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## Presidents Message

**To All of the members and Volunteers of the TVKC and the ORKC;**

Well, another Great Smoky Mountain Cluster is in the books. I can not thank everyone who volunteered enough to help us make it happen during a problematic weather weekend.

Starting on Wednesday with the set-up and ending on Sunday with the tear-down, we were so blessed to have enough people available to get things done smoothly and efficiently. I will not mention anyone by name only because I want to avoid missing anyone who helped. Our two Volunteer coordinators did a fantastic job covering all of the positions. We received numerous compliments on how helpful and friendly everyone was.

Late Tuesday evening, we received a phone call that one of our judges was unable to make it due to contracting COVID-19. After many phone calls, we were able to cover all four days of her assignment.

The Fast Cat people probably had the most challenging task, as the hurricane-effect weather played havoc all weekend on the course. Yet, they were able to pull it off despite the setbacks.

The grooming area posed a unique set of problems because the weather pushed some who might have just groomed at their RVs and trucks to need a place to set up. Even though some were not happy, they did work together to accommodate everyone.

Our fantastic trophies received many compliments, and the NOHS people were grateful to receive the same high-quality prizes as the regular groups.

We did have one event hearing, but we were able to avoid two others. The behaviors of some people can really make it difficult for those of us who work so hard to keep things running smoothly.

Our Judges were impressed with the quality of the dogs, the facility, the ring size, and the club's hospitality.

The unloading and parking areas still need improvement, and I can't thank the Golf cart drivers enough for transporting people in the poor weather. The Chuck-A-Duck was a considerable success; an excellent contribution to Take the Lead will be made. The eye clinic was a success, but unfortunately, the storm prevented the Doctor from being able to do the Cardio clinic. The Junior Closet was a great success, as were all the junior classes and the Best of the Best on Sunday. We had 13 fantastic Kids exhibit in the Pee Wee competition, and it was a great event.

The AKC field representative was very impressed with how well our two clubs worked together and with the number of volunteers we had. We received so many positive compliments, and of course, we had our share of people who were upset about something, but overall, we all worked together to put on a fantastic show in some difficult circumstances. Overall, our entries were up over last year. All of our specialty clubs were satisfied and plan to return.

We could not have done this without the cooperation of both clubs working together with a positive attitude.

Thank you again to all who helped. Now, we start planning for 2025

Walter Sommerfelt

Cluster Chair, The Great Smoky Mountain Cluster.



WE LOVE  
OUR VOLUNTEERS

We would like to thank all the volunteers that helped at the cluster which was a great success. We hope you can come to the club meeting Thursday and enjoy a piece of cake in celebration.

Thank you Mari.  
Cindi Chilbert, VP, ORKC

# Up Coming Events

## Obedience Rent-A-Ring

When: Oct 19, 2024 9:00 am

Where:

Ultimutt Knoxville

11225 Threadstone Lane

Knoxville, TN

Obedience Rent-A-Ring event held at Ultimutt Knoxville.

Cost \$10/10 minutes.

No advanced registration.

Sign Up for **Utility and Open 9am-10am only**

Sign Up for **Novice and Beginner Novice 9am-12noon only**

## AmVets 3rd Annual Dog Days

When: Oct 26, 2024 10:00 am

Where:

Oak Ridge Kennel Club & AmVets

AmVets & ORKC Howl'OWeen Fest 10:00am – 2:00pm ET

Meet the Breeds, Demos, and Police K9s!

[Dog Days flyer](#)

We need for Volunteers for the AmVets fundraiser of police service dogs that is occurring on Saturday, October 26 from 10:00 - 2:00.

1. We need folks to bring their dogs to promote their breed at a meet the breeds in the East building
2. We need folks to sell t-shirts/hats
3. Janet is going to coordinate the agility so I will see if she needs anything.
4. The West building is also reserved for the day. I would like to see if anyone would like to volunteer to demo other performance sports like rally or scent work.

Tina Winkler

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# Up Coming Events

## Obedience/Rally Trial

When: Nov 9, 2024 8:00 am

Where: Ultimutt Knoxville

Trial runs Nov 9-10, 2024.

