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From the Blog

ORKC History:

David J Johnson The Early Days

I ran in to John Harvey, which reminded me to relate what my Dad remembers of the ORKC in the forties.

With John and Mary Harvey, Sally and Ed(?) Tirpak and Rob Carter they put on bench shows initially. He remembers these vividly because he and the other men would go to the Knoxville Kennel Club to borrow the tables. These were steel tables, heavy as heck. They went to the ring shows in part because of the trouble in moving those things.

His other story was when they began offering dog training. At \$3 they were not having any customers. Before they gave up on the idea my Dad suggested they raise the fee to \$10. It suddenly became a thriving business for the ORKC.

My Dad now lives in the Vanderbilt Apartments near your new space.

Roger Johnson

Be sure to visit our blog at <http://orkc.blogspot.com/> to keep up to date with the latest events at ORKC and post comments of your own.

Wendy Smith, Editor

Speaker at the August 6 meeting: Professional Groomer Catherine Sample from Oak Ridge Feed. Sample bags will be handed out to all attending members. Talk at 6:30, meeting at 7pm. See you there!

ORKC MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

**SOUP KITCHEN OAK RIDGE | 7PM
FIRST THUR OF EVERY MONTH**

**47 E Tennessee Ave
Oak Ridge, TN 37830**

ORKC TRAINING CENTER

Behind Girls, Inc. on the Turnpike.

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

Member Brags & Announcements



← New Champion!

On June 26, 2009 in Lebanon, OH under Pat Laurens, Ramahills Yur Mama Dont Dance obtained her AKC championship! She is now **CH Ramahills Yur Mama Dont Dance TD AD V1 CGC TDI, 2006 WRSF Jugend Siegerin, 2008 WRSF Jahres Siegerin.**

Yara is owned and loved by Linda and Ron Hurst. Now onto the fun stuff!! ☺

Editor's note: Look at all those titles ... Yara has never NOT had "the fun stuff" ☺

Fairlight!

Fairlight, Australian Shepherd owned by Bonnie Herrell earned two ASCA Open legs at the Tennessee Australian Shepherd Club's trial on June 27. Both legs were with placement ribbons!

Juniors! →

Taylor Ault made her Junior Showmanship debut in June with Ch Slipstream Full Moon Flyer – Cosmo. Taylor & Cozi won their first 3 Novice Intermediate classes, and are now competing in the Open Intermediate class! Cosmo is a German Shorthaired Pointer, owned by Taylor, Missy Neal & Lance Snead and bred by Missy Neal & Lance Snead.

Puppies!

German Shorthaired Pointer pups (3 males, 2 females) from a very exciting litter: Dual CH Up N'Adam SH UD HOF "Augie" x World Winner Malomkozi Dafke "Daphne" ~ Call John Bishop 865-919-1149 for more information or to see them in Oak Ridge.



← Angel's Cameo de Esprit UD RE MX AXJ OAP OJP

Cameo completed her Rally Excellent title at the ORKC trial on May 24. Cameo (Angela Snow's 12 year old sheltie) scored 100 and won her class as well!

Send your brags, announcements
and photos to:

Wendy Smith wsmith@copper.net

Training News

Summer Session Rally Classes

Saturdays, West Building, July 4 – August 29, 2009

(No class on Aug. 1)

Class: **RALLY DROP IN CLASS (all levels)**
Ring Procedures, Exercise Descriptions,
Q & A, Problem Solving, Heeling, Warm-
ups, Cool Downs, & more

Time: 8-9 a.m.

Instructor: Sidney Sachs

Class: **RALLY RUN-THRUS (all levels)**

Time: 9-10a.m.

Instructor: Sidney Sachs

These Rally classes are **free for members** and **\$5 per session for non-members**. Please bring cash or a check made out to ORKC.

Classes are drop in and do not require advance registration.

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ORKC Fall 2009 Session – 8 weeks

Signup date for members: starts August 5, 2009

Signup date for non-members: starts August 12, 2009

Send email for registration** to Jean Burdick jeanjeff@live.com or call 423-369-2632. **Jean will contact you by email to confirm your registration. If you do not hear from Jean, you are NOT registered yet!!**

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

1. Handler and dog's name
2. Phone number
3. Email address
4. Your membership status
5. Classes the dog has taken before and where
6. Age and breed of dog

Send checks for class prior to September 5, 2009:

Jean Burdick
1059 Snowhill Road
Oakdale, TN 37829-2531

Monday: Classes start Sept 14

Time	East Bldg. \$Member/\$Non-Member	West Bldg \$Member/\$Non-Member
6 pm	Beg. Conformation / Teresa Pless (12) \$45/\$75	Beg. Obedience / TBA & Jean Burdick (12) \$45/\$75
7 pm	Unstructured (4) \$45/\$75	Clicker Introduction / Jean Burdick (1 st 4 weeks only) (10) \$22.50/\$37.50

