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## Husband Vs Doggie

Accidentally stepped on  
husband foot

“Sorry”

Accidentally stepped on  
my dog’s paw:

“Oh God, I’m, so sorry!

Are you ok buddy? Did I  
hurt you? I didn’t mean to  
hurt you. You’re the best  
baby, yes you are!

The Dalmatian Club of America is holding an all-breed Agility Trial at the Haywood Co Fair Grounds in Waynesville, NC on May 2 and 3. They have asked me to share the premium with our membership. The link is here: <https://dalmatianclubofamerica.org/2020-dca-specialty-events/>

**Agility Trial April 3 and 4  
ATT Test April 3 and 4  
In Harriman.  
(CANCELLED)**

**Club Needs Cleaners  
Contact Shella Fuhrman  
[Vizmom1@yahoo.com](mailto:Vizmom1@yahoo.com)**

Need suggestions for  
judges for 2021 and  
2022  
[https://www.apps.akc.org/apps/judges\\_directory/index.cfm](https://www.apps.akc.org/apps/judges_directory/index.cfm)

Looking for volunteers  
to fill Secretary and 1<sup>st</sup>  
Vice President

**What you can see this  
month**

**Habit about pet therapy**

**New from AKC**

## **ORKC MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

**FIRST THUR OF EVERY MONTH  
7PM | East Building at Club  
(unless otherwise announced)  
Please bring your own chair.**

## Board Meeting March 5, 2020

Members present: Barbara Byrum, Ashley Richardson, Joyce Cardwell, Francis Hart, Karen Kressel, Kathy Frank



Meeting called to order by Ashley Richardson. (President Ken Dudley unable to attend)

**Secretary minutes** included in Woofer accepted.

**Treasurers Report:** Income for month \$2101.55, expenses \$1,670.70.

Club currently in excellent financial position.

**Training Committee:** Currently starting March/April session with 26 classes. Many classes full. This is a record number of classes, as well as; a record amount of money earned on classes.

**Agility Committee:** Francis Hart brought up the possibility of needing to cancel the April agility show due to the coronavirus. Currently entries are down, and a decision will need to be made by March 25<sup>th</sup>. AKC had a plan and if all monies returned club would only be out a minimum amount of money. After much discussion, it was decided that since this situation is changing daily, a decision should not be made until March 25<sup>th</sup>. Ashley Richardson made a motion to give Francis Hart the authority to make that decision on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Kathy Frank, seconded. Motion passed.

**Tracking Committee:** No tracking test planned. However, we currently have a tracking class to start in April with several students signed up.

**Cleaning Committee:** Chris Harmon, who has been cleaning the West building for several years has found it necessary to stop. That leaves 4 full time cleaning people and club could really use more. Anyone that is able should contact Shella Furman. There was also a discussion about giving some compensation to the hard-working cleaning people, as we do our instructors. Kathy Frank made a motion that after six Francis Hart seconded.

Motion passed.

**Show Committee:** Everything has been taken care of on schedule. Judges have been approved.

### **Old Business:**

Email vote passed to order **Cato Boards**.

David Miller has repaired leaks on metal building. Joyce Cardwell suggested we have a roofer come to club and check all the building roofs. Everyone felt that was a good idea.

**Nomination Committee:** Ashley Richardson, Chair; Paula Jenkins, Karen Orr  
All current officers and board members returning except. Karen Kressel, Secretary and Barbara Byrum, VP. Mary Jo Steger would like someone to take over membership duties. Francis Hart volunteered to accept that position.

### **New Business:**

\*Need to replace extension ladder. Kathy Frank made a motion to replace the extension ladder, Karen Kressel seconded, motion passed.

\*Need suggestions for judges for 2021 and 2022

**Temperament Test** approved for April 3 and April 4, during agility trial.

\*Need to haul off old heat pump behind west building. Someone can haul it off, if we can get a volunteer to remove the critters living inside.  
Francis made a motion to adjourn, Ashley Richardson seconded, meeting adjourned.

## Membership Meeting March 5, 2020

Membership meeting began in a wonderful pitch in dinner. Enjoyed by everyone. After and during eating, Ashley Richardson went through things discussed in board meeting. Reminded everyone the need for volunteers. Everyone enjoyed the evening visiting with new and old members. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:  
Karen Kressel, Secretary

## HABIT

**Monday May 18, 2020**

**LOCATION: University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine  
- Room A118**

From Neyland Drive, turn onto Joe Johnson Drive into the UT Institute of Agriculture campus. The College of Veterinary Medicine is the building directly on the right. Turn at the traffic light onto E J. Chapman Drive and park in Lot 66.



**DO NOT BRING YOUR PET**

*This meeting is for humans only.*

**RSVP:** (seating is limited)

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**Karen Armsey**, Program Administrator  
**Ruth Sapp**, Program Coordinator for East Tennessee

# NEWS FROM AKC

Following the February meeting of the AKC Board of Directors, Event Operations is writing to inform our clubs of recent actions taken that impact the sport and may impact your events. Any questions should be sent to [eventsnew@akc.org](mailto:eventsnew@akc.org).

