exact dates, subject to travel restrictions and such.

There are also several membership meetings over the next few months (in-person and virtual options will be available) as we elect new officers.

If there are any other activities you would like to see the club put on, please reach out to Rob Bitler or any other MFSDA board member. Stay safe and give your dogs a hug.

## Conformation Committee Update

*Meredith & Hector Hector, Conformation Co-Chairs*

Our request for license status and supporting documentation was submitted to AKC at the beginning of December.

We have been informed by our AKC contact that our request will be placed on the agenda for the New Clubs Committee, which usually reviews each request at least 6-8 weeks from receipt. Due to the health pandemic and reduced staffing, we have been advised that processing times are a bit longer.

So we are hopeful the first quarter of 2021 will bring good news at that we'll be able to host our first license show in the last quarter of the year.

We thank everyone for their continued support and patience with the accreditation process.

## Membership Update

*Bonnie Hill, Membership Chair*

Our membership renewal has moved to April 1st starting in 2021. We will be sending reminders in February. If you have renewed already I have it recorded.

Our membership form can be found online on our private MFSDA FB page, in this newsletter, and also on our website. <https://mid-floridasportingdogassociation.weebly.com/>

# Kennel Cough in Dogs

Wendy Brooks, DVM, DABVP

Date Published: 01/01/2001

Date Reviewed/Revised: 06/17/2017

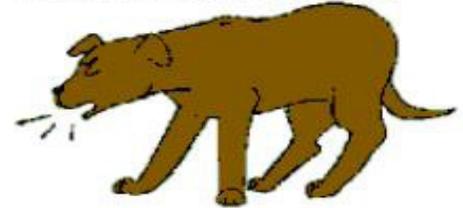
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*(Also called Canine Infectious Respiratory Disease, CIRDC, or Infectious Tracheobronchitis)*

## What is it?

Kennel cough is an infectious bronchitis of dogs characterized by a harsh, hacking cough that most people describe as sounding like “something stuck in my dog’s throat.” This bronchitis may not last long and be mild enough to not need any treatment, or it may progress to a life-threatening pneumonia depending on which infectious agents are involved and the patient’s immunological strength. An uncomplicated kennel cough lasts about a week or two and entails frequent fits of coughing in a patient who otherwise feels active and normal. Uncomplicated cases do not involve fever or listlessness, just lots of coughing.

Dog with Kennel Cough



Graphic by MarVistaVet.

Numerous organisms may be involved in a case of kennel cough; it would be unusual for only one agent to be involved. Infections with the following organisms frequently occur concurrently to create a case of kennel cough:

- Bordetella bronchiseptica (bacteria)
- Parainfluenza virus
- Adenovirus type 2
- Canine distemper virus
- Canine influenza virus
- Canine herpesvirus (very young puppies)
- Mycoplasma canis (a single-cell organism that is neither virus nor bacterium)
- Canine reovirus
- Canine respiratory coronavirus.

The classical combination for uncomplicated kennel cough is infection with parainfluenza or adenovirus type 2 in combination with Bordetella bronchiseptica. Infections involving the distemper virus, Mycoplasma species, or canine influenza are more prone to progressing to pneumonia, but pneumonia can readily result in any dog or puppy that is sufficiently young, stressed, or debilitated.

## Not sure what a Coughing Dog sounds like?

Dogs can make assorted respiratory sounds. Usually a cough is recognizable but it is important to be aware of another sound called a reverse sneeze. The reverse sneeze is often mistaken for a cough, a choking fit, sneezing, retching, or even for some sort of respiratory distress. In fact, the reverse sneeze is a post-nasal drip or tickle in the throat. It is considered normal, especially for small dogs or dogs and only requires attention if it is felt to be excessive. The point here is to know a cough when you hear one. A cough can be dry or productive, meaning it is followed by a gag, swallowing motion, production of foamy mucus (not to be confused with vomiting). Here are some videos that might help.

