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Club News

Happy New Year



As a reminder, there is membership meeting at ORKC inperson and Zoom Thursday, January 4th, at 6:30 pm.

Classes begin the week of January 8, 2024, unless otherwise noted.

This Year Make ORKC one of your SMART Goals

SMART is a popular acronym for "specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time-bound" which means it contains all the attributes needed to set realistic goals and evaluate them.

Consider volunteering for an open position or help out at events. Volunteering for ORKC fulfills the attributes of SMART goals. Think about sharing your time and talents, how your interest, skill set, and experience could benefit our club.

Or learn something new, train as a Table Steward, or Ring Steward for up coming shows.

Party Planning, Fix it Days, Handyman skills, cleaning, data entry, cooking, landscaping, so many skills are needed to keep our Club running. Your time and commitment are truly appreciated! Thank you to all who served in 2023! We recognize and value the time, effort, and wealth of knowledge you have donated to make 2023 successful.

Current Open Positions

Please Contact Richella Veatch for information about these positions

> hollicovecollies@aol.com 2nd Vice President Secretary Membership Chair **Cleaning Director**

In Remembrance

I'm sorry to inform you that my sister Joyce Cardwell passed away December 27th, after a battle with cancer. There is a memorial scheduled for **January**, **6th 2:00pm** at Kern Memorial United Methodist Church if any of her dog loving friends care to attend. **Gary Brannon**



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

Current Opportunities

Happy New Year Members,

January 5-7,2024 will be our first Agility Trial of the year in Harriman,Tn. This would be a perfect opportunity to get in some volunteer hours in a fun environment.

Not sure how to help, just come on down to Roane St.Community College in Harriman and we can



train you in no time. Nothing to it. There are a handful of small tasks to be done that anyone can do.

Besides working in a ring, we need someone to get 3 cases of water brought Thursday for the workers, One or two people to help our judges, get their lunch for them if needed and just make sure they have everything they need.

Last but not least, we need someone to run the worker board at the trial. You would need to be ready each day by 7:30-7:45 each day and stay until the end each day. You can get plenty of help by just asking. There is compensation for each day, because this is such a critical job for the trial

We will be unloading the agility trailer on Thursday, January 4 at 4:00. Definitely need help with the trailer. Lots of stuff to unpack and place on the floor and fence to build. And for your hard work, you can also earn worker bucks. Don't forget to bring your crates to set up while you there.

See you at the trial, David Miller, Trial Chair



A super-cute shot of Indi who is in beginner puppy right now.

Courtney Kleiman



JeanneLove Ferguson and her Border Collie, Vanda, completed their ACT1 Title in Agility.

Mary Sonner and her Sheltie, Jasmine, complete their ACT1 Title in Agility.



We had a long road trip to Santa Rosa, CA for the GSMDCA National Specialty. We stopped for a couple of days at Lebanon at the beginning of the trip where Prince got a Group 3 placement in the Working Group. Got to CA in time to show in the 1st of 2 NS week specialties where Prince got an Award of Merit followed by another AOM in the National Specialty. At the banquet, our boy Ringo finished #4 for 2022 in Novice Obedience, Prince was Top 10 Breed and All-Breed for 2022, and Mac McFadden & Debbie Echols received the GSMDCA Lifetime Achievement Award! What an honor.





Tucker competed in the NACSW Elite trial at Chesterfield, VA during early November. Paws Plus Training held the event at the YMCA Camp Thunderbird. The venue was an older campground which provided some challenging search areas. Tucker earned his ELT2, becoming the third Chessie to earn this title! Tucker absolutely loves scent work, and I am honored to be his partner on this journey.

Gemma (Laurelwood Southern Gem) earned her Advanced Elite Interior scent work title at Westerville, Ohio, in November. Gemma is owned, handled, and loved by Susan Varrasso



"We had an incredible fall season of dog shows!

- McDonald TN shows September 14-17: Barry (Golden Retriever) won Winners Dog, Best of Winners, and Best of Opposite over specials for 2 points (1 dog short of a major!) and Best of Breed Owner Handler. Thank you judge Michael Canalizo! He also tried out Fast CAT for the first time and had 6 qualifying runs!
- Franklin TN shows September 23-24: Barry won back-to-back days Winners Dog, Best of Winners, Best of Breed Owner Handler, and Best of Breed over specials for 2 points each!! On Saturday, he also won an Owner Handler Sporting Group 2. Thank you judges Jon Cole and Brian Meyer for these wins! He is now singled out and looking for the last major!
- Knoxville TN shows Sept. 29-Oct. 1: Barry finished his BCAT title with a top speed over 23 MPH and had additional qualifying runs toward his DCAT!
- Franklin TN Agility trial Oct 7-8: Barry had his first qualifying Open JWW run with 1st place! Rhett (Shetland Sheepdog) had his first qualifying Premier JWW run with 2nd place!

We are looking forward to seeing what 2024 has to bring! Thank you to all our trainers and friends at ORKC who have helped us reach these achievements! - Taylor Seay"





Buckeye Reece Sudden Impact DJ JH Scenta passed all 4 field tests at Percy Preist the Middle TN German Shorthair Pointer Club to earn her Junior Hunter title. She is owned by myself and trained and tested by my husband Michael Malivuk - Becky

Up Coming Events

Oak Ridge Kennel Club VST Tracking test - March 20, 2024 6 VST tracks with judges Mike Roehrs and Marge Schultz The fillable entry form is via email to the Test Secretary or at akc.org/events_calendar

The Oak Ridge Kennel Club is hosting obedience and rally trials on February 24 & 25, 2024 in Knoxville, TN.

Details and links for all events are at https://ShowEntries.Info as information becomes available.

Maggie Needs a New Home for the New Year

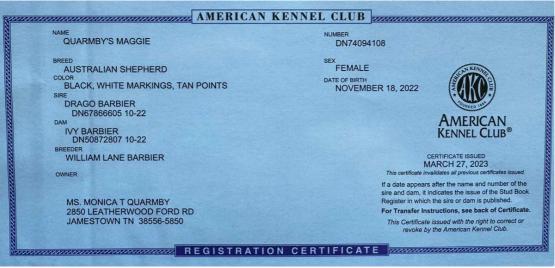
One of our members, Vicky Rhein, is helping out this owner looking to Re-home her Registered Australian Shepard, Maggie. (Vicky's number is in the membership roaster if you have questions)

If you, or someone you know, might be interested the owner is asking for a \$500 re-homing fee. Maggie is just a year old, unsprayed and a little on the smaller size.

Contact Owner Monica Quarmby 931-704-2175 Jamestown, TN







The Woofer:

Please send those show brags, volunteer opportunities, up coming events and other items of interest to share, to me, Deanna,

at 4woofernews@gmail.com by

February 28th, 2024 for newsletter!



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