



# MFSDA NEWSLETTER June 2020

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I hope this finds everyone and their dogs in a good place. Although the COVID pandemic has changed the Mid-Florida Sporting Dog Association's planned events, we are striving to move forward as safely and expeditiously as we can.

Of importance is obtaining our AKC accreditation as a club. The next steps are two A-matches, six months apart. We are working on finding a safe time and location. We know everyone wants to get their beautiful new puppies out and about for important preparation for conformation shows. Meredith and

Hector Hector are working diligently on this with AKC.

Education is so important to us all. The Pat Hasting's June seminar will be rescheduled. We want all our members to be able to attend without fear for their health and well-being. So please stay tuned for the new date.

I would love to see everyone post on our Facebook page. Let us find ways to connect and share. And please keep it upbeat and positive. With AKC allowing video submissions for some titles, I'm sure we all have something to brag about.

Our success is dependent upon our membership and their commitment to the sport of dogs.

Stay happy and healthy,

*Laurel*

Laurel Medley,  
President

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### 2020 MFSDA Executive Board:

- Laurel Medley: **President**
- Kathi Leonhardt: **Vice President**
- Megan Cloudman: **Treasurer**
- Deby Broussard: **Secretary**
- Bonnie Hill: **Membership**

Our email & PayPal address is  
[fsda@flsportingdogs.com](mailto:fsda@flsportingdogs.com)



### ANNUAL TROPHY ROSETTES

Remember eons back, before COVID-19, when we handed out trophy rosettes at our annual meeting in Lakeland? I still have six trophy rosettes belonging to members of our club.

If you are on this list, you need to contact me and make arrangements to get them. Normally, I would say to meet me at a show, but that's going to be a while. You can reach me at carolee@caroleeboylesmediagroup.com or 813-431-4304.

- Samantha Fowler – Nix
- Carol Atkinson – Crash & Tigger
- Nancy Virden – Timi
- Gaye Dunlop – Venus
- Dea Jaffey – Silas

### PAT HASTINGS SEMINAR RESCHEDULED

The seminar by Pat Hastings has been rescheduled to the weekend of April 17 & 18, 2021. If you have already submitted a registration form for the original dates, you still are registered for next year's event. I do need to hear from you, however, as to whether you want me to shred your check or go ahead and deposit it so your registration is finalized. I have heard from almost everyone who had registered, but a couple of people have not responded to the e-mail I sent out about it. You can e-mail me at carolee@caroleeboylesmediagroup.com.

When we get closer to the seminar date, we will send out a new flyer with registration information on it.

### NEWS FROM AKC

AKC has launched some pilot programs until December 30 that will allow you to earn an AKC title with your dog in your own back yard.

The programs are Rally Novice, Trick and Fit Dog.

To learn more click the links below. Have fun and enjoy this new venue. Please send pictures of your events to our newsletter editor! We already know one member who has sent in their information and is waiting for results.

<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/sports/akc-titles-programs-can-home/>

<https://www.akc.org/sports/rally/rally-virtual-entry-pilot/>

<https://www.akc.org/sports/trick-dog/resources/trick-dog-applications/>

### CORONA Virus, your pet and you

When we return to showing in conformation, agility, obedience, hunt tests or any other performance event – things are going to look a bit different.

AKC has been busy helping identify what needs to be changed to help folks return to the sport of dogs safely. Attached is a link that will provide the information to help you make your decision when and where to participate in the sport of dogs with your best friend.

<https://www.akc.org/press-center/covid-19-updates-from-the-american-kennel-club/>

These Suggested Best Practices may be periodically updated. Please check the AKC conformation website ([www.akc.org/sports/conformation/](http://www.akc.org/sports/conformation/)) for the most up-to-date version.

***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***

# In the Spotlight

## Granite

**MACH SHR Stormwatch Nor'Easter, SH WCX CD DJ DS BN TD VCD1 MXB MJB TKI.**

Owner: Joe Juza, CT

Meet Granite. He is a typical Flat Coated Retriever who is always joking around. His owner calls him a once-in-a-lifetime dog saying, "He always keeps me thinking and on my toes".

Handled by Amber McCue, who holds multiple national titles with her border collies, Granite has been very busy last year. He received his Master Agility CHampionship (MACH) in February and is ranked as one of the top 24 inch FCR's in the country. He finished second place with four points and qualified for the National Invitational in Florida, that will be held this December 2020. He has consistently placed in the Top Three in Bad Dog Agility for his breed and he has qualified for the National Agility Championship which will be held next April 2021 in Oklahoma. We are hopeful that he will be competing in the Westminster Agility Championship next February as well.

