NEW Member Application to Oak Ridge Kennel Club for 2026

Thank you for your interest in joining the Oak Ridge Kennel Club.
Membership is open to all persons eighteen (18) years of age or older who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club (AKC).

Requirements for membership include the following:

1. Submission of completed application
2. Agreement to Code of Ethics of the Oak Ridge Kennel Club
3. Attend a club meeting, virtually or in person***
4. Sponsorship of two current ORKC members
5. Membership dues of $25.00, submitted via check or cash with application
6. Approval by majority vote of the general membership

*** If you are unable to attend the required meetings to become a member due to a conflict occurring routinely on Thursday evenings, a waiver of the meeting requirement may be approved by the board of directors. Please email a letter to a board member or one of your sponsors stating the reason. It will be kept in confidence. You will be notified of the board's decision.

What you receive with your membership immediately:

1. Voting privilege
2. Early Registration for classes
3. Monthly Electronic Version of *The Woofer,* our monthly newsletter

After one year of membership:

1. Voting privilege
2. Early Registration for classes
3. Hold Executive Office or Board Member at Large

After one year of membership, you may also receive reduced class fees and **access to the ORKC campus IF the following are additionally completed:**

1. Ten (10) hours of volunteer service which can be achieved by serving on committees (such as the cleaning committee), volunteering at events, serving as a Board Member, teaching classes, etc. (hours must be submitted to the Training Chair)
2. You must attend two (2) club meetings annually, either in person or via Zoom.

Please keep the instructions and the Code of Ethics. Please make check payable to Oak Ridge Kennel Club. Questions, email: orkcmembershipchair@gmail.com.

Do not leave your form and payment in the black box in the East Bldg.

You can bring your application and payment to a meeting and give it to the membership chairperson directly, or you can place your form and payment in the appropriate box on the office desk in the east building, or you can mail this form and dues to:

ORKC MEMBERSHIP CHAIR
C/O Sandy Morris
108 Iroquois Lane
Clinton, TN 37716

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:

Club Members shall:

1. Be dedicated to creating an environment at the Club that is friendly, fun, inviting, educational and supportive.
2. Strive to always serve the best interests of the Club.
3. Always remember that they and their dogs are representatives of the Club both private and public events.
4. Conduct themselves in a fashion that upholds the goals and standards of ORKC.
5. Ensure that their dogs are always kept safe and under control.
6. 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
7. Appreciate the efforts of all club members.
8. Are supportive of new and current members of the Club.
9. 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 behavior and cruelty to animals will not be tolerated.

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.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Cell ( ) Home ( )

Occupation: _____

List below the breed(s) of dog you own and the number of each breed. Please indicate if they are AKC registered.

Please list any titles you have earned with your dog(s).

What are your interests:

Agility: _____ Barn Hunt: ____ Breeding: _____ Conformation: _____

Disc Dog: _____ Dock diving: _____ Field Trials: _____ Flyball: _____

Herding: _____ Obedience: _____ Rally: _____ Scentwork: _____

Therapy: _____ Tracking: _____ Tricks: _____ Teaching: _____

Pets: _____ Other: _____

Have you taken any training classes at ORKC? _____
If so, please list: _____

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Have you taken training classes elsewhere: _____

If so, please list: _____

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Have you been or are you currently a member of another similar club: _____

Please include name, location and any offices held: _____

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Do you have any skills or talents to share with the Club? _____

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Please explain briefly why you would like to join ORKC: _____

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I have attended a club meeting on : _____ In person_____ or virtually _____

Have you ever been suspended by the AKC? _____

If so please explain. Use a separate piece of paper if necessary.

Two Signature Endorsements are required of all applicants. Both endorsements must be ORKC members of different households and in good standing with ORKC and have first-hand knowledge of the applicant and their dogs.

Sponsor Name: (printed)_____

Sponsor Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Sponsor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Outside Reference Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

I , the undersigned, understand that my signature constitutes an agreement to abide by the regulations, 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 as a result of my participation in Club Activities. _____(initials)

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

Individual Membership (one vote) $25 annual membership _____

Trophy Donation: _____

Total Included: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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