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## Newsletter Evolution

*Missy Neal, Ione Smith, Cindy Sams Redd*

Next month we will be bringing you the next step in the ongoing evolution of the ORKC Woofler. Missy Neal will take charge of the newsletter, and Ione and Cindy will remain on the team as contributing committee members. Missy has a great deal of experience with newsletters and publishing, and the Woofler is sure to benefit from her expertise.

Please let us know if you have any comments, suggestions, or ideas relating to the style or content of the Woofler. If you have stories, photos, brags, or general dog-related information that you think ought to appear in these pages, please send them to us. The deadline for Woofler submissions will be the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Remember, we're as close as your computer keyboard!

## ORKC OCTOBER CLUB MEETING

*Teresa Pless*

**DATE:** Thursday, October

**TIME:** 7:00 PM -- come early and enjoy the soup!

**PLACE:** The Soup Kitchen, Oak Ridge

## ORKC Club Meeting Minutes -- September 6, 2007

*Joyce Cardwell*

Our speaker was Bonnie Mount, the UT student who was recipient of the ORKC 2006 scholarship. Her Powerpoint presentation, both entertaining and informative, could have been called "A Day in the Life of a Vet Student." There were 17 people present when Vice President Teresa Pless called our business meeting to order in President Burchi's absence. A quorum was present as indicated on the sign-up sheet. The minutes of the August meeting were read, and David Miller made a motion they be approved. Robert Pless was the second, and the vote was unanimous to accept the minutes as presented. Treasurer Pat Vogel reported that there had been little activity with club funds during July. Joyce Cardwell moved that the Treasurers report be accepted as presented, seconded by Robert Pless. Vote was unanimous to approve. A copy is attached to these minutes with the club records. Cynthia Hoffman (Standard Schnauzer) rejoined, and Sue Sackoloski attended with her daughter (Basset Hounds, retired Miniature Schnauzer, and a terrier).

**Training:** Chair Ione Smith could not be present and there was no report.

**Woofers:** No report

**By Laws/Rules:** David Miller read proposed changes to the by-laws, reported that they would be published in the Woofers, and that a November discussion/vote is anticipated. Tracking, rally, and education of handlers will be added to the Constitution as things that our club does. Membership dues will be able to increase over the years to \$50. A class of non-voting membership, Associate, will be allowed so that our quorum requirements will not be affected. E-mail notification will be accepted as notification by AKC. Absentee ballots will no longer be accepted. Elections will be held at the June meeting so that the show is completed in the old year by the old officers. Cost will become \$50 to bring charges at our show (formerly \$10). Each change to the by-laws will be voted on individually.

**Show:** Chair Donna Burchi is out of town and there was no show report.

**Tracking:** No report

**Agility:** No report

**Search/Building:** Robert Pless recapped the "facility search" process for the new members present, and reported that the property deed is still being signed by multiple officials in Nashville. When Oak Ridge draws up the contract, the club will have it reviewed by an attorney.

**Equipment:** The new ORKC banner was displayed by Robert Pless, and turned over to David Miller for safekeeping.

**Website:** No report

**Correspondence:** Tracking in February is completely approved by AKC. Agility is completely approved for all three days. Tennessee Federation of Dog Clubs legislative material and AKC letter on oppressive legislation were turned over to Bill Moore.

**Old Business:** By-laws were discussed above.

**New Business:** A card for Nell Johnson (recent surgery) was circulated for members' signatures. There was a discussion about legislative issues, and Bill Moore (owner of a Greater Japanese Spitz!) volunteered to keep our club up to date on developments.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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**UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS**

**October 1, Mon, 6:30PM**  
 ORKC Board Meeting,  
 Gondolier Restaurant,  
 Farragut  
*-- all club members are welcome!*  
 Write to  
 GladysTimes@aol.com for  
 more info

**October 8, Mon**  
 SMOHC/ORKC Rally  
 Classes start, Farragut  
 Write to  
 amazondoc@mindspring.com  
 for more info

**November 3, Sat, 10AM-2PM**  
 Campbell Co. Humane  
 Society Fun Match, La  
 Follette  
*-- come help us with  
 demos and the booth!*  
 Write to  
 amazondoc@mindspring.com  
 if you can help

**December 1-2, Sat-Sun**  
 ORKC Tracking  
 Seminar  
 Write to  
 lindahtn@bellsouth.net  
 for more info

**January 4-6, Fri-Sun**  
 ORKC Agility Trial,  
 Harriman  
*-- we will need lots of  
 volunteers for this  
 event!*  
 Write to timbre10@msn.com  
 for more info