Coughing Dog (with Productive Cough): [Dixon has kennel cough](#)

*Note: We have received a great deal of email from people who have viewed this video, compared it to what their own dog is doing and concluded their dog has kennel cough. This video is meant to demonstrate coughing in general. It is important to note that there are many causes of coughing and the nature of the cough does not generally reflect on its cause.*

Reverse Sneezing Dog: [Maggie reverse sneezes](#)

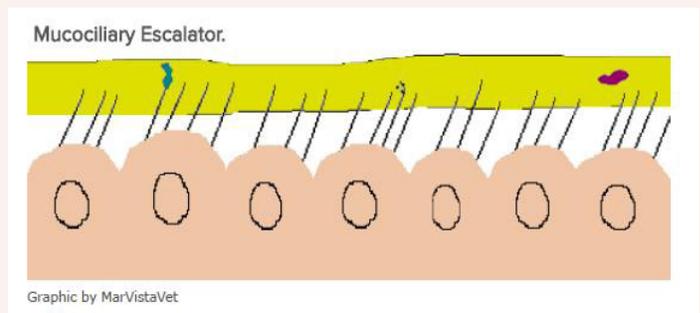
## How Infection Occurs

An infected dog sheds infectious bacteria and/or viruses in respiratory secretions. These secretions become aerosolized and float in the air where they can be inhaled by a healthy dog. Obviously, crowded housing and suboptimal ventilation play important roles in the likelihood of transmission but organisms may also be transmitted on toys, food bowls or other objects.

The normal respiratory tract has substantial safeguards against invading infectious agents. Probably the most important of these is what is called the mucociliary escalator. This safeguard consists of tiny hair-like structures called cilia that protrude from the cells lining the respiratory tract and extend into a coat of mucus above them. The cilia beat in a coordinated fashion through the lower and more watery mucus layer called the sol. A thicker mucus layer called the gel floats on top of the sol. Debris, including infectious agents, get trapped in the sticky gel and the cilia move them upward towards the throat where the collection of debris and mucus may be coughed up and/or swallowed.

The mucociliary escalator is damaged by the following:

- shipping stress
- crowding stress
- heavy dust exposure
- cigarette smoke exposure
- infectious agents (as listed previously)
- cold temperature
- poor ventilation



Without this, a fully functional mucociliary escalator or invading bacteria, especially *Bordetella bronchiseptica*, the chief agent of kennel cough, may simply march down the airways unimpeded.

*Bordetella bronchiseptica* organisms have some tricks of their own as well:

- They are able to bind directly to cilia, rendering them unable to move within 3 hours of contact.
- They secrete substances that disable the immune cells normally responsible for consuming and destroying bacteria.

Because it is common for *Bordetella* to be accompanied by at least one other infectious agent (such as one of the viruses listed below), kennel cough is actually a complex of infections rather than infection by one agent. Classically, dogs get infected when they are kept in a crowded situation with poor air circulation and lots of warm air (i.e., a boarding kennel, vaccination clinic, obedience class, local park, animal shelter, animal hospital waiting room, or grooming parlor). In reality, most causes of coughing that begin acutely in dogs are due to infectious causes and usually represent some form of kennel cough.

***The incubation period is 2 to 14 days. Dogs are typically sick for 1 to 2 weeks. Infected dogs shed Bordetella organism for 2 to 3 months following infection.***

## How is Diagnosis Made?

A coughing dog that has a poor appetite, fever, and/or listlessness should be evaluated for pneumonia. Usually the history of exposure to a crowd of dogs within the proper time frame, plus typical examination findings (coughing dog that otherwise feels well) is adequate to make the diagnosis. Radiographs show bronchitis and are particularly helpful in determining if there is a complicating pneumonia.

Recently, PCR (polymerase chain reaction) panels have become available in many reference laboratories. Using technology to amplify the presence of DNA in a swab, the lab is able to test for most of the kennel cough infectious agents listed. This knowledge is helpful in guiding therapy and understanding expectations.

## How is Kennel Cough Treated?

An uncomplicated case of kennel cough will go away by itself. Cough suppressants can improve patient comfort while the infection is resolving. The dog should be clearly improved, if not recovered, after about a week. That said, several infectious agents in the kennel cough complex are more intense and can cause a minor bronchitis to progress to pneumonia, which is a potentially life-threatening disease. Given this possibility, antibiotics are frequently prescribed to kennel cough patients to prevent or curtail pneumonia before it warrants hospitalization.

