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JANUARY 3: LIGHT WORK DAY ~ ORKC TRAINING FACILITY ~ 9am-2pm General cleanup of restrooms and class buildings, possibly painting.

JANUARY 8: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ ROANE STATE ~ 7pm This month's meeting will be held at Roane State, site of our agility trial in Harriman (map at bottom of page). Members' help setting up for the trial will be greatly appreciated!

JANUARY 9-11: ORKC AGILITY TRIALS ~ ROANE STATE This is one of our biggest ORKC events. If you're interested in helping, a descriptive list of "duties" can be found on page 6 of this *Woofers*. If you've not been to an agility trial, make a point to head out to Harriman and see what all the hype is about!

JANUARY 21: BOARD MEETING ~ ORKC TRAINING FACILITY ~ 6pm Board meetings are always open to ORKC members!

ORKC JANUARY MEETING

THUR JAN 8 | ROANE STATE EXPO CENTER | 7PM

276 Patton Ln | Harriman, TN 37748



From Knoxville: I-40 West to Exit 350 (Harriman). Left onto Pine Ridge, Right onto Roane State Hwy/ US 70. 5 miles, Right onto Patton Lane. The Expo Center is on the left!! ☺

Oak Ridge Kennel Club Meeting Minutes: *December, 2008*

A brief business meeting was held at the annual Christmas party held at the Bardorf's festively decorated home. Approximately 19 members and guests enjoyed the tasty offerings brought by attendees, and appreciated the door prizes provided by the Burchis. There was no Treasurer's report. Minutes of the November meeting were approved, but since there was no November quorum, the October minutes remain un-accepted. Both October and November minutes will be presented with the December "minutes" again in January for approval by the regular membership.

- Building:** Landscaping Chair Lesley Hardin reported that Treasurer Pat Vogel's name was added as authorized signature to the checking account used specifically for landscaping funds. She reported that the soil for the front bed and several anchor plants (purchased on sale) were delivered. A tarp used to cover the soil (outside the fence) was stolen, but Lesley will not seek reimbursement. The proposed sod will not be purchased until Spring as the weather has become too wet and cold to assure proper rooting. Fencing between the buildings which will restrict access to the agility field will cost about \$1,000 and will be installed as weather permits before sodding is complete.
- Training:** As the weekend prior to the first night of training class falls the same as our agility trial, we plan a work day on Saturday, January 3rd to prepare our buildings for classes on January 13th. See the Woofers and website for work plans.
- Agility:** There was discussion of the next regular meeting being held in Harriman at the site of our Agility Trial (Roane State Expo Center) since assistance will be needed to set up the competition rings for the January 9-11 event.
- Show:** Missy Neal and Carol Jeffery took requests by members to sponsor trophies at the May show.
- Old Business:** None
- New Business:** What to charge for various uses of our Training Center will be discussed at the next Board meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21 at the Center at 6:00 p.m.
- Adjournment:** The business portion of the meeting was adjourned without objection following motions by Teresa Pless and Nell Johnson.

The year is ending, but the animals keep coming. Can you help?

Since last February, nearly 90 cocker spaniels and cocker mixes have found forever homes thanks to the volunteers at Cocker Companions Rescue. Help is needed, and there are many opportunities available.

Purchase a Coupon Book: \$10 pet care coupon books are available for purchase. There are discounts for veterinary care, flea/tick/heartworm prevention, grooming, dog treats, training, and even \$25 off carpet cleaning! Contact CCR for this \$200 value.

Agri Feed Angel Tree: Shop for your pet and one of ours, too. Photos of adopted alumni are visible as are pictures of dogs waiting for homes. Agri Feed Pet Supply: 5716 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville, TN 37921, (865) 584-3959.

Volunteer Your Time: Contact CCR to participate in the Turkey Creek Borders Books gift wrapping extravaganza. Adoptable dogs will be there, and it is sure to be lots of furry fun! Alumni adopters (and dogs!) are especially encouraged to take part.

Open Your Home: Enjoy a pet—temporarily! All food, medical care, and grooming is provided by CCR. You provide the warm and loving home. Short-term foster homes are also needed during the holidays to allow regular foster families to travel.

Be a Sponsor: Pick a pooch from the pack and be its guardian angel. Fund expenses like food, flea prevention, medication and medical therapies, grooming and spay/neuter surgery.

Donate: Help fund a dog's stay in rescue. Make a PayPal donation by visiting www.cockercompanions.com or mail a check directly to CCR.

Spread the Word: Promote pet adoption and spay/neuter. Always.