Tuesday: Classes start Sept 15

Time	East Bldg \$Member/\$Non-Member	West Bldg \$Member/\$Non-Member
5 pm	Beginner Obedience /Bonnie Herrell & Marg Ellis (12) \$45/\$75	Novice Rally / Debbie Echols & Sidney Sachs (8) \$45/\$75
6 pm	Puppy Class #1 & 2 / Mary Jo Steger (8 each session) \$45/\$75	Advanced Rally / Debbie Echols & Sidney Sachs (8) \$45/\$75
7 pm	Conformation drop-in / David Miller & Cheryl Bingham \$6/\$8 pay-as-you-go	Open/Utility /Jeannie Ringe (10) \$45/\$75
8 pm	Novice Obedience / Tim Snow (11) \$45/\$75	CGC Preparation / Karen Service & Pat Doan (11) \$45/\$75

Curriculum of ORKC Training Classes

PUPPY

Puppy – This class is for puppies three months to no more than 20 weeks old on the first night of class. Puppies learn how to meet and interact with other dogs and people. They also learn a few simple commands and fun tricks. This is a four week class.

Prerequisites: Puppy's age must fall within course description. Check with your vet to make sure your puppy is adequately protected against disease.

Super Puppy – Class is designed for puppies five months to eight months of age (depending on size). In this class, puppies will learn basic obedience skills, such as sit, down, and come, as well as basic manners and possibly more fun tricks. This is a four week class.

Prerequisite: Puppy's age must fall within course description or they must have recently completed the puppy class.

CONFORMATION

Beginner Conformation – This class is for those who are just getting started in the show ring. Handlers will learn how to groom and present their dogs, basic gaiting patterns, how to enter a dog show, basic ring protocol, AKC rules and "what to expect when you get there." Instructors are experienced show handlers.

Prerequisites: Dog must be leash trained. Check with your vet to make sure your puppy is adequately protected against disease.

Conformation Handling/Drop-In – This class is for those who wish to show their dog in the conformation ring. Students learn more advanced ring techniques, get stacking tips, handling tips, ring protocol for both breed and group rings, and can socialize dogs for the show ring atmosphere. Instructors are experienced show handlers. This is a drop-in class, pay as you go.

Prerequisites: Student should be familiar with basic show ring protocol and how to present their breed of dog.

OBEDIENCE AND RALLY

Note: Completion of a course does not automatically mean you and your dog are ready for a higher level of work. At the end of each course, the instructor will provide you with a personal recommendation for placement of your dog in the next session, depending on your goals and the general readiness of your dog. If you don't meet the prerequisites for a particular class, please discuss your personal training situation and dog with the Instructor before signing up for that class. People signing up for training classes must expect to spend significant training time with their dog outside of class.

Course Descriptions, Prerequisites, and Graduation Criteria

Beginner Obedience – This course is for puppies over 6 months of age and adult dogs. (NO dog is too old to learn manners!) Features sit, down, stand, stay, come, polite leash walking, socialization and confidence building. Also taught are problem solving techniques and much, much more. The first session of this class is without dogs, so the instructor can get to know everyone, what their goals are for the class and eventual goals for the dog, and can provide a basic orientation on the class structure, items to bring to class, and exercises to be learned. This class teaches the basic skills you will need for higher-level classes.

Prerequisite: Dog must be at least 6 months of age.

Graduation Criteria: Dog must be able to demonstrate knowledge of basic commands such as sit, stay, come, polite leash walking, and general good manners. Some dogs, because of their own unique personalities, may need to repeat this course more than once.

Canine Good Citizen (CGC) – This class is for those who would like to earn an AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC) title on their dogs. It is also a good steppingstone to more advanced obedience, rally, and agility work and is an essential step for therapy dog training. The CGC title can be earned by any dog, regardless of whether or not it is purebred or registered with the AKC. This class will teach handlers to train their dogs to pass the 10 individual CGC tests. The club will provide an opportunity for all handlers and their dogs to take the test at the end of the spring training season. Dogs learn good public manners, obedience to commands during distractions and acceptance of handling by someone they don't know. This class is similar to Advanced Beginners and successful completion will prepare a dog to move into either the Novice Rally or Novice Obedience classes.

Prerequisites: Beginner course or equivalent. Dog must be over 6 months of age.

Graduation Criteria: Dogs that are ready to move on to the more advanced classes will demonstrate this through successfully passing the CGC test.

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Advanced Beginner Obedience – This class will help lay the foundation for competitive obedience and rally showing. Skills such as sit with attention, downs, fronts, finishes, stands and stays with distractions, and introductory heeling will be taught. We will use some of the basic Novice Rally exercises in teaching these skills. During one session, beginning jumping will be taught.