It is important to distinguish an uncomplicated case of kennel cough from one complicated by pneumonia for obvious reasons. The uncomplicated cases will not have fever or appetite loss, nor will they be listless. As mentioned, they will seem normal except for coughing. Dogs with pneumonia appear sick.

## Prevention through Vaccination

Vaccination is only available for: *Bordetella bronchiseptica*, canine adenovirus type 2, canine parainfluenza virus, canine distemper, and canine influenza. Infections with other members of the kennel cough complex cannot be prevented. Vaccine against adenovirus type 2, parainfluenza, and canine distemper is generally included in the basic puppy series and subsequent boosters (the DHPP or distemper-parvo shot). For *Bordetella bronchiseptica*, vaccination can either be given as a separate injection or as a nasal immunization. There is some controversy regarding which method provides a better immunization or if a combination of both formats is best.



### Nasal Vaccine

Intranasal vaccination may be given as early as 3 weeks of age and immunity generally lasts 12 to 13 months. The advantage is that the local immunity is stimulated right at the site where the natural infection would try to take hold.

It takes four days to generate a solid immune response after intranasal vaccination, so it is best if vaccination is given at least four days prior to the exposure. Some dogs will have some sneezing or nasal discharge in the week following intranasal vaccination; this should clear up on its own. As a general rule, nasal vaccination provides faster immunity than injectable vaccination.

Nasal vaccines for *Bordetella* generally also include vaccine against parainfluenza virus and some also include vaccine against adenovirus type 2.

## **Oral Vaccine**

An oral vaccine is available for *Bordetella bronchiseptica* (but not adenovirus or parainfluenza). The idea is that it is easier to give the vaccine with a syringe in the mouth - just inside the cheek - and there is no concern about sneezing out some of the vaccine. The oral vaccine can be given to puppies as young as 8 weeks of age. The vaccine is given annually.

## **Injectable Vaccine**

Injectable vaccination is a good choice for aggressive dogs who may bite if their muzzle is approached. For puppies, injectable vaccination provides good systemic immunity as long as two doses are given (approximately one month apart) after age 4 months. Boosters are generally given annually. Some dogs experience a small lump under the skin at the injection site. This should resolve without treatment.

*Vaccination is not useful in a dog already incubated for kennel cough.*

*Bordetella bronchiseptica* vaccination may not prevent infection. In some cases, vaccination minimizes symptoms of illness but does not entirely prevent infection. This is true whether nasal, oral or injectable vaccine is used.

*Dogs that have recovered from Bordetella bronchiseptica are typically immune to reinfection for 6 to 12 months.*

## **What if Kennel Cough doesn't Improve?**

As previously noted, this infection is generally self-limiting. It should be at least improved partially after one week of treatment. If no improvement is seen after that week, a re-check exam (possibly including chest radiographs) would be a good idea. Failure of kennel cough to resolve suggests an underlying condition. Kennel cough can activate a previously asymptomatic collapsing trachea or the condition may have progressed to pneumonia. Alternatively, there may be another disease afoot entirely such as non-infectious bronchitis, congestive heart failure, or some other condition that causes coughing.

If you have questions about a coughing dog, do not hesitate to bring them to your veterinarian.

URL: <https://veterinarypartner.vin.com/doc/?id=4951478&pid=19239>

# Member Brags

## From Kelli Riggs:

I am super excited to announce that Ginger is a BRAND NEW MASTER HUNTER!!! She earned her 5th qualifying score in Lincoln, GA on November 1st. Ginger is proudly 100% owner/handled and owner/trained by owner, Kelli Riggs for the entire journey. This title has now qualified Ginger for the Flat Coated Retriever Society of America's HALL OF FAME!

CH, HRCH, USJ Ravenswood Major 'N Minor MH, BN, CD, SJ, AS, WCX(3), CGC



## From Kathi Leonhardt:

Tosca (\*CH\* StormWatch Soft Music of Benvellyn) earned her American Championship at the December Royal Canin pre-shows with a four point major. She earned a 5 point major, a 3 point major and very few single points with limited showing. Tosca is completely breeder/owner handled.

We are super proud of our just 2 year old girl and can't wait to see what her future brings.