Cocker Companions Rescue, 1221 Vale View Road, Knoxville, TN 37922
 Director: Karen Echternacht, (865) 604-1565, Info@CockerCompanions.com



MEMBER BRAGS

Gabby, Emma, Ben Karen Echternacht and 13 year old daughter Ashley Miller traveled to Murfreesboro for the December NADAC agility trial. We were not expecting to do very well since we hadn't really worked our dogs since March, but we thought we would go and have a good time anyways. Our dogs were in much better shape than we thought and between the three that we took (Gabby, Emma, and Ben) we brought home 52 ribbons including several new title ribbons! We are now committed to trying to qualify for the NADAC Nationals which will be held in 2008.

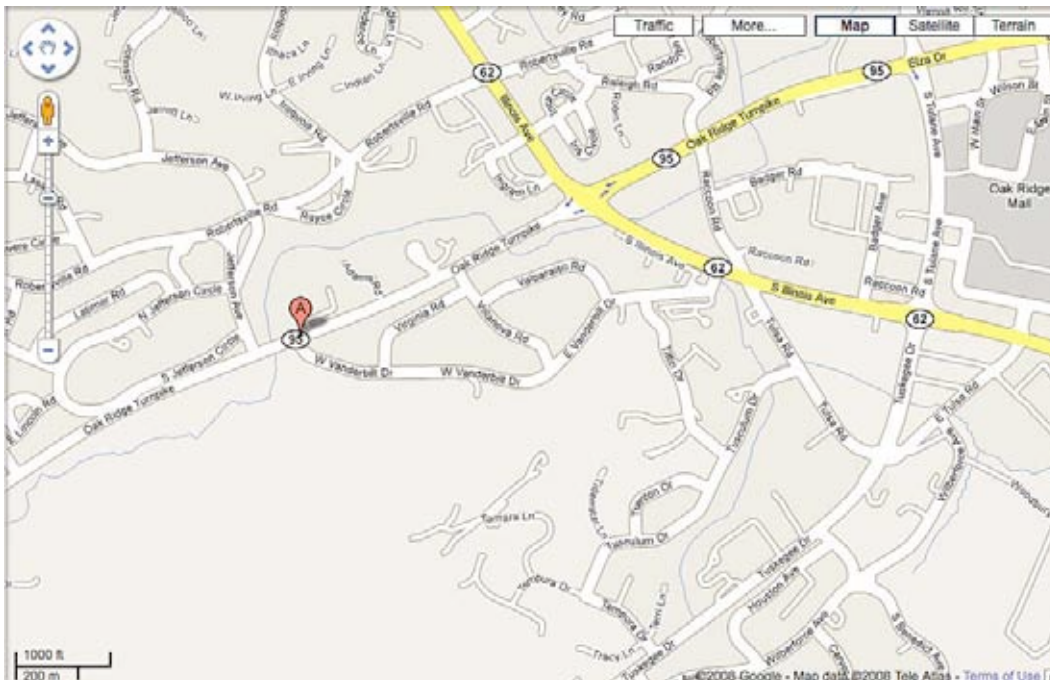


Maggie & Bliss! December 13, 2008, Maggie earned her 34th title: NADAC Novice Weavers Title in Murfreesboro!

Bliss earned 2 new titles: Novice Weavers and Open Chances Title. She also earned 3 Elite Regular legs, Open Touch N Go leg and an Open Tunnelers leg. Bliss won First Place Rosettes with all her runs!

HOW TO GET TO THE NEW TRAINING CENTER

1798 Oak Ridge Turnpike
Oak Ridge, TN 37830



UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

JANUARY MEETING
THUR JAN 8 - 7pm
@ Roane State Expo Center, Harriman

AGILITY TRIAL
JAN 9-10-11

NEED VOLUNTEERS
No experience needed, learn on the job! Come out and see what agility is about! If you work a class, you get free lunch!

