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## ORKC SOUP NIGHT



**February 2, 2012**

**Board Meeting – 6 PM**

**Dinner - 6:30 PM**

**Membership Meeting - 7:00 PM**

February is going to be our soup night. Please bring your favorite soup, bread, or dessert.

The focus of the meeting will be solely on cluster feedback and concerns which were originally scheduled to be discussed at the January meeting (postponed due to weather). Please make your notes for the meeting so we can be ready to discuss everything.

If for some reason you can't make the meeting, please pass your concerns to someone else so that they may be addressed.

## **ORKC MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

**FIRST THUR OF EVERY MONTH  
7PM | East Building at Club  
(unless otherwise announced)  
Please bring your own chair.**

## **ORKC TRAINING CENTER**

*Behind Girls, Inc. on the  
Turnpike.*

**1790 Oak Ridge Turnpike  
Oak Ridge, TN 37830**

**OAK RIDGE KENNEL CLUB  
BOARD MEETING  
January 12, 2012**



Call to Order: President David Miller called the Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the East Building. Discussions will be held because the Membership Meeting will be dedicated to the subject of the Show Cluster.

Reports of the Committees:

Show Cluster: Logistics of the current show site were discussed. NO decisions were made.

Training Committee: Barb Byrum commented that Jean Burdick did a good job as Registrar for Winter Classes. Everything ran smoothly.

Next Meeting: The April Agility Trial falls the same weekend as our April meetings. The meetings will be moved to the second Thursday of the month, Apr. 12.

Donna Burchi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Quinto Burchi. Approved. President David Miller adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Bloden  
Secretary



**OAK RIDGE KENNEL CLUB  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
January 12, 2012**

Call to Order: President David Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the East Building. David welcomed visitor, Leanne Potter. David stated that the meeting would be limited to a discussion of the Show Cluster.

Treasurer's Report: Joyce Cardwell reviewed the report, limited to the 2011 Show Cluster (ORKC 2 days Thurs. & Sat.). The November and December Treasurer's Reports will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Reports of the Committees:

Show Cluster: Prior to the meeting, a number of issues were identified by members via email and discussions. These issues were reviewed at the meeting along with alternatives for future shows. NO decisions or resolutions were voted on or finalized. The discussion will continue at next month's meeting when more members can attend and participate.

Items discussed included:

- The possibility that the Golden Gloves Building may not be available in the future
- Considerations for future shows
- Improved judge selection process to allow more member input
- Improved communication

Next meeting: The April meetings will be held the second Thursday of the month (Apr. 12) because of the Agility Trials.

Pat Hodges made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Sandra Viona. Approved. President David Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Bloden  
Secretary

## Puppy Class



If you have a puppy or know of someone who has a puppy for the puppy class that starts Feb 7, please sign up now. email [jeanjeff@live.com](mailto:jeanjeff@live.com) Thank you.

## AKC Canine Good Citizen Test

Oak Ridge Kennel Club



Saturday, March 10, 2012  
10 AM – 12 PM  
\$10.00 per dog

All breeds and mixed breeds welcome!

For more information or questions call:  
Linda Sample 865-856-6566

## Please ...



For the safety of the dogs and the appearance of our facility, please respect our new policy and refrain from smoking while on ORKC grounds.

Thank you,  
Signed, Your Dog

## Friendly Reminder



If you have not yet paid your annual membership dues, please do so as soon as possible to avoid any problems with your membership. You will find copies of the membership application in last month's Woofers. Don't feel bad if it has slipped your mind. Even your humble editor is not afraid to admit that she herself forgot and will be mailing her dues in shortly, as well.

~ Wendy Smith

# Trying to Keep Pets Safe from Tainted Foods

by Caitlin Gezgin | Jan 04, 2012

(Opinion piece originally printed in the January edition of the French Bulldog Club's national newsletter.)

Recently several batches of dog food have been recalled because they were found to have levels of aflatoxins above acceptable limits. Aflatoxins develop when the mold *Aspergillus* forms on corn, a common ingredient in pet foods.

This time it was dry Dog Power Dog Food produced by [Advanced Animal Nutrition](#). Before that, two other dog food manufacturers (The Procter & Gamble Company which makes [Jams ProActive Health Smart Puppy](#) dry dog food and [Cargill Animal Nutrition](#), which makes both River Run and Marksman dog food) also pulled their products off the shelves for high aflatoxin levels. Cargill also made several of the other brands, such as Arrow.

Aflatoxins can cause sluggishness, vomiting, and diarrhea in some dogs.

While all of these recalls were voluntary on the part of the manufacturers, the situation can still leave many animal owners concerned about the safety of their pet foods. Here is some basic information about the duties of the government and pet food manufacturers to keep pet food safe, as well as some ways that consumers can get involved.

Pet food regulation is performed both by federal and state governments. The Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) is the basic [federal law for regulating pet food](#) (and people food) in the country.

The FFDCA requires that all pet foods are to be safe for animals to eat. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is in charge of enforcing the FFDCA and the Center for Veterinary Medicine is the branch within the FDA that is specifically responsible for making sure that pet foods are safe.

