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ORKC January Meeting New Year Starting out with Chili and Community

The January 12th chili, pot luck dinner meeting was well attended. Members enjoyed the food and comradery. I was pleased to meet many of you in person. Other members joined us at 7pm by Zoom.

Four new members joined the club, and are introduced in the following pages. Make sure to welcome them when you can.

Important dates discussed included: Cluster dates, September 28,29,30 & October 1 with TVKC. ORKC Tracking Trial is March 1; Mardi Growl is March 4. ORKC Agility Trial April 7-9th .Next meeting is February 9 via Zoom only.

Richella, reminded everyone that this is a volunteer club, folks need to share their time and talents for ORKC to continue with it's goals and programs. However, she also reminded everyone that the new 10 hour volunteer requirement is only for those who wish to have access to the facility and reduced training fees. Many members already contribute an excess of those 10 hours, and we are grateful for their dedication!

As a new club member I'm hoping we'll have more of these potluck dinner meetings, creating the opportunity to meet folks in all the disciplines the club represents.

Woofers Editor - Deanna Leveque

Welcome New Members



Mike and Kathy Beasley

After living in the Los Angeles area all of our lives, we moved to Knoxville in November 2021. We were drawn here by the clean air, lower cost of living, friendly people, political climate, the dog friendliness, and the ability to buy a piece of property for our Aussies to run. I have been retired from Boeing, after a 29 year career in the environmental field, for six years. My wife, Cathy, retired from Honeywell in 2021. Our daughter is in her third year in a PharmD program at MCPHS in Boston. Other than constantly mowing our 2.6 acres, our free time revolves around the dogs, with training for agility, rally, and obedience and participating in trials when we think we're ready. Both my wife and I volunteer at

the local Red Cross and I volunteer with Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing. This group uses fly fishing and fly fishing related activities as a form of therapy for disabled veterans.

Sue Hall

I have had Rottweilers since 1976. I have competed in Conformation and Obedience since 1978. I moved from Michigan 8 yrs ago where I owned a training center and taught for over 20 yrs. I have titled 7 different breeds, 3 were owned by friends or students. I am excited to start teaching the Advanced Novice. My only other hobby is gardening. So far my experience with the club has been nothing but positive .



Welcome New Members



Naoko Blue

I have a mini aussie, Theia Bella Blue 6 yr and 10 months old and a toy aussie, Zeus Forde Blue 2 yr and 10 months old . I started agility when Theia was 2 yrs old because her energy and she started to become protected of me when I am at the end of her leash. I needed to give her more job to do. I did a little Rally and nose work activity as well. Because of her sensitivity to environment and noise I retired her from agility trials. She reached to Open class. But she taught me a lot about dogs and it's personality and how to handle it. Because I enjoyed dog agility very much, I got Zeus in

May of 2020. He is awesome when we are practicing with agility, but he gets stressed at the trials. So, now I am learning about trial stress in dogs. We had a successful ORKC agility trial in Jan. He surprised me with one qualification in Master FAST class. We worked on the trial stress in other classes. He showed stress but he ran with speed without weaves. But most importantly, we ended with happy notes. So I was very happy with the results. We need to work more on obstacle distractions and confidence. We have plans, so we will see how Zeus dose in February trial.

My plan for ORKC is to help build courses, so everyone can practice running in different courses and drill sequences. I will help at agility trials. I can also teach fundamentals of agility/pre agility.

I am originally from Japan. I met my husband, Craig in college in the suburbs near Chicago, Illinois. He is from a small town in Illinois. We have moved around in Illinois and Ohio due to graduate school, then we moved down to Knoxville in March, 1995 after graduate school. We have a son (26 yr old) and a daughter (25 yr old) He works at ORNL. I have a translation business but I am very close to be retired. 😊 Now I am very much focused on my dogs. i really like to see this dog sports and this organization to grow and to recruit younger generations. I do have a

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Please check the office in the East building. Along the windowsill, we have a collection of Sunglasses, treat bags, collars, etc.

Welcome New Members



Jennifer Dunbar

Jennifer is an empty nester, with two children away at college.

She currently is interested in working in agility with her pitbull, Nova.

She is excited to see where she can get more involved with ORKC.

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CH SureShot Harmonix Dancing In the Shadows RN FDC SWN BCAT CGCA TKI ATT VHMP

Tildy had a phenomenal weekend at the Mid-West Kentucky Kennel Club Scent Work Trial in Glendale, KY!! At our second AKC scent work trial, Tildy earned her Novice Buried, Novice Exterior, Novice Interiors and Novice Containers titles to complete her Scent Work Novice (SWN) level title!

Ashley Miller

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ORKC was well represented at the recent American Spaniel Show in Knoxville. Several members participated in Obedience and Rally.

Susan Varrasso and Gemma earned 2 first placements in Preferred Novice Obedience and first place in Intermediate Rally.

Mike Beasley and Cassie earned two legs in Rally Excellent!



Deanna Leveque and Stewart completed their first two legs in Rally Advanced.



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



Tracking Test March 11th

If you want to volunteer please contact me as I may not have your name on my list.

Please review the premium on our website at orkc.org for the test details.

Thank you all so much,
Jean Burdick, Chair
865-310-1204

Text or call is the best way to contact me.

ORKC Tracking Dog Group,

I want to express my gratitude for the many years of your support to the Tracking Tests that have been held by ORKC.

I have decided to not continue in my role as Tracking Chair after March. Our next test will be March 11 in Birchwood. Carol McCorkle is test secretary. We have almost all the worker spots filled but if you want to volunteer please call me.

Tracy Jones will be secretary and Susan Corum has agreed to be chair for our October 29th test. Hopefully she will want to continue for many years. Please help them by volunteering as enthusiastically as you did for me.

Thank you all again for helping all these years. Tracking people are the best! Sincerely, Jean Burdick



PAWS ABILITIES

Oak Ridge Kennel Club April 7-9-2023

Up Coming Agility Trial

Entries Open: Wednesday,
February 1st, 2023 8:00 am
Entries Close: Friday, March
17th, 2023 6:00 pm

Std, JWW, Premier (both), FAST & T2B
Friday

Std, JWW, Premier (both), FAST & T2B
Saturday

Std, JWW, & Premier (both) Sunday

East Tennessee Agricultural Exposition
Center

276 Patton Lane, Harriman, TN 37748
(packed dirt, indoor arena)

The Woofers:

Please send those, show brags, volunteer opportunities, upcoming events and other items of interest to share, to me, Deanna, at 4woofersnews@gmail.com by February 24th for the next newsletter!



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