



Oak Ridge Kennel Club
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Updates and Reminders!



The December meeting is cancelled. There will be a January membership (in person) meeting (January 12th at 6pm EST) along with a chili supper.

Reminder: A new lock will be installed on the main gate in mid December. The procedure will be identical to the current one but the lock will have a different combination. The new combination will be posted in the Members Only portion of the ORKC Website. Please double check that the lock is secure when leaving the site! **The instructions with photos are always available in the Members Only**



Don't Forget! Renew Your Membership for 2023:

The renewal application, requirements to be considered in good standing and Code of Ethics is available in MEMBERS only section of the website.

The Renewal application has been sent to all members by Mari Decuir. Soon to be available online in the Membership section of the Website.



The ORKC Board was confronted with the overnight resignation of the previous president at the beginning of November.

Tracy Jones agreed to stand in until a new President could be selected.

The Board is delighted to announce that Richella Veatch has been elected President to fill the remainder of the term.

We are thrilled that Richella offered to take on the position of President and offer her expertise to the Club.

We are all offering our support and help and encourage all Club members to do the same.

Thank you, Tracy Jones. oakridgekcvp1@gmail.com

New Presidents Message

It is an honor and privilege to be voted President of Oak Ridge Kennel Club. My passion for dogs has grown into nearly 5 decades of breeding, training, performance and judging. I am a longtime member of the Collie Club of America, and I am currently the President of the East Tennessee Collie Club. My love and admiration for dogs stems from the acquisition of my first dog in 1974. She was a product of a breeding between two dogs that my parents purchased. She was the light of my life, and her image and character are forever etched in my mind.

In 1983 and 1984, I had the no. 2 Smooth Collie and in 1985 the no. 3 Smooth Collie. More recently, I owned the no. 8 Rough Collie, GChS Star Country Demuir I Am I Am. In addition, one of my most beloved Collies is Baby, GCh. Hollicove Got Er' Blue Jeans On BN, CD, RAE3, ASCA RN, ASCA CD, CGC and HIC. Baby and I were invited to the Rally National, and we were the top ranked Collie.

I have always taken my responsibilities seriously. My experience covers exhibiting, judging, breeding, and education as an advocate for pure-bred dogs. I have judged matches, sweeps and tournaments, ring stewarded, and served East Tennessee Collie Club, Oak Ridge Kennel Club and others as needed. I am an AKC-Delegate for Tennessee Valley Kennel Club, and I became an AKC judge of Collies in 2013. I have been the show chairman for East Tennessee Collie Club for the last 4 years and the Oak Ridge Kennel Club a couple of years ago. In addition, I have been the obedience and rally chair for the Collie Club of America National two times. I was the Training Director for Oak Ridge Kennel Club years ago. I have bred over 65 champions. I have shown dogs throughout the United States and internationally, including Mexico and Canada. I have 4 international Champions to my kennel's credit.

I believe in connecting with the entire membership of the club and listening to the members and their concerns and feelings. I am a strong believer in transparency and honesty. I promise to ensure Oak Ridge Kennel Club is led by the members, Board and Officers. I believe that our members are strong and have a positive outlook towards the future. Let's boldly move forward with a grand future as our goal for the Oak Ridge Kennel Club. I will need the help of all members to be successful. Feel free to contact me any time.

Thank you,
Richella Veatch
hollicovecollies@aol.com
931-788-1478 (home)
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New Requirements for Annual Membership Renewal 2023

- Attend at least two club meetings *(board or membership, virtually or in person) and complete a minimum of 10 hours of volunteer service to the club, on an annual basis to qualify for reduced class fees and access to the ORKC campus. This will begin with renewals for 2024.
- **If you are not able to attend the meetings or perform club service, you may send a letter to the ORKC board of directors with a brief explanation. The letter should be mailed to the address listed below or emailed to

orkcmembership@gmail.com.

Please read the [ORKC Code of Ethics](#) and indicate that you agree to abide by them on the renewal form

Submit the renewal form and annual dues of \$25 (one vote).



!!Share Your Time & Talents!! !! Volunteer Now !! Current Opportunities

ORKC Membership meeting January 12th at 6pm. Help set up and prepare chili dinner.

Contact: Sebrock007@gmail.com



If you wish to partake in chili supper please **RSVP Sarah Brock at Sebrock007@gmail.com no later than January 6th.**

Lorrie Johnson has resigned as Training Director due to a job change, The Club is looking for a new Training Director. If interested in the position please contact the ORKC President Richella Veatch @ hollicovecollies@aol.com.

If you have any questions regarding the position and its responsibilities please contact Becky Malivuk @ handstripped@aol.com

The Training Director duties include liaison with the Training Committee, setting the Class Schedule and deciding on Classes and Instructors. Best Wishes to Lorrie and thank you for your service.

