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Flower Power To The People!

By Board approval, the Beautification Committee has been formed, with Lesley Hardin at the helm as Chair. Lesley has drawn up a very do-able timeline of plantings to pretty up our facility before the Open House, as well as a long-term plan for permanent landscaping around the property.

TREES: Lesley has proposed 3 large Willow Oak trees to be planted along the west fence line to provide shade in the late afternoon heat. Also, a Norway Spruce to plant near the entrance. Joyce Cardwell is donating a Willow Oak! **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE A TREE, PLEASE CONTACT LESLEY wesnles@chartertn.net !**

COLOR BOWLS: We are getting planters donated, in which we can plant colorful annuals and move around as we see fit. Lesley's husband Wes is getting us the planters (Thanks, Wes!!) **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE POTTING SOIL OR FLOWERING ANNUALS FOR THE PLANTERS, PLEASE CONTACT LESLEY [\[wesnles@chartertn.net\]](mailto:wesnles@chartertn.net)**

DIGGING IN THE DIRT: Jack Ramsey has graciously agreed to bring his tractor for the backbreaking work of digging the holes for the trees. While he's there, we'll define the planting areas and break ground on those, too. Nan Anderson is donating soil and mulch for the landscaped beds! **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE SOIL OR PERENNIALS, PLEASE CONTACT LESLEY [\[wesnles@chartertn.net\]](mailto:wesnles@chartertn.net)**

PLANTING DAYS: Next issue of the WOOFER will announce the September planting days! Let Lesley know if you can help and which is best for you! See y'all there! 🐾

Missy Neal woofers@kngc.com



Jedi Jake The Bakerhead, RN says: "I just love my new training center!"

ORKC AUGUST MEETING

THUR AUG 7 | SOUP KITCHEN OAK RIDGE | 7PM

47 E Tennessee Ave, Oak Ridge, TN 37830

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

H.A.B.I.T. Meeting
Monday Aug 25

UT Vet School
Room A118
6:00 - 8:30 pm
Contact HABIT@utk.edu

**Obedience Club of
Chattanooga Show
& Go (Ob & Rally)**

Sunday Sept 9
Flintstone, GA
Contact Fay Taylor
geofay@bellsouth.net

ORKC Open House
Saturday Oct 7
Oak Ridge, TN



Please email event
submissions to:
woofer@kngc.com

AUGUST WORK DAYS

Saturday 8/2
Saturday 8/9
Saturday 8/23

We'll have planting
days in September in
addition to regular
Work Days!

TRAINING FACILITY UPDATE

By Robert Pless VOLtraveler@aol.com

The heat has been pretty bad lately but we have accomplished a tremendous amount of work at the training facility. We have approximately 5 more workdays before the Open House on October 4. We are so close to having many of the major projects completed but we still need more volunteers to help. I have offered to have weekday sessions to accommodate every ones work schedules but I have had no response. Without every one's help, the facility will not be completed before the Open House.

I normally have given updates on what we have accomplished from month to month but I would like to take this opportunity to ask everyone who has not been to the training facility or if it has been a while -- please come out and see what we have been able to do. I have often said, this is your property and we need everyone to get involved.

There are projects for everyone, even if it just involves helping set up for lunch. If you are unable to come out and help, you may want to still get involved by making a donation to the club. There are numerous items that we need

that would really help out. There have been numerous members who have donated items or money for much needed equipment that has help tremendously. Baked goods, sandwiches, chips, drinks and so forth would also be extremely helpful during our workdays.

We have been blessed with a tremendous opportunity to have a first class training facility and it is now up to us to make it a reality. We are very close, but we need your help to get some of the projects

completed before cold weather sets in. I would like to show the city officials on October 4, that they made a great decision to sell ORKC the property and their city now has a training facility to be proud of. I hope to see everyone at the next workday. Check your calendars and please contact me in advance if you can help out. Thanks! 🐾



West Building: Old doors gone! New door installed!



East Building: Frames ready to install!

MEMBER BRAGS!



Ioka Image of E.T.

After earning her Agility Trial Championship (ATCH) at ASCA Nationals last fall, finishing her AKC Master in Agility (MX) on the way home, *and* going High Point Aussie at an ASCA agility trial the following week-end, Maggie has continued to earn top honors in agility this year. In May she added a second High in Trial Aussie ribbon to her collection!

For the third year in a row, Maggie has been invited to compete at the ASCA Nationals. She is the 3rd highest point earner on the veterans list. On the Agility Merit List (Top 10) in Jumpers Elite she finished the 2008 competition year in 7th place competing with dogs of all ages. Not bad for an 11 year old dog who is semi-retired!

Maggie is graciously allowing Pat and Bill Doan to share these accomplishments with her!

New RAE for Jones!