At the state level, each state government has its own set of regulations for pet food. While the federal and state governments are distinctly separate systems for pet food regulation, they will often work with each other to make sure that pet food is safe. The biggest difference is that the state governments will only have authority over pet food distributed in its particular state while the federal government will have authority over pet food distribution across all state lines.

Currently there is no federal agency that is specifically responsible for monitoring and responding to foodborne disease outbreaks in pet food. Because of this, the [Pet Event Tracking Network](#), or PETNet, was established to act as a web-based monitoring system that can be used

by both federal and state agencies. PETNet is comprised solely of federal, state, and local government employees that are experts in pet food regulation and safety.

PETNet's main role is to share information and report any problems to pet food regulators who can then take immediate action to solve the problems.

Registered Food Facilities that manufacture pet food are required under federal law to report when there is a possibility that its food will cause health problems for animals. In order to do this, the FDA created a Reportable Food Registry for Industry called the Safety Reporting Portal (SRP), which is an online mechanism for bringing food safety issues to the attention of the FDA. The SRP is supposed to review every report that it receives and take appropriate action after its review.

There are also a few options available to consumers who want to take an active role in the safety of not only their own pets, but all pets nationwide.

The FDA provides [a few options that consumers may use](#) to report complaints about pet food. Just like pet food manufacturers, consumers can also use the [Safety Reporting Portal](#) to submit complaints about a particular pet food. After the SRP reviews the complaint, the issue will either be immediately investigated or handled in some other manner, such as following up with the information at the next scheduled inspection of the facility. Consumers may also contact the FDA [Consumer Complaint Coordinators](#) for their state to report any problems they experience with their pet's food.

Consumers can stay on top of pet safety issues generally by subscribing to the FDA's [Animal & Veterinary Health](#) RSS feed or by signing up for the FDA's e-mail subscription service and managing their preferences to include news about "Animal & Veterinary Health." If these sources are still too broad, consumers can also check the FDA's website for pet food recalls or they can search for their specific brand of pet food through the FDA's [Pet Food Recall Products List](#).

For any other matters, consumers may call the FDA at 1-888-SAFEFOOD (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern Standard Time) or 1-888-INFO-FDA. In case of an emergency, the FDA's 24-hour emergency line is 301-443-1240.

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*Caitlin Gezgin is a second-year J.D. student at the University of Arkansas School of Law.*

## Member Brags

### Mamma Mia!



On Friday, our Adirondac Hilfy of Fern Hill CDX TDI ASCA CD was awarded the title of Outstanding Dam from the Golden Retriever Club of America.

These prestigious outstanding producer titles are awarded based on the accomplishments of a dog's or bitch's progeny. In order to qualify, a bitch must have a minimum of three "qualifying offspring" who have earned advanced titles in one of the disciplines in which dogs can be shown. In obedience, the lowest qualifying title is a Utility title; in field work, a Senior Hunter will qualify. Hilfy's three qualifying offspring are:

Fern Hill SuperCalifragilistic, MH CD, from the June 2008 litter, by Trifectas Repeat Performance \*\*\* MH UD OS CCA VCX WCX Can CD. Callie is owned by us and finished her MH title at the tender age of 2 years.

Fern Hill Hunter MH, from Hilfy's 2007 litter, sired by AFC AFTCH Rosehill's Mr. Speaker MH CCA OS FDHF. Hunter is owned by Jack Bussey of New York state, who also owned Hilfy's sire. Hunter finished all his field titles (Junior Hunter, Senior Hunter and Master Hunter) without a single failure in his 13 tests. He was 3 when he earned his MH title.

Young's Rusty Speaker of Fern Hill, from Hilfy's 2006 litter, also sired by Mr. Speaker. Rusty is owned by Greg Young of Nashville, TN. Rusty earned his MH title at the age of 4 and is an active duck hunting dog.

We have a number of other titled offspring out there -- and at least two who should finish their Senior Hunter titles this spring. We are very proud of our Hilfy, who joins both parents and all four grandparents in being awarded as GRCA Outstanding Producers. In addition to that, she is full of personality, a wonderful companion and my heart dog!

Karen Edwards

### Million Dollar Baby!



At the Jackson MS shows, my new BBE bitch, Cayuga's Million Dollar Baby, took the BBE class 3 days, RWB 3 days and WB/BOW and a Group 1 BBE Working Group. On Thursday, her mother, CH Jax Toast of Cayuga, took a Veteran Working Group 1. This was my first time to ever show her as she has always lived with my friend in Buffalo, NY. Also I got to show a Pekinese and did not make too much of a fool of myself. Those small dogs are more difficult to show than I would have thought.

~ Sandy Jessop

### Flying High!



Fairlight qualified 7 runs out of 8 at our Oak Ridge Kennel Club's Agility Trial. She earned 2 new titles - Open Jumpers with Weaves and Open Standard. This makes 37 titles for Fairlight. She is tied with Bliss who also has 37 performance titles.