2 Rally trials and 1 Obedience trial offered each day.

Premium posted, enter soon.



**The Oak Ridge Kennel Club held our first AKC Scent Work trial on the ORKC campus September 14 & 15, 2024.** We offered Containers and Buried with two trials each day. Big thanks to April Paulman and Curt Zeiger for judging and for all the volunteers who helped make the event a success. Congratulations to all the competitors who joined us to spend the day playing scent work with their awesome dogs! We handed out 47 new title rosettes!

We had so much fun that we are already in the planning stages for our next AKC Scent Work trial! Stay tuned for future announcements!





# AKC Scent Work trial at ORKC September 14 & 15, 2024





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"Prince" (BISS GCHS Crown's Prince Of Derby ATT, FDC, RATN) did great at the Greater Frederickson Kennel Club shows in Doswell, VA. He won the breed every day with handler Crystal Brooks, followed by a Group 4 by Judge Douglas Johnson. Prince is loved and owned by Mac McFadden and Debbie Echols.

Tildy was back in her element at the Oak Ridge Kennel Club scent work trial! Pending AKC approval, Tildy earned her Advance Container Elite title and her overall Advanced Elite title on Saturday! This was our first weekend attempting any element at the Master Level, so I opted to only enter Master Container, where she earned her first Q!!!

GCH SureShot Harmonix Dancing In the Shadows RI FDC BCAT SWAE SBE SCE SHDN THDN RATN CGCA TKI ATT VHMP



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Thank you to all who made this event at the Smoky Mountain Cluster possible. Everyone was kind and friendly.

Cookie and Denise Davis earned their Beginner Novice title and second leg in Rally Intermediate.

Denise



Carol Malec and Decker earned a Rally Advanced title at the Smoky Mountain Cluster with three perfect scores of 100.

Sunday, September 22nd, marked the culmination of Luke's journey in AKC Scent Work. At ORKC's inaugural scent work trial, Luke completed the Buried Master Elite title, earning a 4th and 1st placements. By earning that title, Luke completed all the requirements for a Scent Work Master Elite (SWME) title and with that he has earned an elite title in each of the four levels Novice, Advanced, Excellent, and Master. Thank you, ORKC, for the beautiful rosettes and for putting together such a wonderful trial. (Luke is Roselake's Next Generation Jean Luc CD PCD BN RM2 BCAT SWME SHDNE SHDE CCA CGC TKP ACC)

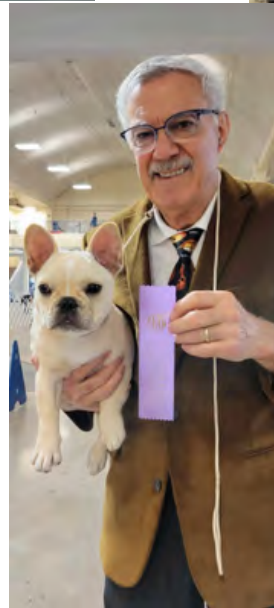
5 days after competing at the ORKC scent work trials, Luke woke up and couldn't move his legs. I truly thought that this was going to be goodbye. He remains at UTMVC, but has been transferred from ICU to the Physical Therapy department. He still cannot walk, but is slowly regaining use of his legs. He is recovering from discospondylitis and we hope will soon regain full mobility. The doctor who saw him when he first arrived at the emergency department were astounded that he was not showing any signs of pain. He must have been hurting at the trial, but you can see from the pictures that he looked fine. We hope that maybe next year he is able to compete again in scent work so he can earn the final two legs of the Detective title.



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At the Great Smoky Mountain Cluster in Knoxville September 26-29 Border Collie, Old Oaks Gallactic Storm CDX RE earned his first four Rally Master legs with placements. So proud of my boy! Our thanks to the Oak Ridge and Tennessee Valley Kennel Clubs for a great show.



Byrum's No More Nice Guy - Cooper 4-6 month puppy classes his wins at Smoky Mountain Cluster Cooper just turned 5 months old and was shown by John Byrum.