Obedience & Rally for 2023

Establishing a new committee for these events. Volunteer to help with securing venues, organizing workers for trials: including stewarding, ribbon/ award selection, hospitality, and communications with other clubs and outlets. Contact Susan Varrasso svarrasso@charter.net

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Scent Work Trial for Fall 2023

Volunteers needed to help with mailings, and contacting possible venue locations. Folks will need to explain the sport and sell the idea to various camps, businesses, schools, etc. Speaking with local property owners/managers. Additional volunteers to help organize and work the trail. Contact Susan Varrasso
svarrasso@charter.net

Sniff 'n Go Match

Volunteers to help organize and work the match, to be held at ORKC. Proceeds donated to the club to offset expenses for supplies and first time setup of a trial. Contact Susan Varrasso
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**Members needed for
New Committee
Facilities and Equipment
Rental Committee**

Responsible for creating; rental agreements, and organizing equipment checked in and out like a library loan card. This includes facilities and equipment like ring gates, agility equipment, obedience jumps ect. Help in tracking down missing items. contact Becky at
handstripped@aol.com



The Woofers:

Please send those adorable Holiday photos, show brags, volunteer opportunities, upcoming events and other items of interest to share to me, Deanna, at
4woofersnews@gmail.com by December 30th for the next newsletter!



January–February 2023 Class Schedule



Member Class registration begins December 4

Non-member Class registration begins December 11

Registration closes December 26

Payment must be received by December 30

Classes begin the week of January 9 (Saturday classes, January 14) unless otherwise noted

Register at: <https://form.jotform.com/83284436145156>



Can My Dog Have Chili?

According to WEB sources, No!

The short answer is no, dogs **can't eat chili safely**. The main problem with chili is that it will almost certainly contain spices and ingredients, like **garlic, onions**, and chili peppers, that can be harmful or even toxic to your dog.

Chili contains a compound called capsaicin. The compound is the chemical responsible for the bold taste and spicy heat of chili peppers. The compound capsaicin in spicy foods creates a burning sensation on your pet's taste receptors and can lead to short-term side effects like flatulence or long-term health problems, and digestive issues for your furry friend.



!Meet the New President! Richella Veatch

**ORKC Membership (in person) and
Zoom meeting at the Club, January 12th
at 6pm.**

A bowl of chili, bread and fixings for chili provided by the club and purchased from the Soup Kitchen in Oak Ridge.

Any members wishing to bring a dessert to share should advise Sarah Brock.

If you wish to partake in chili supper please
RSVP Sarah Brock at
Sebrock007@gmail.com no later than
January 6th.

RSVP is **required** for eating; RSVP is not required for attendance at the meeting.

Tunnels, Quarry, Earthdogs and fun!

What are earth dogs?

Earthdog is a hunting dog sport developed specifically for terriers and other dogs that were bred to hunt vermin. These breeds include our Jack Russells, Dachshunds, Yorkshire Terriers, West Highland White Terriers, and many more.



14 yr old Gino retired from endurance testing but played in junior ED tests and was 2/3 Qs.

Verbena earned her first Q in masters after adding a few extra miles by running the entire pasture before marking the quarry and tunnel with her brace mate who was another WFT.

Tonto earned his first Q in senior and older brother Antonio earned 2/3 Qs in senior as well.

The “recall” off the quarry is tough for hard working determined Wire Foxes. Handled and owned by Becky Malivuk at Owl Howell Farms in Graham, NC Earthdog Tests.



!!! Brags, Brags, and More Brags !!!



Life of Riley St Jon Heartbreaker CGC, TKN (Jolene) went Winners Bitch and BOS out of the Bred By Class on October 14 and went Best of Winners and BOS out of the bred by class on October 15 at the Cantonsville Kennel Club dog show in West Friendsville, MD Jolene is Owner Handled by Ruth Andrick

THE DUEL

Mother vs Daughter at the
2022 American Bullmastiff
Nationals

KIMBER was HIT Agility
defeating her daughter, Rush,
who placed 2nd.

Kimber then earned
BRONZE in the Triathlon.

RUSH was HIT Obedience
and earned
GOLD in the Triathlon.



KIMBER

GCHB CH CT Solo-K's Over The Legal Limit VCD3 BN RE
VST2 TDU MXP2 MJP XFP CA BCAT SWA SCE SIE SEE
THDN CGCA TKA

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RUSH -

GCHS First Watch Special Edition
CD RE AX P MJP XFP SWN CA TKA
CGC ATT

Tucker earned his detective title on Nov 13th at the Central Kentucky Herding Group Club's trials in Glendale, KY under Judge Darlayne Jewell. He is the second Chesapeake Bay Retriever, first male, to earn the highest level Scent Work title offered by AKC.

AKC Detective level searches are set within 2,000 to 5,000 square feet with both interior and exterior areas and a number of distractions. The number of hides (birch, anise, clove and cypress) is unknown to the handler, but the range is 5 -10. The judge sets the time allowed for the search. The search is meant to be challenging with complex odor puzzles to solve. To earn a leg, the team must find all the hides, without any errors, within the designated search time. Ten legs are required to earn the Detective title.



TakeMeHome Tucker CD PCD BN RE FDC BCAT
SWD SWNE SWM SCME SIME SEME SHDN RATO
CGCA TKI

Owned and loved by Lisa Varrasso



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