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Club News

Richella wants to allow nominations for the AKC delegate position to stay open for now and postpone the delegate vote until after the June meeting. Nominations for the other positions are closed. The delegate position is a long term commitment to representing the club (5 or more years) which also requires regular in person club attendance, so nominees to be sure they're up for that.

Annual ORKC Members in person Only,

NO ZOOM,

meeting at the Club,

June 4th at 6pm.



Picnic - club will supply hamburgers and hot dogs, papergood of plates, bowls, napkins, cups, and tableware..

Drinks will be provided by club as well. More information and Pot Luck sign ups to come. Watch your email and the May Woofer.

Thank so much, Mary
Sonner



Club News



ORKC needs your sponsorship for Cluster Trophies

Oak Ridge Kennel Club participates in The Smoky Mountain Cluster with Tennessee Valley Kennel Club in September 2026. This is ORKC biggest event and the largest money maker event for the club. Competitors from across the country attend, up to 37 states were represented last year. There are four days of conformation with ORKC days being Friday and

Sunday. Last year, there were close to 4,000 competitors in attendance.

We are asking that club members sponsor the Group, Breed or Junior Handler trophies or talk with other clubs or businesses to help sponsor trophies. You can choose to sponsor one or both days. You can choose which class you would like to Sponsor, and you can choose which trophy you would like to sponsor. Trophies are from Fowler Clay Works in Gatlinburg, TN. <https://fowlersclayworks.com/>

Fowler Clay works give us special pricing and designs for trophies for the Cluster. For ORKC, our trophies are Red Glazed pottery with some blue and brown edging and our logo on a stamp in the center of the pottery.

Our **Best in Show and Owner Handler Best in Show** have already been sponsored for us.

Friday, ORKC will offer a large handled square platter in ORKC colors trimmed out like the Baker's bowl below. (Sorry, platters have not been made yet)

Sunday, ORKC will offer a very tall flower vase in ORKC colors with logo.

Need sponsors for all 7 Group winners and 7 Breed winners and Junior Handler. See following trophies:

Groups are as follows:

Sporting Herding Hounds

Working Toy Breeds Non-Sporting Terrier

Friday, sponsorship is needed for the medium sized handled square platter for the 7 Group Winners and 7 Owner Handler Group Winners. Trophies will be just like the above Best in Show except smaller. Sponsorship is \$50 each

Friday, sponsorship is needed for the Junior Handler winner which will be a Travel Mug in ORKC colors with logo and a Star Bucks gift card. Sponsorship is \$30

You also may sponsor Trophies for the following Breed Classes for Friday and Sunday:

Best of Breed Best of Winners Best of Variety Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed

Winners Dog & Bitch

Best of Opposite to Best of Variety

Best Owner-Handler and associated classes



Travel Mug and Belly Mug

Here are the following pottery choices:

Belly Mug (see above) – Sponsorship is \$20

Juice or Wine Glass (see below) – Sponsorship is \$10

Mini Square Bowl – Sponsorship is \$10

Spoon Rest (see below in ORKC correct color) – Sponsorship is \$10

Small Candy Dish (like the spoon rest or small saucer) – Sponsorship is \$10



Juice Glass



Spoon Rest

If you need further information or have questions, please contact:

Mary Sonner, VP of ORKC, Trophy Chair for Cluster

Call or text: 865-203-6468

Email: ms83612010@gmail.com

Sponsorship for Cluster Trophies

Feel Free to Bring to May

Please completely fill out the bottom portion of this form and total your trophy sponsor donation.

Make out your check to ORKC and please list Cluster Trophy Sponsorship in the Note on your check.

Checks and forms are due no later than May 10, 2026.

Please mail the form and your check to:

Mary Sonner, 2612 Kimberlin Heights Road, Knoxville, TN 37920

Your Name: _____

Kennel Name: _____

Sponsored Group Winner: _____

Sponsored Breed: _____

Day(s) of Sponsorship: _____

Class: _____ Trophy: _____

Variety: _____ Trophy: _____

Total amount of Sponsorship: _____

Please let me know how you would like your name and/kennel listed in the Premium if different than above.

Up Coming Events

Scent Work Trials

When: May 2, 2026 8:00 am

Where:

Ultimutt Knoxville

11225 Threadstone Ln

Knoxville, TN

Trials run May 2 – May 3, 2026.

2 trials per day.

Containers – Novice through Master.

Buried – Novice through Master.

Interiors – Novice and Advanced only.

Exteriors – Novice and Advanced only.

Premium to come.



Membership Meeting

When: May 7, 2026 7:00 pm

Where:

Oak Ridge Kennel Club

In-Person and Zoom at 7:00pm ET

Trophy Sponsorship Deadline

When: May 10, 2026 6:00 am

Trophy Sponsorship deadline for the [Great Smoky Mountain Cluster](#)

Please see [Trophy Sponsorship flyer](#) for details.

Another Successful Rally Obedience Trail

March 28-29

Thank you again to all our Volunteers and Participants



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

Bloopers from last night's puppy class. If you have never attended the puppy class you are in for a treat. It is fun and entertaining.



Last Session Puppy Class
From left to right: Finley, Zava, Raven, Moira



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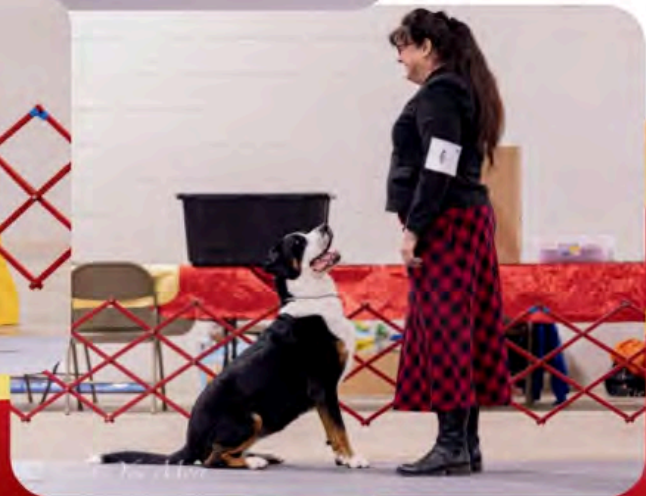
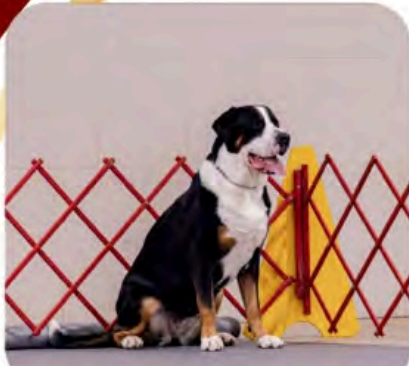
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Princess's Interpretation of a
"BRISK" Obedience Recall

Photographer: Gibbs You More

Owners: Debbie Echols, Alan McFadden,
Amber & Mike Rusk



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Angus Miller earned 2 High in Trial in Open Jumpers at the American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club Specialty Show on April 18 & 19, 2026. The trial was held at 3 Bull Farm in Bulls Gap. I was so happy the way he ran and seemed to really be enjoying himself. So proud of my little boy. David Miller

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volunteer opportunities, up coming
events, buy-sell-trade and other
items of interest to share, to me,
Deanna,

at 4woofernews@gmail.com **for**
the next newsletter.

New Members

Please introduce yourself and your dog(s) here on the Woofers.
Send me a short bio and photo so that club members can
welcome you, and get to know a little about you.

send to me Deanna Leveque, at 4woofernews@gmail.com along
with your brags.