Granite's drive does not stop there, thus far he competes in obedience and has done very well, finishing in first place at the 2017 National Specialty for his beginner novice competing against 38 dogs. He also competes in dockdiving and is simply crazy about it. He received an invite to the Purina Dog Challenge but had to withdraw due to an illness last year. Granite loves to hunt and is very driven in all the field events that he has participated.

With such a busy year behind him, including siring a litter of 9 puppies, Granite will continue training for upcoming events, focusing on his TDX training with his coach Jody Fraser this summer.



Want to have your dog Spotlighted in our next issue? Submit articles and photos to: [FSDANewsletter@FLSportingdogs.com](mailto:FSDANewsletter@FLSportingdogs.com)



# In the Spotlight

## Cooper

GCH CH Whispering Oak Hang 'Em High CGC, DM, MH

Since COVID 19, there hasn't been much to do competitively with our dogs. Staying at home and social distancing makes it difficult to get out and train. So, I thought I'd share with you the accomplishments of our Chesapeake, Cooper, even though most happened in 2018-2019.

2018-2019 was a fantastic time for Cooper. Our first home bred Master Hunter.

Cooper started in the show ring and earned his CH early. He then went through some obedience training and we sent him to do some hunt training with Cole Fertig and Jean Bates. During his training, Cole passed away leaving Jean to try to manage an energetic, sometimes unruly Chesapeake. Under Jean's training, he somehow managed to get two Junior passes, but Cooper was a very strong willed boy and Jean suggested we talk to Eddie Rodriguez to see about Cooper learning some line manners. Cooper challenged Eddie from the beginning and I honestly thought it was a miracle when he earned his JH. Eddie then sat down with us to discuss Cooper's future. It was decided to move forward towards his Senior title. Eddie and Cooper were forming a strong bond and started to become a team. He passed a couple and failed a couple but ended up getting his Senior Hunter title. Eddie felt Cooper had what it takes to go all the way and by the end of 2018 Cooper just needed one more pass to get his Master Hunter title. That came early 2019 and he also qualified for the Master National that year!! I didn't think we could be any prouder than we were then.

Since Cooper was now 7 years old, we decided to put him back into the show ring for his GCH title. From June until December he not only earned his GCH but he also was awarded three Group 3 Sporting Group Placements and his Dock Diving Master title.

What an awesome year it was!!! Now Coop and my husband Jim are training to work together and plan to run HRC tests this fall. Coop and I still do some dock diving and hope to add more ribbons and hopefully earn a spot in the Eukanuba National Championship in Orlando in December.

Cooper is Whispering Oak's first home bred Senior Hunter, Master Hunter and Dock Master. We are extremely proud of him.



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# Board Meeting Minutes

## Mid-Florida Sporting Dog Association | MINUTES

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Meeting date | time 4/22/2020 8:33 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

- Rob Bitler, Laurel Medley, Bonnie Smith, Kathy Leonhardt, Hector Hector, Susie Schaffer, Megan Cloudman, Meredith Hector, Deby Broussard

## AGENDA TOPICS

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The meeting of the Mid-Florida Sporting Dog Association was called to order at 8:33am. Bonnie made a motion to approve the minutes from the board meeting on 3/25/2020, which was seconded by Kathy. Minutes approved.

### Reports

**Treasurer's Report:** \$2,651.83 balance on hand. There are no outstanding bills. Taxes for 2019 are almost completed. Megan will forward for Deby to submit to the board for approval. Hector requested a copy of the treasurer's report for board members. Laurel will obtain a copy and submit to the board on a quarterly basis.

**Conformation/Accreditation:** Hector reported the A Match was cancelled as a result of the COVID virus. A request to AKC to shorten the six-month spacing as submitted and declined by AKC. Deby offered that the Ocala grounds are out-of-doors with cover and fans for warmer weather events.

**Membership:** Bonnie reported we have 75 voting members with 54 households.

**Field:** Kathy stated there is nothing to report. HTs have been cancelled everywhere.

**Activity:** Rob reported that Carol feels it is best to post-phone the Pat Hasting's seminar. We are not able to advertise and need to wait and see, possibly set a new date in September. Laurel requested that someone reach out to Pat Hastings and see if she will return the deposit. Rob reported this has not been discussed with Ms. Hastings. Rob and Carolee will reach out to her and report back.

### Old Business

None

### New Business

None

**Next Board Meeting:** May 20 @ 8:30am by conference call.

Bonnie motioned to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Megan. Meeting adjourned 8:51am.

