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May 27th

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The WOOFER

May 2023

Oak Ridge Kennel Club, Inc.

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Welcome New Members



Welcome, Margeaux Emery and Jake, a 21-month old AKC-registered Standard poodle. Jake has his CGC and CGCC titles. We're enrolled in upcoming Canine Good Citizen Urban training and also in Melanie Harriman's Introduction to Scentwork class at ORKC. We love Melanie and our classmates and are planning to continue with scentwork training. We're also interested in agility ahead.

Not Pictured: Paul Singley and Patricia Daugherty

Poison Plants–Spring Gardening Reminders–Poison Plants

I have a new puppy and a new yard. When puppy proofing the house we removed the anthurium and peace lily to areas where the new puppy has no access. Now I find myself doing google searches at Walmart, while buying bulbs, or the garden center at Lowe's or HomeDepot, checking on whether that beautiful plant is poisonous to my dogs.

The ASPCA advises that any plant material may cause vomiting and stomach upset. Some plants are toxic and others are mildly toxic.

I encourage you to be mindful in your Spring Planting choices. I truly did not realize how many plants were dangerous. My dogs are never outside unattended, but puppies put everything in their mouths!

We cannot watch everything they do while outside. In case you fear your dog has ingested something poisonous use the number below!



Rhododendron

Tulip

ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center Phone Number: (888) 426-4435

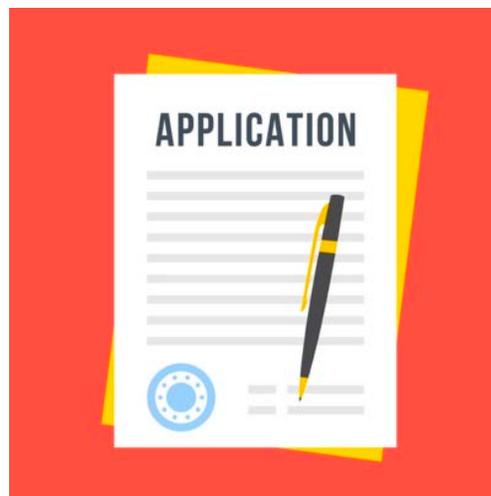
ORKC Membership Renewal & New Member Applications

Oak Ridge Kennel Club officers spent a great deal of time revamping the Membership Renewal and New Member applications. We have had some issues with current members not completing the form in full and/or sending the renewal and check to the Treasurer. Hopefully the following will make the procedures clearer to all.

1) Renewal applications should be submitted by December 31 of each year. There is a grace period up to March 31 of the following year. The Membership chair must receive your application and check on or before March 31 or your membership will be terminated.

2) If you do not send a fully complete renewal application it will be shredded and you will need to provide a new fully complete renewal application. The same will occur if it is not sent to the ORKC Membership Chair.

3) The renewal and check should be sent to **ORKC Membership 1075 Paxton Drive Knoxville TN 37918** as noted on the renewal application below:



Link to Membership Renewal:

https://orkc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/FINAL-pdf-Membership-Renewal-11_22-tj.pdf

STAR Puppy Graduates



Congratulations to the March/April STAR Puppy graduates!

Julia Bryant & Josie, Becky Malivuk & Scenta, Vicki Houser & Scarlett, David Arakawa & Sadi, Sandy Hunn and Koda,

New Requirements for Membership Renewal 2024

All members should be recording their volunteer hours/meeting attendance for the 2023 year.

The requirements and benefits are:

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. **These Members then qualify for reduced class fees and access to the ORKC campus. This requirement for meetings and volunteer hours will begin with renewals for 2024. Please consider volunteering this year. Get involved and share your time and talents.**

Bonnie Hornfisher made an Excel form for recording hours/meetings and it is available on the website or you can use your own method.

The form is available on the website at the MEMBERS ONLY tab and you can submit your forms/record of volunteer hours to Bonnie Hornfisher.

ORKC Volunteer Service Tracking

Individuals are responsible for maintaining and submitting their own volunteer service hours and list of ORKC meetings attended. Sheets may be submitted via email, hard copy via US mail or placed on the desk in East Building where dog/handler questionnaires and evaluations are placed.