Prerequisite: Beginner course or equivalent. Dog must be over 8 months of age and must know basic commands such as sit, stay, come, and polite leash walking.

Graduation Criteria: Dogs should be able to stay mostly in heel position during an on-leash heeling exercise; generally sit at halts without commands; stay at the sit for at least 30 seconds with the handler 10' or more away; stay at the down for at least one minute with the handler 10' or more away; and should be able to stand on command and stay for at least 10 seconds with the handler at the end of the leash. Dogs that are proficient in all but one or two of these exercises may also proceed to the next level.

Novice Rally – AKC Rally is a relatively new dog sport that is a stand-alone fun event for both dog and handler, as well as a successful transition activity into the world of obedience or agility competition. Rally offers both the dogs and handlers an experience that is loads of fun, fast paced and energizing. The canine/handler team moves at their own pace from station to station, performing a different on-leash exercise at each station. You'll learn all 31 Novice exercises, utilizing heelwork, fronts, and finishes, and also perform some rally courses.

Prerequisites: Beginners, CGC or equivalent. Your dog must know basic commands such as sit, stay, come, and walk at heel on a loose lead.

Graduation Criteria: Dogs must be able to satisfactorily complete essentially all novice exercises on leash before advancing to the Rally Advanced/Excellent course.

Rally Advanced/Excellent – This class is for dogs that have completed the Beginner/Novice Rally class or equivalent.

You'll learn the 20 Advanced/Excellent exercises, as well as continue work on the Rally Novice exercises. We'll introduce jumps, backing and longer stays. For those interested in competing, we will work exercises in Novice, Advanced, and Excellent levels including entire course run-throughs.

Prerequisites: Novice Rally or instructor permission.

Graduation Criteria: NA. This course can be repeated as many times as desired. Mastery of all these exercises will not only prepare the dog and handler for earning Rally degrees but will make the transition to competition level obedience much easier.

Novice Obedience – This class will help prepare you and your dog for obedience competition at the Novice level, which leads to the Companion Dog title. People not seeking competition or a title will benefit from having a beautifully behaved and reliable dog you can be proud to have around in all situations. All Novice exercises will be covered, as well as footwork, common dog and handler errors, and competition rules and regulations. Exercises will include sit signal, sit from a down, greater precision in fronts, increased time on stays, stand for exam, down signal, recalls, and increased distractions. Heeling with attention at different paces (fast, slow and normal) will be covered, figure eight patterns, and beginning off-leash heeling work. Given enough time, additional exercises such as introductory Open exercises or Advanced rally exercises may be introduced.

Prerequisite: CGC, Advanced Beginners, or equivalent.

Graduation Criteria: This class can be repeated as many times as desired, and for dogs planning to compete in Novice obedience competitions, multiple sessions will be beneficial.

Open Obedience – This class teaches the basic Open level Obedience exercises and helps the dog-handler team refine their performance in preparation for showing in the AKC Open Obedience class, which leads to the Companion Dog Excellent title. Exercises to be taught include dumbbell retrieves on the flat and over the high jump, recalls with distractions, random drops on command or signal with increasing distance, broad jump with front and finish, fine tuning of heeling with attention and refined footwork, ring protocols, and out of sight stays with increased length to 3 minute sits and 5 minute downs. The instructor will attempt to work with each student at the student's level. Handler must bring a dumbbell to class.

Prerequisites: Before progressing to the Open level, the dog must be able to work reliably off leash (not necessarily in perfect heeling position, but under good control) and should have reasonably reliable stays with the handler across the ring (one minute sitting and 3 minutes in the down position).

Graduation Criteria: This class can be repeated as many times as desired, and for dogs planning to compete in Open obedience competitions, multiple sessions will be beneficial. However, dogs need not be ready to perform in Open competition to start the Introduction to Utility class, as the exercises tie together well and will make training sessions more interesting for both you and your dog.

Introduction to Utility – This class is intended to introduce portions of the Utility exercises to the dog and handler. Skills introduced will include the moving stand, call to heel, signals, go outs, directed jumping and scent articles. Complete exercises will not be taught, only the skills necessary to begin the dog's utility training. Handler must bring utility articles and gloves to class.

Prerequisites: Dogs should have earned the Companion Dog (CD) title or have the instructor's permission. Dogs must be able to work reliably off lead and have a reliable retrieve command.

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Utility – This class teaches the basic Utility level Obedience exercises and helps the dog-handler team refine their performance in preparation for showing in the AKC Utility Obedience class. The instructor is available to teach inexperienced exhibitors how to train the advanced exercises, but the more advanced students generally help each other and act as "stewards" and "judges" to give each other formal or informal run-throughs. Handler must bring utility articles and gloves to class.