# Member Brags

From Kelli Riggs:

**Ginger Bean** earned her 2nd Master Hunter pass at the Tallahassee hunt test in early March. Thrilled we squeaked that pass in before the quarantine orders. Ginger is 100% owner handled/owner trained.



From Morganne Morrison:

GCH CH Ironwood Be Quick or Be Dead, RN JH CA  
DS DJ CGCA TKA

In February at the Lakeland shows, **Riley** was BOB at our supported entry (over 40 dogs!). She got BOB 2/3 days and BOS on the the third day. A week later at the Tallahassee shows we recieved back to back G1s followed by BIS! The third day we recieved a G3 placement.

From Debbie Pflug

In February, our boy **Logan** earned his CD and RI titles. He is now,  
Cherepon's Against All Odds, CD BN RI CGC





# Committee Updates

## Activities Committee Update

**Rob Bitler**

As with the rest of the dog world, the club's activities have been shut down for the last few months. This forced us to postpone the Pat Hastings seminar that was scheduled for June of this year. Fear not though, plans are in the works to bring Pat back as planned. Right now we are looking at April of 2021 as we try to sign schedules for both Pat and our venue.

Pat Hastings is a well renowned figure in the dog world. Since he entry into the dog world over 60 years ago, Pat has progressed from owner-handler to breeder, professional handler, educator and AKC judge for 5 of the 7 AKC groups, Junior Handling and Best in Show.

More information will be posted once we have firm dates, but this is definitely an opportunity to spend time with one of the most knowledgeable people in the dog world.

## Conformation Committee Update

**Meredith & Hector Hector**

AKC has approved our request to advance to A match status. We must hold two A matches six months apart in order to receive final consideration to be show giving club. A matches are conducted like real shows, complete with premium lists and catalogs and formal judging forms in order to demonstrate that we have the capability of running a show.

Our first A match was scheduled to be April 25 in Deland. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our plans due to COVID-19. We are now exploring holding our match in late July/early August at the Brooksville show site. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.



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**NAIA**  
National  
Animal Interest  
Alliance



June 9, 2020

Dear Friends,

The U.S. Congress is now poised to strengthen the broken U.S. dog import system! This is extremely important to anyone who loves animals.

Congress is moving very few bills forward right now due to COVID-19, so we feel truly fortunate that our bill, the Healthy Dog Importation Act HR 6921, was introduced on May 18, 2020. Now we need your help to ensure its passage.

**The bill will**

1. **Amend the Animal Health Protection Act to cover the importation of dogs.** This Act already regulates the importation of other live animals and animal products.
2. **Require that every dog entering the country be in good health,** permanently identified, certified by an approved veterinarian in the country of origin, and carry records showing that it has received all the proper vaccinations.
3. **Require that dogs being imported for transfer to a third party (for resale, adoption, or donation e.g.) be at least six months of age and accompanied by a USDA import permit before entering the country.** (Importing a dog for your own use is not affected by this requirement.)
4. **Streamline and coordinate federal oversight,** ensuring documentation and import permits are shared electronically between APHIS, CDC, and Customs and Border Patrol, while clarifying APHIS' key enforcement authority.
5. **Require all Certificates of Veterinary Inspection for transport in commerce to be sent to USDA for inclusion in a centralized database.**

NAIA owes our gratitude to Congressman Ralph Abraham, veterinarian and medical doctor of Louisiana, and the co-sponsorship of the two other veterinarians in Congress, Kurt Schrader of Oregon and Ted Yoho of Florida. We also thank our friends at the American Kennel Club for partnering with us to move this legislation forward.

Now, it is up to us to contact our Congress members and make sure they understand how important this bill is to each of us.

**Take One Minute to [Take Action Now](#)**

With one click you can contact your Congress member, add a sentence or more saying why this bill is important to you (in the blank space located in the message body), fill in your address so the system locates your lawmaker, and hit send.

COVID-19 has brought to the forefront how rapidly a disease can spread globally. We need to use this as an opportunity to be vigilant about and prevent the importation of infectious diseases, including those diseases and parasites that have already been carried by unhealthy imported dogs and spread to other animals and humans.

Thank you again for demonstrating your support of NAIA and the dogs that bring great joy to our lives.