Volunteer Service Hour Form

Submit forms to:

Bonnie Hornfisher
2622 Lynbrulee Lane
Knoxville, TN 37920

hornfisher@comcast.net

Members can submit the service hour form at anytime; whether it be when ALL requirements are met or progressively, as service hours are completed.

ORKC to host Rally and Obedience Trial in October

I hope everyone is doing well and still willing to help volunteer for the ORKC Obedience and Rally trials this fall. I have filed all the paperwork with AKC for the trials on October 7-8, 2023. This is the same date we held from last year when we used the Harriman facilities. This year the events will be at Ultimutt in Knoxville, the former K9 Center. It is now climate controlled and should be much more comfortable. We will have two rings, with one obedience and two rally trials each day. ORKC members Russ and Bonnie Hornfisher will be judging. We will limit the rally entries to 55 per trial, but it still will be long days.



Trish, the owner of Ultimutt, is very excited to have us there. She will most likely have her physical therapy/wellness folks on site for tours and to answer questions, and her new and larger pool has arrived and will be operational shortly. We plan to have a fall themed small area there for pictures if folks would like to use.

As we get organized, I am attaching a beginning list of potential committees/groups that we will need to pull this all together. Please let me know if you are interested in helping in a specific area or could help manage a group. Thinking back to our trials last fall and all the compliments we received, I know we can accomplish this time around and make it even better. If I have overlooked or not thought of something, please speak up and let me know. If you know of anyone else that might be interested in getting involved, please forward this message to them. I look forward to hearing from and working with you all on this fun event with our dogs.

!!Share Your Time & Talents!! !! Volunteer Now !!
Help out Organizing the Rally/Obedience Trial.

Current Opportunities

Call Susan Varrasso @ 865-803-7645

Event Committee

- At least 5 members
- Enforces AKC rules at Event

Chief Steward

- Recruit & assign stewards
- Make ring assignments
- Make sure necessary equipment is in place
- Confirm each ring has a trial catalog

Awards Chair

- Inventory current supply of rosetts/ribbons
- Research suppliers for ribbon pricing
- Order Ribbons

Publicity Chair

- Obtain free publicity where available
- Contact other clubs and dog organizations

Veterinary Requirements

- Engage local Vet office or emergency contact

Hospitality Chair

- No transportation or accommodations needed
- Plan meals: breakfast, lunch & snacks for judge
- Cooler with cold drinks & bottled H2O

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Hiawassee Tracking Trial

The Photos are of Cynthia Brown-Milans and her dog Jade a Belgian Malinois.
She passed her TD.

Picture 1 - Cynthia and Track layer

Picture 2 - Cynthia and Jade

Picture 3 - Trial judges



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David Miller and Juliet finishing their MACH title at the TVKC agility trial on February 3, 2023 with Linda Robertson as judge.



Introducing Grace Mountain Follow That Dream. "Jesse" was born Nov. 29, 2022 and is the sweetest, most gentle boy. We are very excited that he will be in the May/June STAR Puppy class, and we look forward to watching him grow!



Ellie's Mini Me has recently joined our family. "Mini" has not experienced much in her two and a half years, but we are working on that! She is such a sweet soul, and we think she just may make a great therapy dog. Mini will be attending the Beginner OB/CGC class in May/June at ORKC.

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Our young boy made us proud at the Peach Blossom cluster in Perry, GA.

"Prince" won the Cotton Classic Specialty to earn his BISS.

"Prince" is now BISS GCHB Crown's Prince Of Derby RATN, FDC.

Previously at this cluster, he won a big Group 4 placement in a very prestigious Working Group. Prince is shown by Debbie Echols and owned by Alan McFadden, Debbie Echols, and Mike & Amber Rusk.



The Woofers:

Please send those show brags, volunteer opportunities, upcoming events and other items of interest to share, to me, Deanna, at 4woofernews@gmail.com by **May 26th for the next newsletter!**



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