**February 9, Sat**  
 ORKC Tracking Trial  
 Write to jsteger1@yahoo.com  
 for more info

**Treasurer's Report**

*Pat Vogel*

**August 2007**

Bank Balance - BB&T	36,520.00
Income	25.00 Membership
Expenses	100.00 Grove Properties - equipment storage
	98.00 reimbursement Secret City fliers
	60.00 Banner
	28.00 Woofers
	15.00 AKC Tracking Trial
Total Expenses	300.00

**Changes to the By-Laws**

*David Miller*

The Constitution and By-laws committee has been working hard to revise and update ORKC's by-laws. It is nearly time for the club's membership to vote on those changes so that they can be made official.

The Constitution and By-laws of the club may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose, provided that the proposed amendments have been included in the notice of the meeting mailed to each member at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting. Therefore, the proposed changes to the bylaws have been included on pages 7-9 of this month's Woofers. Club members should read and consider these changes so that they will be ready to vote on them at the November meeting.

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## Property Update

*Robert Pless*

I received a call from Jennifer Houston with Governor Bredesen's office informing me that the Quitclaim deed has all of the required signatures and has been returned back to the Real Properties Administration. Jennifer was extremely helpful in speeding the signature process at both the Attorney General's office and at the Governor's office. I sent Governor Bredesen an email informing him how valuable Jennifer is to his staff.

I am not exactly sure about the process from this point, but I believe that the state will send a contract along with the Quitclaim deed to the city. The city will then purchase the land from the state. The city will then draw up a contract for both ORKC and Girl's, Inc to sign and then fee simple the property to us for the purchase price. Needless to say, we are once again back to the waiting stage.



## Training Director's Report

*Ione Smith*

As Robert has described in his property update, we are still waiting for our property details to be finalized. Until those details are all nailed down, we will still not be able to hold our own classes. However, an exciting opportunity for some club outreach has developed in conjunction with the Smoky Mountain Owner Handlers Club in Knoxville.

Starting on Monday October 8, I will be teaching an 8 week Rally course in Farragut. This will be a joint SMOHC/ORKC venture. The first session will only have room for 10 students, but if this goes well we may add more class sections for future sessions.

As of now we will only be teaching rally. Classes will be \$45 for club members, just like regular ORKC classes. If you are interested in more information about the classes, please contact Pat Hartmann at [patredwing@aol.com](mailto:patredwing@aol.com).

Also, the Campbell County Humane Society will once again be holding a fun match/pet event on Saturday, November 3, from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. The ORKC will again be manning a booth and giving obedience and rally demonstrations at the match.

Representing the club at public events like this is a great way to educate the public and to raise interest in training and club membership. We had lots of fun with this event in the spring, and we'll need help to do it again in November. If you can help out that day, please contact me at [amazondoc@mindspring.com](mailto:amazondoc@mindspring.com). Thanks!

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### **UPCOMING AREA EVENTS**

**October 4, November 15, December 20**  
 "Fill Your Cup" Group,  
 Young-Williams  
 Animal Center,  
 Knoxville  
*-- for animal-related  
 workers -- no charge!*  
 Phone  
 Elizabeth Strand at 974-  
 8387 for more info

## Notes From Club Members

### Cleaning Supply Donations

Robert Pless reminds us once again that we will have a lot of cleaning work ahead of us once our new property is officially in our hands. We will need all sorts of cleaning supplies -- brooms, mops, towels, scrub brushes, detergents, buckets, most anything you can think of. Support your club and help us to make our new training facilities shine! Contact Robert at [VOLTraveler@aol.com](mailto:VOLTraveler@aol.com) to make donations!

### Trophy Ideas

Joyce Cardwell wants everyone to keep thinking ahead to our spring show. Think NOW about the trophies you will be donating. Whether you donate conformation or obedience trophies, we need club members to donate! Contact Joyce at [GladyTimes@aol.com](mailto:GladyTimes@aol.com) to make donations for conformation trophies or to share your ideas. For obedience trophies, please contact Bonnie Herrell at [scarlet25@comcast.net](mailto:scarlet25@comcast.net), or Linda Hargis at [charles-hargis@utk.edu](mailto:charles-hargis@utk.edu).