Prerequisites: Dogs must have earned the Companion Dog (CD) title or have the instructor's permission. Dogs must be able to work reliably off lead and have a reliable retrieve command.

Attention – This is a specialty 4-week class that will concentrate on fun exercises to improve your dog's attention to you. Attention is vital for advanced level obedience competition.

Prerequisite: Puppy class or equivalent

Heeling – This is a specialty 4-week class that will concentrate on heeling exercises and patterns to improve your dog's heeling skills both on and off-lead. Heeling is vital for advanced level obedience competition.

Prerequisite: Beginners or equivalent. Dog must be able to walk on a loose lead.

Clicker Introduction – a 4-week class that will introduce use of a clicker to motivate and train your dog. This class is for handlers who are just beginning to train, who want to cross over to a clicker, or just want a fun class with your dog. The basics of how to start your dog training using operant conditioning will be covered. How to shape a behavior and some problem solving will

be discussed. A fun class with no stress. Clickers will be available for purchase at the first class session.

Clicker Retrieves – a great way to introduce you dog to jumping and dumbbell work! Fun and fast paced, and a good way to learn about clicker training as well.

OTHER CLASSES

Introduction to Agility – This class is intended to introduce basic obstacles, conditioning, and handling skills. It stresses safety and is designed to build the dog's confidence.

Prerequisite: CGC, Advanced Beginners, or equivalent. Dog must be over 8 months of age and must be able to stay at the sit, stand or down with the handler 10' or more away for at least a minute; be obedient to commands during distractions: and have good public manners

Tracking Classes – The Oak Ridge Kennel Club is the only organization in the area that offers classes in tracking. We offer tracking classes in the fall (in cooler weather) held on the campus of Roane State Community College in Harriman. This 4-6 week class offers help to beginners in starting tracking. We also can help trackers prepare for certification/tests, and offer a tracking test once a year in the winter.

Other classes may be offered by request – if you have ideas for classes you would like to take or teach, please contact the training committee.



HABIT INFORMATIONAL MEETING



Human • Animal • Bond • In • Tennessee
Tues. August 25, 2009, 6:00 ~ UT College of Veterinary Medicine ~ 974-5633 for information
<http://www.vet.utk.edu/habit/index.php>

A Little Humor



THE DARK SPECTER OF PET ABUSE

(Not Quite What You're Thinking)

The following "editorial" depicts an actual incident that occurred last year. The names have not been changed to protect the guilty.

There is a dark specter hanging over this country from which I have suffered. I have been living in secret with it for years and feel that it is finally time to come out into the public limelight and share my tail of pain and woe. Someone must be the spokesperson for this epidemic and if it must be me, then it must be me. The public must be made aware of the nightmare that is pet abuse.

No, I am not talking about human abuse of animals; we all know about that. I'm talking about the unreported shadow of the abuse of humans by their pets. It is a horrible tragedy that has never been taken seriously by the public at large. Indeed, if a person were to confess that they are living with an abusive pet, they are more likely to be met with laughter instead of sympathy. But this is indeed a serious situation and attitudes must be changed!

Allow me to share with you the events that have led me to this conclusion. Just this morning, I was bringing my deceptively mild mannered Rottweiler, Persephonie, in from her morning constitutional. As I bent to release the leash from her collar, the beast suddenly jerked her head up, crushing her hard skull into my mouth with incredible force. I reeled in pain and rushed to the bathroom mirror. The pale reflection in the mirror revealed a swollen, bloodied lip with a deep gash in the center from where the lip had been driven into my teeth. I looked as if I had received a full force punch in the mouth.

Sephie's reaction to her deed was callous. She simply ran to her food bowl and demanded to be fed her breakfast.

In the past, this animal has done such heinous things as knock me over, crush my foot, or attempt to bludgeon me with her paw. However, she has always given me a surprised and innocent look as if to say, "Oh, I'm sorry. That was an accident." I have now come to the conclusion that her innocence was only an act to hide her abusive nature.

Enough is enough. This abuse must come to an end. All my fellow pet owners who have suffered too long from abuse in the shadows join me now and take a stand in the sunshine. If you have ever had your feet crushed or your food stolen, step forward. If you have ever been tackled for no reason, or beaten savagely with a "wagging" tail, stand up for your rights.

Take my hand now and proclaim to the world in a bold, proud voice. "I am a dog owner who has been a victim of pet abuse! And I will remain in silence no longer!"

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ORKC Summer 09 CALENDAR

- August**
- 1 Sat** No Rally Drop-In class
 - 5 Wed** Fall session signups, members
 - 6 Thur** Membership meeting, 7pm
 - 12 Wed** Fall session signups, non-members
- Sept**
- 5 Sat** Deadline for fall session signup
 - 14 Mon** Fall session starts!
 - 15 Mon** Fall session starts!

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