Contact Frances Hart
timbre11@comcast.net

H.A.B.I.T. (Human-Animal Bond in TN)
ANIMAL ASSISTED THERAPY PROGRAM

JAN 31
10am -2pm
LMU campus.
Contact Ruth Sapp
habit-et@utk.edu
(865) 974-5633

TRACKING TEST
FEB 7

NEED VOLUNTEERS

Please Contact:
Mary Jo Steger
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OR
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Please email event submissions to:
woofer@kngc.com

WINTER TRAINING CLASSES

Classes begin January 13 and end March 3

EAST BUILDING

TIME	CLASS/DATE	CLASS SIZE	INSTRUCTOR	MEMBER FEE / NON-MEMBERS FEE
5-6 PM	NOVICE RALLY	10	DEBBIE ECHOLS	\$45.00 / \$75.00
6-7 PM	PUPPY CLASS/1-13 to 2-3	6	MARY JO STEGER	\$22.50 / \$37.50
6-7 PM	PUPPY CLASS/2-10 to 3-3	6	MARY JO STEGER	\$22.50 / \$37.50
7-8 PM	CONFORMATION	NA	DAVID MILLER/ (PAY AS YOU GO) MISSY NEAL	\$6.00 / \$8.00
8-9 PM	CGC/LEVEL 1	11	JOYCE CARDWELL	\$45.00 / \$75.00

WEST BUILDING

5-6 PM	OPEN		NO INSTRUCTOR	\$45.00 / \$75.00
6-7 PM	INTRODUCTION UTILITY	7	SHANNON SHEPHERD	\$45.00 / \$75.00
7-8 PM	BEGINNERS	11	BONNIE HERRELL/MARG ELLIS	\$45.00 / \$75.00
8-9 PM	NOVICE	11	TIM SNOW/PAT DOAN	\$45.00 / \$75.00

REGISTRATION

Send registration requests to Karen Service at sgdaussies@bellsouth.net. If you leave an email for Karen, she will return your message later in the day to confirm your successful registration. **If you do not receive a confirmation by the next day, assume that you are not yet registered!**

PAYMENT/CLASS FEES

	Members	Non-members
4 week class	\$22.50	\$37.50
8 week class	\$45	\$75
Conformation	\$6/night	\$8/night

Payment due BY 12/31/08. Send class payments to Julie Haase at 8001 Lennox Dr., Knoxville, TN, 37909. Make checks payable to ORKC. **If your payment has not been received by 12/31, you will be removed from the class list, and your space will be given to the next person in line.**

When registering for a class, please include the following information in your email:

1. Person and dog's name
2. Phone number
3. Email address
4. Which class you would like to sign up for
5. Classes the dog may have taken before
6. Age of dog (important for beginners and puppy class)
7. If you are signing up for one of the 4 week classes, please specify which dates you are registering for.

GET READY

Pre-Novice levels: Everything you always wanted to know about agility trials: when and where they are, deadlines, classes, premium lists, entry forms, measuring (working dogs will be measured), what to take, when to arrive, rules, gate and ring etiquette, titles, placements.

\$20 working * \$15 auditing

GET SET

Pre-Novice & Novice levels: Learn all about the trial ring: crew positions and responsibilities, how to identify and deal with problems, how judges design courses, how runs are judged, faults and disqualifications, working spots get a full trial run-through.

\$30 working * \$10 auditing

GO!

Open & Excellent levels: Ever wondered how things would go if you handled a tricky sequence differently? This section covers how to walk the course, identifying and choosing handling options, footwork for crosses and pivots, analysis of different handling options. Working teams will try sequences several different ways to see which works best for their own proficiency level and style.

\$45 working * \$10 auditing

Play Dog Excellent in Chattanooga, TN

Is delighted to present three new

AGILITY WORKSHOPS

with AKC Judge
CARLA BOUDROT

Notes from the Agility Field:
A Judge's Perspective

January 17, 2008

Session 1: Get Ready: 8am – 10am

Session 2: Get Set: 10:30 am – 1pm

Session 3: GO! 2pm – 5pm

Attend one, two, or all three sessions!

To Register: call (423) 870-7740 ,
or send an email to bev@pdxdogs.com





The Agility Trials Are Here!

Our agility trials are January 9, 10 & 11. We are reprinting these "volunteer task" descriptions for those who are interested. Workers are needed each day from 7:00 am until end of competition (at least 4:00 pm). Contact Frances Hart timbre11@comcast.net or 865-689-7140 for more information about helping, or to sign up.

Course Builder

Summary: Move obstacles between rounds as directed by the Chief Course Builder.

Help move equipment between classes to set the course for the next class. Requires more brawn than brains. You must be aware of when each class ends so the new course can be set quickly. Efficiency in course building can significantly affect how late a show goes. Generally, the Chief Course Builder (and then the Judge during final "tweaking") provides instruction about what pieces of equipment are needed and where to place them.

Gate Steward

Summary: Make sure dogs and handlers are ready at start line.