## From Mary Jakeway:

Max is #1 through October 13th with 100 points. Bluewater's Maximus Son of Journey. Owned by Bob and Mary Jakeway Handled by Mary Jakeway

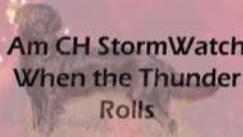


# Stormwatch Announces The Christmas Storm Litter!



Jordie

Siri

Parents	Grandparents	Great Grandparents	Great Great Grandparents
 <p><b>StormWatch MoonStruck</b></p>	 <p>Sh CH Toutnoir Hiriwa Tohuga of Benvellyn</p>	<p>CH Downstream Prime Suspect</p> <p>Sh CH Benvellyn Cape Hermitage</p>	<p>CH Riversflight Marling to Pajanbeck</p> <p>CH Downstream Revival JW</p> <p>ShCH Colona Strathmore of Daicheil</p> <p>Benvellyn Cape Reed Warbler JW SGWC</p>
	 <p>Am CH StormWatch It's Always Sunny At Rockyhill</p>	<p>Sh CH Woodavens Crackerjack</p> <p>Am CH Can CH StormWatch Thunderclapp Tegan HOF JH WCX CGC</p>	<p>Sh CH Madison Wild Indigo JW</p> <p>Delaneige Whispering Wind Through Woodavens</p> <p>Crufts BIS Sh CH VBOS The Kentuckian</p> <p>Am CH Rowansgaard During Wind N Rain** SH WC CD NF OA CGC</p>
 <p><b>StormWatch The Goddess of Nature</b></p>	 <p>Am GCH StormWatch ThunderStruck GCG</p>	<p>Sh Ch Woodavens Crackerjack, JW</p> <p>Am GCHS, Can CH StormWatch ThunderClapp Tegan, HOF JH WCX CGC</p>	<p>Sh CH Madison Wild Indigo JW</p> <p>Delaneige Whispering Wind through Woodaven</p> <p>Crufts BIS Sh CH VBOS The Kentuckian</p> <p>Am CH Rowansgaard During Wind N Rain** SH WC CD NF OA CGC</p>
	 <p>Am CH StormWatch When the Thunder Rolls</p>	<p>AM GCHB, Can CH StormWatch The Perfect Storm JH WCX CGC</p> <p>Am CH Shiloh Galadriel, JH WC CGC</p>	<p>Crufts BIS Sh CH VBOS The Kentuckian</p> <p>Am CH Rowansgaard During Wind N Rain** SH WC CD NF OA CGC</p> <p>Am CH SR Hallbent Most Happy Fella, SH WCX</p> <p>Am CH, Can CH Rowansgaard Meg Merrilees SH WCI WCX CDX</p>

# DANTE WIRED TO WIN!

*America's*  
**#1 WIREHAired VIZSLA\***  
 2018 · 2019 · 2020

**3-TIME**  
 WESTMINSTER KC  
 BOB WINNER

**2-TIME**  
 AKC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP  
 BOB WINNER

**GROUP FOURTH**

*Thank You Judge Ms. Teddy McDowell*



**BEST OF BREED**

*Thank You Judge Dr. Steve Herman*

HJCH. HCH. AKC GCHS.

**GCHS. LASCARD DE LA LANDE  
 DE BOURBEROUGE**

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Owned By:  
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 ChrissyDaniel@danielmktg.net  
 Bred By:  
 ANTOINE POUPINET

Presented By:  
 ADAM & MADDIE PETERSON  
 Groomed and  
 Occasionally Presented By:  
 TERENCE BOLDIN

- November / December, 2020

\*ACC All Breed System through 9/30/20

- November / December, 2020

**From Chrissy Daniel:**

Dante ended the year #1 all breed and breed for 2018 2019 2020!

Only WHV to win a RBIS

He has won more group placements than any other WHV in breed history.

Has more Grand CH points than any other WHV....

Most of all.....

First WHV to earn and be awarded Temperament Title! A complete JOY to live with!



**From Kathy Dalton:**

We are new to the show ring and gotta say I am hooked. Hershey has four more points to go for his Champion title and I plan on continuing for a Grand Champion title; he also has his Canine Good Citizen title that he received in November this year.