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Barry has been busy since finishing his Championship in July!! He has won multiple BOBOH and Owner Handler Sporting Group placements, including 3 OH group wins including at the Lexington, Mobile, and McDonald shows! Through these shows, he also has won multiple Select Dog and Best of Opposite wins for 5 GCH majors, including a Best of Opposite at the Knoxville show for a 5 point major to finish his GCH (all owner handled)!! Thank you to all the judges who have recognized our boy and ORKC friends and trainers for their support! -Taylor Seay and "Barry" - GCH My Buddy's Hero in the Red Suit TKN ACT1 ACT1J NAP NJP OFF DCAT RE

Wingmaster Ziggy Stardust went winners dog on Saturday and Sunday. Thanks ORKC for the nice mug on Sunday.

Rick and Donna Post

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At the Smoky Mountains Bulldog Club specialty in Knoxville on Sunday, Tildy went Best of Opposite Sex in a lovely line of specials under breeder-judge Deb Lessli.

GCH Sureshot Harmonix  
Dancing In the Shadows RI FDC  
BCAT SWAE SCE SBE SHDN  
THDN RATN CGCA CGCU TKI  
ATT VHMP FITB

GCHS Kendee's Mysterious Lone Ranger ("Ranger") every day of the cluster.

At the Smoky Mountain Bulldog Club specialties, he was BOS on Saturday and BOB on Sunday.

At the all breed shows, he was:

- Select x 3
- BOS x 1
- OH BOB x 2
- OH Grp. 3 x 1
- OH Grp. 4 x 1





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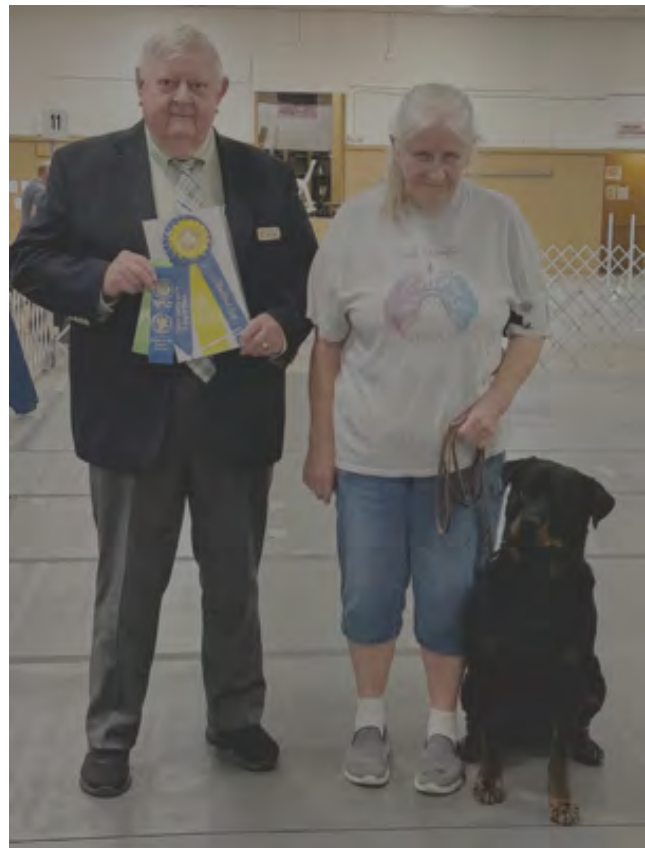


We have had a busy month. My Flat Coated Retriever, Koda, and I went to the Lexington conformation show the end of August where we finished up his championship and went Best of Breed on Sunday. Koda is now CH Embermist Stand By Me. On September 13 we celebrated his second birthday. At the club's first scent work trial we earned our Containers Excellent title. Finished up the month at our Knoxville show by earning points and a major towards a grand championship and going BOB on Sunday. All done owner handled by Sandy Hunn.



Melina came out to play in the BPUP ring all 4 days in Knoxville and won Puppy BOB, 3 out of 4 days, and a Puppy Sporting Group 1 and a Group 2.

For a second brag, Melina also earned her Trick Novice title in her puppy class.