With gratitude,

Patti Strand  
NAIA President







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Always Provide Access to **Shade & Fresh Water**



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Avoid the Beach & Pavement When the Sun is Out - **Paw Pads Can Burn**

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Buy an inexpensive **Kiddie Pool** and Fill it with Cool Water

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Never leave Your Pet in the Car on a Sunny, Hot or Humid Day



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### KNOW THE SYMPTOMS OF EARLY HEAT STROKE:

- UNANTICIPATED RESTLESSNESS • EXCESSIVE HEAVY PANTING
- DROOLING • WEAKNESS • CONFUSION



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Wrap a **Freezer Pack** in a Towel and Allow Your Dog to Lay Next to it

7



**AVOID BEING ACTIVE** with Your Pet During the **Peak Heat** of the Day

8

**USE FANS.** Dogs Depend on Evaporation for Cooling Off



9

Play it Safe on Hot & Humid Days - **USE AIR CONDITIONING**



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**FREEZE AN ICE TREAT** - Beef or Chicken Broth Make Great Frozen Snacks



## TIPS FOR FUN & SAFE BOATING WITH YOUR DOG

Before you hit the waves with your pup, make sure you're both prepared for a fun and safe day on the boat.

### WHAT TO DO

**Create an Emergency Plan**  
Think through the steps to take if your dog goes overboard.

**Designate a Potty Spot**  
Use puppy pads, grass pads or make regular shoreline visits.

### WHAT TO BRING



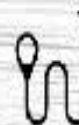
#### Dog Life Jacket

Even strong swimmers can get tired or swept away by waves.



#### Plenty of Fresh Water

Dogs can quickly become dehydrated from swimming and sunshine.



#### Long Line Leash

This allows your dog to enjoy gentle swim without venturing too far out.



#### Dog First Aid Kit

Include items like antibiotic ointment & Dramamine! (Ask your Vet)



#### Pet Friendly Sunscreen

Dogs with thin or light fur are especially prone to sunburn.



# Feature

## Chiropractic & Massage: Optimizing your animal's performance

by: *Farmhouse Chiropractic*

In today's world, the demands placed upon our canine athletes are greater than ever. That makes the need to support their muscular and skeletal systems equally great. In a world focused on training and strengthening, the component overlooked the most is conservative preventative care. Using a combination of chiropractic, massage, and stretching you can optimize your animal's performance before there is an evident problem. Too often we see owners seeking care for a very obvious issue. Conservative care options can help with issues such as lameness, alterations in gait, and pain. However, it is the preventive side of wellness we will be discussing today.



Power consists of strength and flexibility. Therefore, to optimize their power you have to make sure your canine is flexible as well. Since they do not do yoga on their own, it's our responsibility as their owners, handlers, and trainers to stretch them make sure their bodies are aligned. It is our job to ensure their muscles are flexible enough to do their job without causing injury.

Conditioning without focusing equally on flexibility can be very dangerous. As muscles strengthen they are shortened. Think for a minute of the big bodybuilder that cannot scratch their own back. Now compare the bodybuilder with the gymnast that is both strong and flexible. Which do you think would make the better overall athlete? Definitely the gymnast!



### Why chiropractic and massage?

At Farmhouse Chiropractic, we believe that to optimize performance you must address the alignment and muscle function. Muscles attach to bones to move them. Therefore, if a muscle is too tight or not flexible enough it can cause uneven wear on a joint. This can lead to increased degeneration (arthritis) and a limited range of motion which causes the bones involved to be restricted. This works both ways. If the spine and extremities are not moving correctly, then the muscles attached become tight and the entire process described above continues. Addressing both the bones and muscles ensures a better outcome.

Chiropractic care decreases restrictions (bones & joints that aren't moving as they should) and therefore decreases improper wear and tear on the joints. Restrictions or bones "out" can also put pressure on the nerves, which will limit output to the body. You want clear communication between the brain and body for the canine athlete to function.

**What can you do at home?** Here at FHC we are big on homework and have started a YouTube channel dedicated to educating animal owners on what they can do to help their animals at home. There will be videos including "How to stretch my dogs chest."

Stretching should always be done on warm muscles and never aggressively. Stretching should become part of your training routine to not only increase flexibility but serve as a means to check on how your dog is feeling. For example, if you are stretching the front end and the right side is much tighter or your dog resists the stretch, that's telling you something and you can react appropriately rather than waiting for the dog to come up lame to react.

# Mid-Florida Sporting Dog Association Membership Application



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## Applicant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
If Junior, Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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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:

Household - \$30/year. Please fill out info for up to 2 household members.

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 [fsda@flsportingdogs.com](mailto:fsda@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 January 31<sup>st</sup>. If a new application is submitted after August 1<sup>st</sup>, those dues will carry over throw 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 January 1<sup>st</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup> shall pay dues in the full amount for the current year. Those admitted between August 1<sup>st</sup> and December 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):