Owner: Kathy Dalton & Carolee Boyles  
 Magnolia's It's In His Kiss  
 Call Name: Hershey  
 DOB: 2/9/2019

**From Carolee Boyles:**

(R) Although COVID-19 has made obedience training difficult, we still have managed to get a little bit done. At the Jupiter-Tequesta Dog Club obedience trial in December, Bella earned her second leg of Open A obedience under judge Ron Seeley with a score of 191 ½. One more leg to go!

(Below ) Scarlett (Magnolia's Gone With The Wind) had a good time showing at several of the clusters in Ocala this fall. She earned one 4-point major, and on another day went Winners Bitch and Best Opposite for another 2 points. We also showed in the Breeders Showcase on Halloween evening, where she took a Sporting Group 3. And she earned her Canine Good Citizen title on the same weekend.



**From Beth  
Brunzman:**

Both Gracie (Below), Mehagian's Coup de Grace and Charlie, Magnolia's Blue Moon of Kentucky finished their CH at the Lakeland show in February. Making sure they are balanced dogs, Gracie has also earned her novice trick title and Charlie earned his CGC for some alphabet soup at the end of their names.

**From Cindy Miller:**

(Belowx) Magnolia's Ain't She Sweet at Midnight Oaks, call name Snickers passed her CGC test to get her first title! She's also gotten her two majors under her belt on her way to her Championship. Really proud of the winter my little girl has had!



# HOW TO SPOT A PUPPY SCAM ONLINE

By Miranda Carney  
Jun 29, 2020 | 4 Minutes  
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Puppy buying is at an all-time high — so it's no surprise that you may be on the search for a new dog right now. But the truth is, as puppy buying rises, so do puppy scams.

In today's digital world, almost everyone uses the internet for shopping, including finding a new puppy! Don't worry — it's easy to spot puppy scams online if you're aware of the red flags to look for. And it's even easier to find a good breeder when you know what questions to ask. Here's everything you need to know before starting your online puppy search.



## What is a Puppy Scam?

Puppy scammers post fake litters online or pretend to be someone they're not (usually an existing breeder) to take advantage of puppy sales (sans the puppies.) This means that if you aren't careful, you could find the perfect puppy, send the 'breeder' your money, and never receive a puppy or any follow-up communication in return.

While many times these fake listings appear on websites like Craigslist, some scammers find ways to position themselves as reputable breeders by stealing personal info from them.

Luckily, it's easy to know what to look for to ensure your puppy buying experience is both safe and enjoyable.

## What are the Red Flags?

- No phone calls. The seller prefers to handle communication by email and not the phone. A reputable breeder will always communicate with you via phone or video chat (if not in person) before selling you a puppy. Fraudulent sellers are oftentimes outside of the U.S. and may be hiding their phone number by only communicating by email.
- Copycat or stock photos. Photos of the dog or ad text can be found on multiple websites. Search for the text in the listing to see if the seller copied and pasted it from another site.
- Sketchy payment. The seller asks for wiring of money or payment by gift cards. Be aware that if you choose a non-secure method of payment, it is highly unlikely that you will get your money back. Avoid paying a stranger using apps such as Venmo, as it is harder to get your money back if you don't get what you paid for. Paying by credit card or PayPal are typically the safest options.
- Price is too good to be true. Research the prices for the breed you are considering ahead of time. Purebred dogs sold at deeply discounted prices are typically frauds. If the seller says they register their dogs with a specific organization, you can call the organization to confirm.

## **How Many People Have Been Affected by Puppy Scams?**

According to BBB data, nearly 10,000 scam reports and complaints have come in during the last three years about “businesses” selling puppies and dogs. The FTC estimates that only about 10 percent of victims report these crimes, so this number could be much higher.

Sixty percent of these reports indicated the consumers never received the pets they purchased, and others received pets that had health or genetic problems and did not receive documentation for their pet.

“Scammers love to try to take advantage of people when they are in high emotion situations,” said Steve Bernas, president and CEO of BBB serving Chicago and Northern Illinois. “The excitement of buying a new pet can cloud good judgement, and victims can be hurt financially and emotionally when they realize they have lost their money, and hopes for a new pet.”