Sue Hall and Gibbs earn 1st leg of Novice Obedience with a First Place and High Score at the Cluster.

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Weeping Willow Music In The Wind (Taborri) CD BN RM RAE FDC DCAT CGCU  
TKP ATT FITG

Handler: Catherine Talbert

Owned by Catherine Talbert and Terry Albert  
Bred By Terry Albert and Catherine Talbert

September 26, 2024  
Rally Master-95 and 1st place  
Rally Excellent B-97 and 3rd place  
Rally Advanced B-99 and 4th place

**\*\*High Triple\*\***  
**\*\*New Title-RAE2\*\***

September 27, 2024  
Rally Master-99 and 1st place  
Rally Excellent B-96 and 3rd place  
Rally Advanced B-99 and 4th place

September 28, 2024  
Rally Master-99 and 1st place  
Rally Excellent B-100 and 1st place  
Rally Advanced B-100 and 1st place

**\*\*High Triple with a 299/300points\*\***  
**\*\*High Combined with a 200/200points\*\***  
**\*\*New Title-Rally Master 2\*\***





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Weeping Willow Appalachian Harmony (Nayla) BN RM RAE FDC FCAT CGC TKP  
ATT FITG

Handler: Catherine Talbert

Bred and Owned by Catherine Talbert

September 26, 2024

Rally Master-75

Rally Excellent B-98 and 2nd place

Rally Advanced B-97

September 27, 2024

Rally Master-87

September 28, 2024

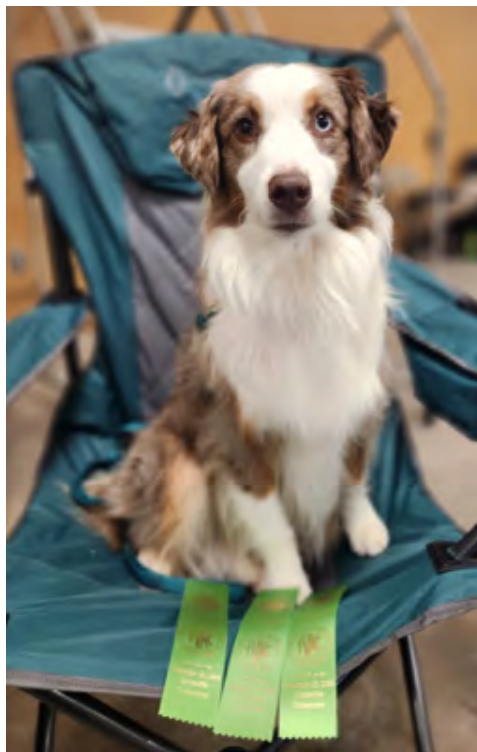
Rally Master-93

Rally Excellent B-97

Rally Advanced B-99 (just out of the ribbons by time)



\*She got triple Q's 9 and 10 this weekend as well as her 5th Q towards her RM2 title and her 3rd Q towards her RAE2.



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Weeping Willow Morning Song (Wren) CD BN RE FDC NF BCAT CGCU TKN  
ATT FITG

Handler: Catherine Talbert  
Bred and Owned by Terry Albert and Catherine Talbert

September 27, 2024  
Rally Excellent B-98 and 2nd place  
Rally Advanced B-100 and 1st place

\*7th double Q towards her RAE title :)



Nava earned her DCAT at The Great Smoky Mountain Cluster this past weekend.

Laurell N Meirzah's Golden Ticket  
DCAT FDC CCA RATN CGCA CGCU  
TKN

My photo hasn't arrived but my 6-9 month old Havanese bitch had won 6 single points prior to the cluster in Knoxville. At the TVKC show she on Saturday was Winners Bitch for 3 points. At the Oak Ridge show on Sunday she was Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex over specials for 5 points and now needs 1 point to finish. Her call name is Peep and she is formally known as Wyhaven Sunshine People's Choice.  
Becky Chittenden



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I would like to note that my Sheltie completed her Scent Work Novice Container and Scent work Novice Buried at our Scent Work Trial. Her name is Seascape Willow In The Wind, CGC, FDC, TKN, BN, CD, RI, ATT. I call her "Willie".

