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Still Time to Renew Your Membership!

Hello Members!

There are a handful of you that have not sent in your 2025 membership renewal dues yet. There is still time but as January is coming to an end already, the end of March and Spring will be here before we know it. I for one will be happy to see the warmer weather return. March 31st is the last day that the renewal can be accepted so if received after that date your membership will have expired along with the benefits for class registration. Anyone who has not renewed by March 15th will be sent a private email warning of the final deadline.

Please use this shortened Membership Renewal Form on page two and send it signed with your dues to Cindi. Call or text her at 262-391-0563 if you have any questions or concerns. There are also forms in the lobby of the East Building and if you want to drop your payment into the black box there for the treasurer just make sure you identify yourself and that it is your membership renewal payment so it is recorded correctly. Do not include the form there. Please leave the form on the desk in the east bldg. with a note for Cindi.

Every member has something valuable to contribute to the club. Please send in your renewal.

Thanks,
Cindi Chilbert
ORKC Vice President and Membership
Chair

Annual Membership Renewal Requirements

1. 3. 4. Pay Annual Membership Fees (\$25)

2. Complete the Renewal Application

Indicate if you have had an address, email, or phone number change on the application.

Follow the Oak Ridge Kennel Club Code of Ethics

If you would like to receive **reduced class fees**:

1. Attend at least two (2) club membership meetings: virtually or in-person every year.

2. Complete a minimum of 10 (ten) hours of volunteer service to the club, on an annual basis.

3. Hours are to be tracked using the spreadsheet on the members only portion of the website.

4. Send your completed spreadsheet to the Training Director.

Volunteering:

- Maintenance of the ORKC buildings/property and conducting dog events are labor intensive activities. We cannot schedule

or host trials and shows WITHOUT volunteers.

- Please note any special talents and/or abilities that you want to share with ORKC: teaching, stewarding, maintenance, cleaning, chairing committees, word processing, maintenance, judging.

- There are many opportunities to perform volunteer service which will depend on your skills and the clubs needs.

- If you have a valid reason that you cannot perform any volunteer hours for the Club, please submit a letter and documentation to me or one of the ORKC Officers or Board members. My email is seugenhof@aol.com Other communications information is on the members only page of the website.

Submit the renewal form and annual dues of \$25 for 2025 to: ORKC MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

C/O Cindi Chilbert

2633 Claysville Rd.

Crossville, TN 37851

Oak Ridge Kennel Club Renewal Short Form 2025

Name: _____ Address (if different than 2024)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Cell

Phone: _____

Email Address (if different than 2024): _____

Please note any special talents and/or abilities that you want to share with ORKC:

I, the undersigned, understand that my signature constitutes an agreement to abide by the regulations, code of ethics, constitution, and bylaws. _____(initials).

I agree not to hold the Club, its agents, nor the owners of property or buildings where Club events are held, liable for any

loss or damage that may occur to my person, family, or property because of my participation in Club Activities.

_____(initials)

I acknowledge that I have read and agree to abide by the ORKC code of ethics _____(initials)

I acknowledge that I am in good standing with the AKC _____(initials)

Individual Membership (one vote) \$25 annual membership _____

Trophy Donation: _____

Total Included:

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date. _____

OAK RIDGE KENNEL CLUB CODE OF ETHICS

To maintain the goals and standards of the Club, members of The Oak Ridge Kennel Club agree to adhere to

By-Laws, Rules, Regulations, and Policies of the Club and to also follow the Code of Ethics as listed below:

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. Club Members shall:

Be dedicated to creating an environment at the Club that is friendly, fun, inviting, educational and supportive.

Strive to always serve the best interests of the Club.

Always remember that they and their dogs are representatives of the Club both private and public events.

Conduct themselves in a fashion that upholds the goals and standards of ORKC.

Ensure that their dogs are always kept safe and under control.

Properly train their dogs so that they are not a nuisance or disturbance to other dogs and handlers when

attending Club or any functions, but rather exemplify canine good citizen behavior and are an asset to the community.

Appreciate the efforts of all club members.

Are supportive of new and current members of the Club.

Deal fairly and considerately at all times with members, handlers and dogs, as well as those who participate in the Club's programs and events.

10. Harassment, abusive language, and abusive behavior will not be tolerated by either members or non-

members. Abusive language, behavior and cruelty to animals is a direct violation of this Code.

Members who are in violation of the Code of Ethics and/or Good Sportsmanship as set forth by AKC, are

subject to disciplinary action per Article VI of the Constitution.

Up Coming Events

Obedience/Rally Trials

When: Mar 29, 2025 8:00 am

Where:

Ultimutt Knoxville

11225 Threadstone Ln

Knoxville, TN 37932

Trial runs Mar 29-30, 2025.



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What a great way to end the year. "Prince" (MBISS GCHG Crown's Prince Of Derby NWPD, RATN, FDC, ATT) was awarded a big Working Group 2 and "Uncle" (Double Q's Never Say Uncle), Prince's son, took two 5 point majors to finish his championship. Never thought we'd go to Pennsylvania in December to a dog show, but it was worth the drive. Thanks to judge Mrs. Paula Nykiel and Prince's handler Crystal Brooks. Thanks,
Debbie Echols



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Our National Specialty was in Vermont in October and our boys did good. Prince was Select Dog and Uncle won his 9-12 month class. Prince was expertly shown by Crystal Brooks and Uncle was shown by owner Debbie Echols. Thanks to judge Ms. Kimberly Meredith.

Thanks,
Debbie Echols



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My dog, Tessa, an Australian Sheepdog, got her BN title with a first place finish! This was on January 12 at the American Flushing Spaniel show.

Second, my dog (now deceased), Indy, starred in a feature film taken in 2018. It is now playing on Amazon Prime video. I did his training and handling. This is the second feature film that he was in. The first was 'Bandit and the Saints of Dogwood', filmed in 2013. Indy was a Shetland Sheepdog bred by Road's End Shelties in Ohio.

Lesley Hardin

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 **April 1st** for the next edition.