## Announcing the National Owner-Handled Series Level of Achievement

The AKC National Owner-Handled Series (NOHS) has been a tremendous success, viewed very favorably by the fancy as a mechanism to showcase dogs exhibited by non-professional owner-handlers. In the time since its inception, the AKC has developed an NOHS ranking system and launched the AKC NOHS Finals, an event held annually in December during the week of the AKC National Championship in Orlando, Florida.

Consistent with the AKC's ongoing efforts to grow the NOHS program and the sport overall, the Board of Directors at its February 2020 meeting voted to approve the implementation of NOHS Levels of Achievement to include Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum awards.

The Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum NOHS Awards of Achievement will be earned by obtaining a predetermined number of NOHS points for each level and award. This will mimic the inaugural levels of recognition for the Grand Champion title introduced in May 2011.

<b>RECOGNITION LEVEL</b>	<b>MINIMUM NOHS POINTS</b>
<i>Bronze</i>	<b>250</b>
<i>Silver</i>	<b>500</b>
<i>Gold</i>	<b>1,000</b>
<i>Platinum</i>	<b>2,000</b>

For each Achievement Level, the first owner of the dog will receive a certificate to commemorate the accomplishment and a NOHS Achievement Level pin. The pin will be the NOHS logo cast to reflect the color of the Achievement Level. As this is not a titling program, it will not reflect as a prefix or suffix to the dog's AKC registered name. Dogs will be grandfathered back to the beginning of the NOHS program (2012). Dogs grandfathered would be awarded only the highest Level of Achievement certificate and pin that they have earned.

More information on the new NOHS Levels of Achievement will be sent soon. **The expected launch date for the NOHS Levels of Achievement is July 1, 2020.**

### Modification to the Sanctioned Four-to- Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition Regulations

The Board at its February meeting voted to approve a modification to the Sanctioned Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition Regulations to allow minors (under 18) with amateur status who reside with professional handlers to participate in the Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition ***effective immediately***.

The [Sanctioned Four-to-Six Month \(Beginner Puppy\) Competition Regulations](#) posted on the AKC website has been updated to reflect the Board's action. The area of the regulations impacted by this recent change is provided below for your review.

### **Sanctioned Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition Regulations**

#### **Section 2. Entry and Eligibility**

Minors (under 18) with amateur status who reside with professional handlers and current assistants to professional handlers that are eligible to compete in Junior Showmanship (meet age and amateur status requirements) may personally exhibit dogs in the Four- to- Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition.

## Members Accomplishments



CH Byrum's Shimmering in the Moonlight – CGCA  
CGCU FDC TKN – Orbit- won a Group 2 Non-Sporting  
at the Atlanta Show February 2020 under Judge Mr.  
Robert Hutton.

## UC Davis Veterinarian of Medicine

*"Can pets contract coronavirus from humans or vice versa?"*

February 06, 2020 Posted by Trina Wood

[Dr. Niels Pedersen](#), a distinguished emeritus professor at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine and a renowned expert on infectious and immunologic diseases in dogs and cats

The simple answer is as follows: No, you won't get or give the coronavirus to your family pet. Coronaviruses occur in virtually every species of animal, including humans, and are commonly associated with unapparent or transient intestinal and respiratory infections. They tend to be very species specific and cross-species transmission is uncommon.

The more complex answer goes like this: Coronaviruses have adapted themselves by mutation over a period of 50,000 years or more to virtually every species of animal, including humans. They only cause disease in their new species and tend to remain in that species in whatever genetic form that allows adaptation to their new hosts.

The various coronaviruses have been sequenced and their relationship to each other determined. The common cold-causing coronaviruses of humans (OC43, 229E and NL63) are in the alphacoronavirus group, along with the intestinal coronavirus of our pet cats and dogs. The more recently humanized strains of coronavirus, MERS, SARS and Wuhan (2019-nCoV) have jumped over from the beta coronaviruses of bats, possibly by intermediate infection of other animals such as camels and civet cats. Interestingly, MERS and SARS coronaviruses did not quite make the jump from bats to humans and died out.

However, the Wuhan coronavirus appears to have successfully adapted to humans (i.e., it has become humanized) and is therefore looming as an even more severe disease problem than MERS and SARS. Viruses that have either not fully humanized, or have only recently adapted to humans, tend to cause much more severe disease, as is the case with the MERS-, SARS- and Wuhan-Coronaviruses.

Although coronaviruses can jump from one host to another, this is a slow process and requires significant genetic change. There is no evidence that coronaviruses of our common veterinary species have entered humans in the recent past or vice versa. However, the tendency for coronaviruses to jump species is an ongoing occurrence and it is possible that a coronavirus from a common pet species such as a cat or dog may enter humans and cause disease sometime in the future. However, if it should ever humanize, it will no longer be a cat or dog virus, but rather a new human virus. The same is true for a coronavirus of humans that decides to change their host species.