Also finished my Smooth Collie's Championship at our Sunday Smoky Mountain Cluster show. He is Ch Hollicove Knight In White Satin. I call him Moody.  
Richella



Tucker and I attended our first National Specialty Show at the end of August at the Roberts Centre in Wilmington, OH. We were able to participate in Obedience and Rally. Tucker earned a leg in Graduate Open with a first place. We also completed our RAE2 title and earned High Combined in the process! Tucker and I had a blast participating on a Rally Team as the Shark Bite Victims Team. The dogs all wore "shark fins" and the handlers matched with shirts that had a shark bite on the side with the words "I'm fine" on the front. It was such an amazing experience to see to so many beautiful Chesapeake Bay Retrievers in one place and meet people who love the breed like I do. I will always cherish the memory, and I am grateful for having Tucker as my partner at such a wonderful event.

Owned and loved by Lisa Varrasso

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Tucker celebrated his birthday weekend in July by attending an NACSW Elite trial. The event was held in Murfreesboro, TN at the MTSU Livestock Center. Tucker certainly showed his love of scent work that day as he earned 2nd place overall for the trial!

Owned and loved by Lisa Varrasso



Due to Helene, my 2 pups were absent from 4-6 pup on Thursday and Friday. On Saturday, Colter, Skye Tracker, received Breed and Herding Group 2. His sister, Shaw, Skye Professor Shaw, received BOS. Thank you to Judge Jennifer Rutkas for her gentle kindness examining the pups and advice given. On Sunday, Colter received BOS. Shaw just had fun! Thank you to Judge Charlotte Patterson for her advice and instruction helping me set up my wild child Colter on the table.  
**Jacqueline Mascioli**

**HAVENHILLS LOVE TAKES COURAGE**, Brussels Griffon, bred by Lisa Hampton and owned by Lisa Hampton and Prisi Selfridge won Puppy group, Best Puppy and Best Overall at the TVKC Sanctioned Match.



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Sunday at the Cluster, Stewart finished his 8th leg in RAE with a couple of place ribbons. Gidget got her 2nd leg in Intermediate with a score of 100!

## Buy, Sell, Trade, or Give Away

Do you have dog equipment you'd like to clear out? Or something you're looking for? Send information, photo, and contact to [4woofernews@gmail.com](mailto:4woofernews@gmail.com)

J&J 4 ft wide pvc jumps in bag, great condition, never left outside. \$150 .  
Contact [rottidox.hall@gmail.com](mailto:rottidox.hall@gmail.com)



Small dog backpack like new.  
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# Welcome New Memeber

Hi! My name is Morgan Worsham, and I recently was inducted as a member of ORKC. I am a trainer with North Star K9 Training in Knoxville, and my husband and I have 4 dogs: Roxi, Bindi, Ember, and Waffles. They are two rescue mixes and two border collies. My border collies compete in disc, flyball, rally, and have plans to start agility soon.

My 2 year old border collie, Waffles, is who I compete with most often. We just ran at the Great Smoky Mountain Cluster and got 2 legs of our Rally Advanced title!

Their official titles currently:

**Cf Waffles RN CGCA CGCU TKN**

**Ember IV ACT1J CGCA CGCU TKA**

(I have not yet submitted their flyball, disc, or additional



Ember and I at the 2023 CanAm flyball tournament.



Photo 1: Waffles at the Great Smoky Mountain Cluster after our 2nd Q of the weekend! We got a 98/100 and first place in Rally Advanced A (by default 😊)



Waffles at the Feb. ORKC Obedience and Rally trial. He was able to get his RN that weekend!



My rescues, Bindi and Roxi, and I at an UpDog disc event in Sweetwater, TN, hosted by Smoky Mountain Frizbeasts.





What an amazing group of puppies!! The puppies in the Aug/Sept 4-Week Beginner Puppy class were outstanding!! Maggie, Shaw, Harlow, Brady, Gator and Cooper (not pictured) were so confident and have bright futures ahead!  
-Ashley & Courtney

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