## **How Can I Safely Find a Breeder or Puppy Seller Online?**

While scammers are likely to start talking money immediately, legitimate sources will always take time and diligence to make sure the dog you are choosing is a good fit for your family.

- Analyze reviews and referrals. The best sources for purebred puppies will have ample positive reviews or referrals from satisfied puppy owners proving they are legitimate and reputable.
- Meet your breeder or puppy seller. Always ask to talk on the phone or video chat. Meeting in person is great whenever possible.
- Ask questions. Responsible breeders and puppy sellers love to chat and educate about dogs. Ask anything and everything that you might want to know about the breed, the breeder, and the available puppies. Ask about the breed and how your pup’s parents compare to the official breed standard and other breed traits. How big are the parents? What do they look like? What kind of temperament do they have? Have the parents achieved any AKC titles or awards?
- Ask for proof. Don’t be shy — responsible breeders will be happy to share information about your puppy’s parents, and proof of health records and screenings. You should be sure that the puppy has been seen by a licensed veterinarian and know where the puppy is on their shot-schedule. This will also help you so that you have the proper medical information when you bring your puppy home and you will know what shots are needed next.
- Get documentation. Ensure that before leaving with your puppy, you will receive documentation of your dog’s papers. The words “American Kennel Club” as well as the AKC logo should be clearly visible. If the breeder or puppy seller hesitates to give you papers, this is usually a warning sign.
- Be patient. If they seem anxious to complete the sale or get your deposit as soon as possible, or if you feel like they are pushing you to make a quick decision regarding a puppy, be careful. Such behavior is often a warning sign that the person you are dealing with is actually a scammer, and there is no puppy.

The AKC Marketplace is one of the best places to start your search for a puppy, as long as you are vigilant about the above warning signs. AKC Marketplace conducts thousands of kennel inspections a year and is the only online resource to exclusively list 100% puppies from AKC-registerable litters. If you find anything suspicious while searching for a dog on AKC Marketplace, report the details to [akcmarketplace@akc.org](mailto:akcmarketplace@akc.org).

*Original Article can be found: <https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/news/spot-puppy-scam/>*

# Board Meeting Minutes

## Mid-Florida Sporting Dog Association | MINUTES

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Meeting date | time 11/18/2020 8:30 AM | Meeting location Conference Call

Meeting called by Laurel Medley  
Type of meeting Board Meeting  
Facilitator Laurel Medley  
Note taker Deby Broussard  
Timekeeper Deby Broussard

### Attendees

- Laurel Medley, Bonnie Smith, Hector Hector, Meredith Hector, Deby Broussard, Kathy Leonhardt, Susie Schaffer.

## AGENDA TOPICS

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The meeting of the Mid-Florida Sporting Dog Association was called to order at 8:35 AM. Kathy Leonhardt made a motion to approve the minutes from the board meeting on 10/28/2020, which was seconded by Meredith Hector. Minutes approved as written.

### Reports

**Treasurer's Report:** Megan absent and reported MFSDA has a current balance of \$3,055.01 in our account. We recently paid for our Director's insurance from Equisure. We have no outstanding bills at this time.

**Membership:** Bonnie reported that an updated membership list was sent to Meredith. Presently there are 86 voting members with 61 households. The new newsletter will be coming out in January and everyone has been asked to submit any items they wish to publish. Hector suggested a series of articles outlining the different health issues of our different breeds. Hector will submit the first article addressing issues with Flatcoats. Meredith mentioned a new member was having difficulty with online dues payment through PayPal. Bonnie stated the system is working and once you have chosen to pay MFSDA dues, the screen will revert to your personal PayPal homepage.

**Conformation/Accreditation:** Meredith advised our long-awaited review from AKC had arrived and has been forwarded to all board members. She asked that all board members review the questions and answers they have compiled in reply to AKC. One item is regarding our targeted show site. At this time, it is Ocala, though Brooksville could also be added. Affirmation of our by-laws will also need to be done. Meredith will reach out to Peter Profino. It was also mentioned that Steve Herman will be judging at the Miami shows this weekend, and might be approached to be our legal counsel in this matter. Laurel will need to sign the cover letter, which can be done by Docu-Sign by Thursday. We will also need to provide AKC with any activities since the Match. The board thanked Meredith and Hector in all their hard work moving MFSDA towards accreditation by AKC.