Armed with a running order, call out the names of handlers and dogs to make sure they are present and aware of when they will be going into the ring. You must not be too shy for this job as it can require shouting for missing handlers. You must also be prepared for nervous handlers asking repeatedly when they will be running. It's a great way to get to know names and faces. You can take a show run faster and smoother if you: Have the next three dogs ready to go; Have the next dog on the starting line--without its collar--before the previous dog finishes, if possible; Provide information to the Assistant Scribe to ensure that the running order matches the scribe sheets. **Note:** Before going to ring: Pick up running order list and pen from Score Table. (They might already be posted at ringside.)

Scribe

Summary: Make marks on paper when judge raises hand or calls out a number.

Mark down faults and points as directed by Judge on the scribe sheet while each dog is running. Scribing differs for different classes, just as judging differs. The Judge will instruct you as to the meaning of various hand signals; s/he is always pleased to provide you with a quick one-minute primer on the signals if you ask. If you ever are unclear about a Judge's signal, wait until after that run and clarify before the next dog starts. It is wise to verify that you have the correct scribe sheet for each dog. Important: You must watch only the Judge at all times during each run, never the dog or handler.

Note: Before the first dog: Get pen and clipboard with first dog's scribe sheet from the Assistant Scribe.



Trans Scribe

Summary: Give the Scribe the correct scribe sheet for the next dog and write down the previous dog's time.

As the first dog starts, place the first dog's scribe sheet onto a clipboard and give it to the Scribe. As each dog finishes, take the clipboard with scribe sheet from the Scribe and hand over the next scribe sheet on the second clipboard. With a two-stopwatch system, also take the stopwatch from the Timer at the end of the run, return a second zeroed stopwatch to the Timer to start the next dog, record the time on the scribe sheet, and reset the watch. This job is critical for ensuring that the Scribe writes scores on the correct scribe sheet, as there are often changes in the running order at the last minute or even during the class. When a dog has not signed in, just write Absent on scribe sheet and give it to the Scribe Runner (sometimes it is put at the end of that height as there may be conflicts) **Note:** Before going to ring: Pick up two small clipboards, scribe sheets, and two pens from Score Table.

Timer

Summary: Timing of runs (crucial)

This job requires full attention and no distractions, as focusing on the dog crossing the start line and finish line is critical. One person must time an entire jump height within a class to minimize timing differences. The Judge will give you specific instructions on timing a class before the first dog runs. The Timer is important in keeping the competition running on time, so you must cue the next dog and handler by saying "Ready!" loudly and clearly as soon as you see that the Judge is ready and you are ready to begin; you can also nod or signal with a flag but not all handlers look at the timer when starting so a loud call is important.

Runner

Summary: Take scribe sheet from Assistant Scribe to Score Table.

Runners usually take sheets from the Assistant Scribe to the Score Table one at a time. Might require a bit of walking (probably not running ☺).

Leash Runner

Summary: Take leashes from start line to finish line.

This is a very easy job often filled by children. However, you should be as invisible as possible to the handler at the start; don't demand the leash or crowd the dog in anticipation of the removal of the leash.



Ring Steward (Pole Setter/Chute Straightener)

Summary: Reset bars for height changes and when they are knocked down by dogs during a run.

Judge will instruct you before each class as to where to stand and whether the bars are to be reset during a run; for example, if a jump is taken twice in the same run. Bars are never reset during a Gamblers run. If the course includes a collapsed tunnel, you will also straighten the tube after each dog. This is a great job for watching each dog run as you must be attentive to the happenings in the ring at all times.

Registration Check-in

Summary: Check names off a list and or make sure all know where envelopes with numbers are

If you can help first thing in the morning, you can offer your services at the Registration Table. Make sure each exhibitor gets a toy at our show.

Awards

Summary: Have ribbons ready

Get the results from the score table for a class and put printout on back of ribbons and put in baskets, also post score sheets after each class.



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ORKC T-SHIRTS

There have many requests to "re-print" the T-shirts with the ORKC logo that some of our members wear. We will take orders for the shirts during the first session of the training classes at the Training Center in Oak Ridge (starts 01/13), and they will be available during the second session, before the show at the end of May. The order sheets will probably be in the East Building where the conformation fees are collected each week (near the entrance). The catalog will show colors available, and we will have sample shirts at the table in case you are uncertain of sizes. Price has not been determined by the supplier, but will probably be in the \$10-15 range, payable when you order. These are quality shirts, and many of us have had ours for years. The colors stay true and the screen print stays "stuck," so save your pennies for some new duds to wear to the Spring show.

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CLUB WORK DAY ~ JANUARY 3
9am - 2pm

**Clean up for Classes! Light chores,
indoor and outdoor. Something for
everyone to do! See you there!**



*Happy New
Year!*

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