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Club News

Membership Meeting this Thursday!

Time: Apr 3, 2025 07:00 PM Central Time

Officer and Board of Directors Nominations for 2025-2026 Year as set forth by the Nomination Committee

Each year Oak Ridge Kennel Club votes on Officers and Board of Directors for the upcoming year starting June 1st. The Members were able to contact the Nomination Committee prior to the April 3rd membership meeting OR members may be present at the meeting and nominate members or themselves for one of the following positions.

You may nominate yourself or another person for the Board to serve from July 2025-June 2026.

Nominations may be made in writing to Mary Sonner, Head of the Nominating Committee OR in person at the April Meeting.

ORKC Agility Trial - Volunteers Needed!

ORKC's Spring Agility Trial will be held April 11-13 2025 at the Roane State Agricultural Expo Center in Harriman!

We can't host trials without volunteers and we would love to have your help! Starting on Thursday afternoon (April 10 at ~4:00 PM) we need help to unload equipment and set up the rings. And of course we will need lots of volunteers throughout the trial on Friday-Sunday. The trial starts at 8:00 AM each day and runs until mid afternoon. No experience necessary - just come on down and we'll get you started! Volunteers will receive vouchers that may be used for entries to future trials or for purchases from agility trial vendors! This is also a great opportunity for kennel club members to meet their volunteer service hours!

If you have any questions, please contact our trial chair David Miller - dmiller117@comcast.net or Janet Hopson hopsonjl@yahoo.com

We look forward to seeing you at the trial!

Big Thank You's to Everyone !!

You've been hearing us talk about the new matting for the East Building for several months, it finally arrived. Saturday, March 8th was installation day and with a great group of volunteers the work went very quickly. Faster than we expected the old matting was removed and the new mats installed. Then the old matting was taken to the West Building. It will be taped into a secure covering on Wednesday evening (3/12/25). Finishing touches were completed in the East Building on Sunday and was ready for classes to start the full week.

We want to thank Courtney Kleiman for all the work to search out the product, deal with the Vendor and organize and supervise the work detail. We want to thank the volunteers, Mary Sonner, Richella & Robert Veatch, Michael & Cindi Chilbert, Bonnie Hornfisher, Diane Sacksteder, Miranda Ward, Austin and Debbie Hogan and Debby Reed.

Look at the East Building now!



Another successful O/R trial is under our belts. Ladies and gentlemen, it is truly an honor and a privilege to work with you all and to be a part of a group that works so well together. We heard compliments all weekend about what a friendly and efficient group we have. I'm sorry we had so many absences, but the competitors who were able to make it all had a good overall experience. Thank you all for your time and talents. -Kathy Ambrose

I want to second Kathy's comments below. Susan has assembled an amazing ORKC team for the Obedience/Rally trials. This team worked so well together and the exhibitors had nothing but positive things to say about our trial and volunteers. I know it was a long weekend but THANK YOU ALL!!!

Grateful, Ashley Miller



Up Coming Events

Agility Trial

When: Apr 11, 2025 7:00 am
Where:
East Tennessee Agricultural Exposition
Center
276 Patton Lane
Harriman, Tennessee, 37748



Scent Work Trial

When: May 3, 2025 8:00 am
Where:
Oak Ridge Kennel Club
1790 Oak Ridge Tpke
Oak Ridge, TN
Trial runs May 3 – May 4, 2025.
All levels of Containers and Buried will be offered with 2 trials each day.



Great Smoky Mountain Cluster

When: Sep 25, 2025 8:00 am
Where:
Chilhowee Park
Knoxville, TN
4 Days of All Breed Conformation Shows, NOHS, 4-6 Month Puppy,
Rally, Obedience, and Pee Wee.
TVKC – Sept 25 & 27, 2025

Up Coming Events

Cathy Hartley Herding Clinic

Sycamore Creek Farm

Mitzi Claiborne

4326 Pleasant Gap Road

Powell, TN 37849

Saturday thru Monday May 24-26, 2025

Start Time - 8:30 AM each day

Entry Deadline May 9, 2025

Cathy has over 35 years of experience working stock dogs. She started competing in 1985 in ASCA trials and in Border Collie trials in 1990. She has since obtained multiple titles in ASCA,

AKC, AHBA and qualified multiple years for the USBCHA cattle and sheep finals. She has competed in the

USBCHA Cattle Dog Finals.

Cathy holds judging cards for AKC, AHBA, USBCHA and CKC (Canadian Kennel Club). She has judged all

over the US and in Canada. She has also judged at both the Border Collie and Australian National Specialties.

She lives on a working farm in Virginia and uses her dogs daily to complete farm chores. She raises

sheep, goats and Highland cattle and uses her dogs in every manner. She trains various working breeds

and understands the difference in each.

The clinic will be outside rain or shine and includes sheep and goats.

Offering customized learning for each dog/ handler

A variety of sized working areas from round pen to open fields

Trial strategies with obstacle techniques

Learn farm use and how to improve use on daily chores

Space limited to 12 dogs.

Novice to advanced dogs are welcome.

Full Clinic Fee is: \$300 first dog, \$200 second dog

Single day fee \$125, two day \$250

Audit fee: \$25

\$100 deposit to hold spot

Lunch will be provided each day, snacks and water available.

Both facilities are working farms, please close all gates and clean up after your dog. Beginner or young

dogs will be started in covered round pen at Monroe Lane and more advanced dogs will work in open

field at Pleasant Gap Drive.

For more information: Mitzi Claiborne – horsewhisper@tds.net - 865-556-9114 (te



Make checks payable to Mitzi Claiborne and mail with completed entry form to: Mitzi Claiborne
9116 Hill Road

Knoxville, TN 37938

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Sycamore Creek Farm

4326 Pleasant Gap Road Powell, TN 37849

Mark Leach Quarter Horses

Kim Leach

7423 Monroe Lane Knoxville, TN 37938

Cathy Hartley Herding Clinic Entry Form

Handler Name: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Dog Name: _____

Dog Breed: _____

Dog Age: _____

Handler Herding Experience: _____

Dog Herding Experience: _____

Have you attended a Cathy Hartley Herding Clinic before? Yes No

What issues are you currently having that you would like to focus on during this clinic?

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



The Jan/Feb Class of S.T.A.R. puppy had a great time learning new skills and playing hard!

Pictured from Left to Right:

Ranee Randby with Remedee, Lynne Smith with Oliver, Greg Shaw with Aislee, Richella Veatch with Sunny, Stormy Washington with Ike, and Ashley Barber with Peppers. The instructors are Sandy Sutton and Karen Orr.

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 **May 30th** for the next edition.