There was discussion regarding the need to hold general meetings, even if through Zoom or a like platform. Bonnie recommended we hold a meeting in conjunction with the Brooksville shows. A quorum would be nice, however it is not required for a general meeting if there is no vote taken on club business.

**Field:** No report

**Activity:** No report

**Nominating Committee:** Bonnie reported that six people submitted their names and she has a very nice demographic sample of all members.

Committee members are: Bonnie Hill (chair), Susan Shrank, Alyson Casper, Sue Barnett, Judee Boland (alternate), and Mary Jakeway (alternate).

An email will be sent this week to all club members with the nominating committee information. Bonnie will email all members by December 1 or 2, asking for nominations. All present officers and board members have expressed an interest to remain in their present positions or make changes to their office.

**Old Business** – Hector thanked MFSDA for sponsoring a breakfast at the Pointer Specialty. A nice caterer was found and will be supplying the meal. If any of our members would like to attend, please notify Hector. Dates will be April 1-3, 2021 in Brooksville. Laurel expressed an interest.

**New Business**- W. Volusia has invited us to join them in September 2021. West Volusia has been good to MFSDA, however their venue is not out-of-doors, which is not in-line with the majority of the board's beliefs that sporting dogs should be exhibited out of doors when possible. They are aware we have not yet been approved by AKC. We will respond that we are taking it under consideration.

**Next Board Meeting:** December 16@ 8:30am by conference call.

Hector motioned to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susie. Meeting adjourned 9:05am.



# WE NEED YOU



**We have many members with years of experience in our club.  
Please considering offering your knowledge and skills to help enrich our club.**

**We are always looking for help with:  
Retrieving, Pointing and Flushing Field training  
Informational articles on Health, Diet, Training, Breed, Conformation and Performance  
Skill enrichment seminars or events in all disciplines**

**Contact us at [fsda@flsportingdogs.com](mailto:fsda@flsportingdogs.com) with your ideas**

# Mid-Florida Sporting Dog Association Membership Application



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## Applicant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
If Junior, Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
2nd Household Member (if Household Application) \_\_\_\_\_  
2nd email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Sporting Dog Information

Breed (s): \_\_\_\_\_ Kennel Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Call Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Club Memberships: \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Activities: Please list all dog sport activities in which you participate: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Please list the # of yrs you have experience:

Breeder: \_\_\_ Conf: \_\_\_ Obed: \_\_\_ Rally: \_\_\_ Agility: \_\_\_ Field Trial: \_\_\_ Hunt Test: \_\_\_  
Lure Course \_\_\_ Earth Dog: \_\_\_ Tracking: \_\_\_ Herding: \_\_\_ Scent: \_\_\_ Judge: \_\_\_ Event Com: \_\_\_

Do you have any special skills to aide at/run FSDA events? If so, please describe

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## Payment Options

Please indicate which membership type you are applying for:

- Regular (individual) - \$20/year
- Household - \$30/year. Please fill out info for up to 2 household members.
- Associate (no voting privileges ) - \$15/year
- Junior Member Only - \$10/year. Must be under 18 years of age, and sole applicant of the household.

Dues may be paid by check or PayPal. Please us [fsla@flsportingdogs.com](mailto:fsla@flsportingdogs.com) for PayPal and make sure to use "Friends and family" so fees are not taken out. All due are to be paid annually by March 31<sup>st</sup>. If a new application is submitted after January 1<sup>st</sup>, those dues will carry over throu the following full calendar year.

**Please make check payable to: Mid Florida Sporting Dog Association, c/o  
Bonnie Hill PO Box 2084 Tarpon Springs, FL 34688**

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## Signatures

I/we hereby apply for membership to the Florida Sporting Dog Association, and agree to abide by its by-laws and regulations. In accordance with the provisions of the by-laws, the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed in payment of membership dues. Applicants admitted to membership between April 1<sup>st</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> shall pay dues in the full amount for the current year. Those admitted between January 1<sup>st</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> shall pay no dues for the current calendar year, but dues for the year following shall accompany each membership application.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date:     /     /

Signature of spouse/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date:     /     /  
(for joint membership/junior applicant):