Fairlight is an Australian Shepherd owned by Bonnie Herrell.

## Member Brags (Cont.)

### The Making of a Champion!



All of the performance titles have been earned with very limited showing. We are looking forward to a great 2012 with performance being a priority this year. We are working on Rally and Obedience and have jumped into the Herding with both feet and four paws. We are continuing our Agility training. Maybe later we will venture into the Tracking world. (when we can add another day to our week)

I am owned by this very special dog and although MY training is long from over..... Hobby and I love our adventures together. Hobby is now two and a half years old and we still have many goals to fill. We look forward to more training with the Oak Ridge Kennel Club and hope to continue to learn a little something from all of you.

Carol Jeffery & Hobby  
[www.barnwoodaussies.net](http://www.barnwoodaussies.net)

Hobby and I would like to thank all of the ORKC members that have been involved (even in a small way) in Hobby's path to becoming a Champion. From Mary Jo's puppy class, Becky Malivuk's super puppy class, Bonnie & Marg's Beginner class, Leslie Rhoden's great Rally class to the endless trips for Conformation practice. Hobby and I "thank you" so much to the members that dedicate their time to help others.

Although none of us are professional dog trainers your time and knowledge is always welcome and helpful. The making of a Champion is quite a task.

ASCA /AKC Champion Barnwoods Expensive Hobby NA, NAJ/STDds, GS-N, RS-N, JS-O  
Winner of Eukanuba Best Opposite Sex and Best Bred By Exhibitor 12/18/2011

For some that do not know what the initials mean---  
AKC: Novice Standard Agility, Novice Jumpers with Weaves Agility

ASCA: Novice Regular Agility, Gamblers Standard-Novice, Open Jumpers, Started Trial Dog sheep & ducks.

We are very proud to announce our ASCA herding award # 6 Merit Started Sheep 2010/2011. That was very exciting! Hobby also has two Novice Rally legs in ASCA.

At nine months old at our AKC Australian Shepherd Nationals at Purina Farms in Gray Summit MO Hobby was awarded second place in a very competitive Bred By Exhibitor class, was also awarded a Select award in the Futurity \$\$\$ and a fourth place in the Sweepstakes \$\$\$.



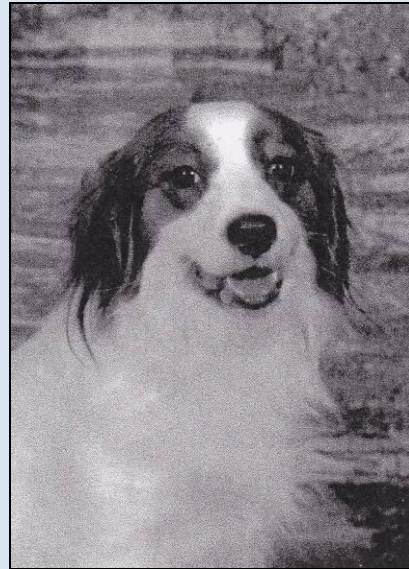
## Member Brags (Cont.)

### Quite the Birthday Present!



Angela Snow's sheltie, Carmine (Stonerhaven Good Fortune, UD, RE, AX, MXJ, NF, AXP, MJP, OFP), completed her Agility Excellent Preferred title at the ORKC agility trial on January 6. All three runs were 1st place fishes. On January 20 at the Blue Ridge Agility Club trail in Fletcher, NC, Carmine finished her Open FAST Preferred title with all 1st place finishes. On January 22, Carmine earned her Master Excellent Jumper Referred title which requires 10 perfect scores. Carmine earned this title with eight 1st place finishes and two second placements! Carmine's 6th birthday was January 13!

### One Family, 2RNs... sort of...



ARBA & UKC CH RedGold's Girl of My Dreams, CGC, ASCA & AKC RN, "Corrie," a Kooikerhondji owned and loved by Janie and Joe McDonald, finished Rally Novice at the Greater Smoky Mountain Cluster Show with scores of 95 and 92. Now we both have our RNs! Many thanks to Leslie, Richella, Becky, and all of you who taught and encouraged us.

### Fern Hill SuperCalifragilistic MH CD!



Our Callie added a new title to her name on Friday at the show in Franklin, TN, with owner Jim Pearce handling. In addition to being a Master Hunter (earned last May at the age of 2), she is now a Companion Dog. She is very exuberant in the ring and luckily there were no dumbbells being thrown in the next ring over..... Shown with Jim and the Novice B judge, Daniel E. Herald.

Callie is bred, owned and adored by Karen Edwards and Jim Pearce. She is out of our Adirondac Hilfy of Fern Hill CDX OD TDI ASCA CD and by Trifectas Repeat Performance \*\*\* MH UD CCA VCX WCX OS CGC Can CD and was from our wonderful June 2008 litter.

Karen Edwards

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### ORKC WINTER 2012 CALENDAR

- Feb. 2** ~ Board/Membership Meetings
- March 3** ~ Newman Kennel Club, GA, B-OB Match
- March 10** ~ ORKC CGC Test

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