### "Fill Your Cup" Group

**When: Thursday, October 4, November 15, and December 20, 2007**  
**Where: Young-Williams Animal Center, 3201 Division Street, Knoxville, TN 37919**

In the work of caring for animals it is natural for people to experience compassion fatigue from working very hard and caring very much. This one and a half hour group is for veterinarians, veterinary technicians, veterinary assistants, client representatives, animal shelter workers, animal control officers, animal abuse investigators, and rescue group workers. The group will consist of a discussion about compassion fatigue triggers for animal-related professions as well as offer activities that help to increase capacities for dealing with compassion fatigue. The group serves animal-related professionals in the Nine-County Region. There is no fee for this group. Facilitators are Dr. Elizabeth B. Strand, LCSW, Founding Director of Veterinary Social Work, University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine and Taylor Slemmer, Humane Educator, Young-Williams Animal Center. For more information, please contact Dr. Strand at 865-974-8387.

## ORKC Member BRAGS!

### Julie Haase and Cricket!

Snap N Cricket CD RA "Cricket", an Australian Shepherd owned and shown by Julie Haase, finished both of her Novice Preferred Agility Titles September 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> with placements of 2<sup>nd</sup>'s and a 3<sup>rd</sup>. I am so Proud of Cricket! Not only does she have fun, she always reminds me what a sense of humor she has by keeping me laughing when she decided to stop & roll in the Tunnel on Sunday to get her neck and back scratched! We are both looking forward to moving into Open soon and see what more giggles & thrills that will have for the both of us.

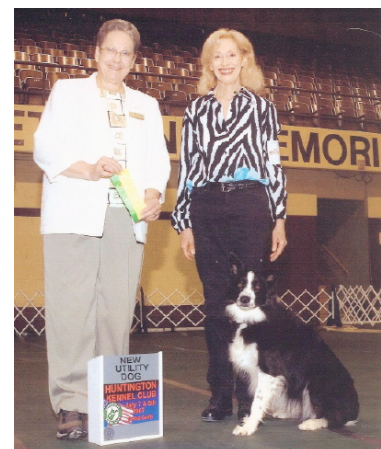
### Debbie Echols and Spot!

In May, "Spot" came out of retirement to win the Working Group both days and Best In Show on Saturday at the Greater Kingsport Kennel Club shows. This BIS gave him a total of 3 All-Breed Best In Shows, which breaks the breed record for most BIS. As always, "Spot" was expertly handled by his friend Wendi Cowell. This latest conformation record was accomplished with the help of his humans Alan "Mac" McFadden and Debbie Echols.

Following his conformation retirement, in July "Spot" and Debbie debuted in Novice Rally Obedience at the Knoxville Obedience Club shows placing both days, followed by a first place in August at the Greater Louisville Obedience Club shows in KY to finish his Rally Novice title. He misses the applause from the conformation rings, but at least it's a ring. :)

### Barbara Chandler and Kirk!

On July 7 Ariel Kirk, three year old Border Collie, earned his Utility Title at the Huntington Kennel Club Show. Among several placements Kirk earned two First Places in his Utility A bid. Kirk belongs to Richard and Barbara Chandler.



## Changes to the ORKC By-Laws, from page 1

*The new version of each section in question is printed first, with specific changes in red (in the print edition of the newsletter, they will show up in bold rather than red); the old versions of these sections then follow. Please read and consider these changes so that we can vote on them at the November meeting.*

### OAK RIDGE KENNEL CLUB, INC. (new version) By-law Changes

The organization shall be known as The Oak Ridge Kennel Club, Incorporated. The objectives of the club shall be to promote the training and breeding of purebred dogs; to disseminate the knowledge of obedience, conformation, agility, **tracking, rally** and other dog training; to conduct classes for the training of dogs and **education of the handlers**; to encourage and cooperate with individuals and other groups with similar purposes; to hold and support dog shows, obedience trials, tracking trials, agility trials, **rally trials**, exhibitions, matches and other events under the rules of The American Kennel Club; and to promote cooperation and good sportsmanship among its members in the training and exhibition of dogs.

### OAK RIDGE KENNEL CLUB, INC. (old version) Constitution and Bylaws

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### Membership

#### Section 2 Dues (new version)

Membership dues shall be no more than **\$50** per year, payable on or before the first day of January of each year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. The amount of dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors. During the month of November, the Treasurer shall notify each member that their dues are payable for the ensuing year.

#### Section 2. Dues (old version)

Membership dues shall be no more than \$20 per year, payable on or before the first day of January of each year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. The amount of dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors. During the month of November, the Treasurer shall notify each member that their dues are payable for the ensuing year.

#### Section 3. Membership

Any person who has shown an interest in the breeding, training, or showing of dogs may become a member of the Club. Applicants must obtain the necessary forms from the Secretary, complete the forms, and submit them to the Secretary, along with the dues payment for the current year.

**Add this: There are two types of membership available in the Club.  
Associate Membership: These persons shall be non-voting members in all elections and business of the club.**

**Regular Membership; These persons shall be voting members and eligible to run for office in the Club.**

## Article II: Meetings and Voting

### Section 1. Club Meetings

Meetings of the Club shall be held in the Oak Ridge area on the first Thursday of each month, at such an hour and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

The Secretary shall provide notification of such meeting at least 7 days before the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be 15 percent of the **regular** members in good standing.

**Add this section:**

**Section 1a. E-mail notification.**

**E-mail notification shall be an accepted means of communication for all club business and activities.**

### Section 5. Voting (*new version*)

Each **regular** member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the Club at which he/she is present. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any Club meeting or election.

### Section 5. Voting (*old version*)

Each member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the Club at which he/she is present. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any Club meeting or election. Absentee ballots may be obtained from the Club Secretary no later than 7 days prior to the election and must be returned to the Club Secretary before the election of officers. ( Remove the last sentence )

## ARTICLE IV; CLUB YEAR, ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTIONS

### Section 2. Annual Meeting (*new version*)

The annual meeting shall be held in the month of **June**, at which time officers and members of the Board of Directors for the year shall be elected by secret written ballot from among those nominated in accordance with Section 4 of this Article. They shall take office on, and each retiring officer shall turn over to his/her successor in office all Club properties and records relating to that office by the last day of **June**.

### Section 2. Annual Meeting (*old version*)

The annual meeting shall be held in the month of **May**, at which time officers and members of the Board of Directors for the ensuing year shall be elected by secret written ballot from among those nominated in accordance with Section 4 of this Article. They shall take office on, and each retiring officer shall turn over to his/her successor in office all Club properties and records relating to that office by, the last day of **May**.

### Section 4. Nominations (*new version*)

(b) Upon receipt of the Nominating Committees report, the Secretary shall notify each member in writing if the nominees before the **May** Meeting. This may be accomplished by publication in the Club newsletter.

(c) Additional nominations may be made at the **May** meeting by any member in attendance, provided that the person so nominated accepts when his/her name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his/her proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his/her willingness to be a candidate.

#### Section 4. Nominations (*old version*)

(b) Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, the Secretary shall notify each member in writing of the nominees before the April meeting. This may be accomplished by publication in the Club newsletter.

(c) Additional nominations may be made at the April meeting by any member in attendance, provided that the person so nominated accepts when his/her name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his/her proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his/her willingness to be a candidate.

### Committees

#### Section 2. Charges (*new version*)

Any member may prefer charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the Sport. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary, together with a deposit of **\$50.00**, which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Board following a hearing. The Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the Board, or present them at a Board meeting. The Board shall first consider whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the Sport. If the Board entertains jurisdiction of the charges, it shall fix a date for a hearing by the Board not less than 3 weeks or more than 6 weeks later. The Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charges to the accused member by registered mail, together with a notice of the hearing, and an assurance that the member may appear personally in his/her own defense and bring witnesses if he/she wishes.

#### Section 2. Charges (*old version*)

Any member may prefer charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the Sport. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary, together with a deposit of \$10.00, which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Board following a hearing. The Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the Board, or present them at a Board meeting. The Board shall first consider whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the Sport. If the Board entertains jurisdiction of the charges, it shall fix a date for a hearing by the Board not less than 3 weeks or more than 6 weeks later. The Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charges to the accused member by registered mail, together with a notice of the hearing, and an assurance that the member may appear personally in his/her own defense and bring witnesses if he/she wishes.



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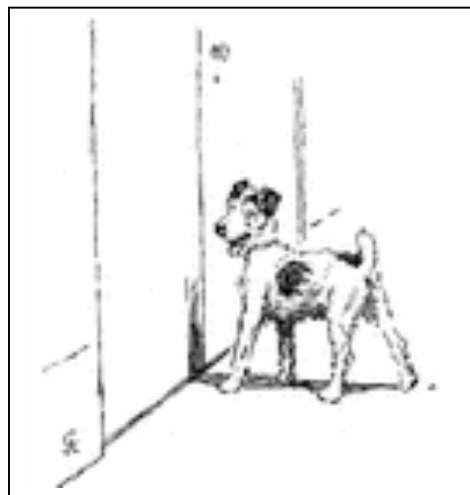
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