Friday, July 11, East TN Boxer Club Trial: Rally Advanced 3rd place with a score of 99, Rally Excellent qualified with a score of 95 (RAE leg number Eight!)

Saturday, July 12, TVKC Trial: Rally Advanced **1st Place** with a score of 100! Rally Excellent **1st Place** with a score of 100! (RAE leg number Nine!)

On Sunday, July 13, TVKC Trial: Rally Advanced qualified with a score of 88, Rally Excellent **1st Place** with a score of 98! (RAE leg number Ten!!)

CH CLASSIQUE'S ALONG CAME JONES RAE, HCT-s, CGC, CTL1-R, CTL1-F

Jones is a Bernese Mountain Dog owned by Donna Coffin!



Bliss & Fairlight

Fairlight had a great weekend at the Tennessee Australian Shepherd Club's Trial on June 28 & 29. She earned her ASCA CD with one 2nd place and **1st Place** ribbons!

Then Bliss and Fairlight had a wonderful three day Obedience and Rally Trial with the East Tennessee Boxer Club and the TVKC on July 11- 13:

Fairlight qualified every trip into the Novice ring to earn her AKC CD title!

Fairlight and Bliss each earned 3 legs toward their RAE (Rally Advanced Excellent) Titles!

Fairlight and Bliss are Australian Shepherds owned by Bonnie Herrell!

Jedi Jake The Bakerhead, RN

Jake the Beagle finished his Rally Novice title at the TVKC trial in July! Jake is owned and handled by Wendy Smith!

Michele and Michael McConnell with Miniature Schnauzers Sky and Kash began their obedience training at ORKC. On June 29 & 30 at the ASCA Dog show in Knoxville Michele and Sky won 2 **1st Places** in Open A, and Michael won 3rd! Thank you ORKC for a great start! *Michele and Michael McConnell*

TWO High Combined for Skye!

Richard and Barbara Chandler's Border Collie, Chandler's Isle of Skye CDX, won two **1st Place** Awards for Utility B and Two High Combined Awards, Open and Utility, at ASCA's June Trials!!



New RAE for Lex!

CH Silvercreek Applejohn Alex CDX RAE NA OAJ ASCA-CDX WD CGC

Lex finished his Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE) title at the TVKC Trial on Sunday, July 13, 2008! Lex went straight through from Rally Novice to the 10 double Q's required for the RAE without a single NQ! That's a big accomplishment for the dog we all call the "brown clown"! For free entertainment, watch for Lex and Lorrie in the Utility ring this fall! ☺

Lex is a Chesapeake Bay Retriever owned, trained, and handled by Lorrie & Joe Johnson.

Legislative Frontline

Knoxville City Council Debates Dangerous Dog Issue

By Wendy Smith wmsmith@copper.net

Tuesday July 1: the Knoxville City Council met to vote on changes to the city's dangerous dog ordinance. Since the tragic death of a young Knox County woman in a November 2007 dog attack, both city and county governments have been seeking to strengthen the existing laws and make them uniform across both the city and the county.

Members of both Oak Ridge and Tennessee Valley Kennel Clubs were in attendance. In fact, most of the people present in the audience were there for the dangerous dog issue.

Three people were allowed to voice their concerns about the new law if allowed to pass unmodified. Some of the concerns brought up included where money for enforcement would come from and about whether enforcement of laws already on the books (such as the leash law) would better serve the community than a new ordinance.

But by far the main concern with the law involved the required mandatory spay and neuter of any dog declared Level I Vicious. Under the law, any dog declared Level I has the opportunity to clean up its act. If the owner follows all of the regulations of dealing with the dog (such as training) and the dog causes no further problems for 18 months, the Level I designation is dropped and the dog is no longer considered vicious. Those who spoke at the meeting pointed out that since Level I is ideally a temporary status, then why should a permanent physical change be required? Instead, they requested that only dogs declared Level II vicious be altered, which is how the current law reads.

At this point, Officer Christina Wilson of Knoxville Animal Control was allowed to speak. Wilson stated that if the law was not changed then city law would be different than the county, which goes against their purpose for changing the ordinance. Also, according to Wilson, the reason that Animal Control wanted to see Level I dogs altered dealt with the judiciary. According

to Wilson, she has seen many dogs who should be a Level II downgraded to a Level I by judges presiding over their cases, thereby avoiding mandatory spay and neuter. Requiring all Level I dogs to be altered would prevent these downgraded dogs from slipping through the cracks.

Luckily, most of the Council members disagreed with Animal Control's approach to the matter and sided with the citizens. All but two of the members except for two voted in favor of removing the mandatory spay and neuter of Level I dogs from the law. Once that language was removed, the council voted unanimously to adopt the new laws.

After the meeting, Councilwoman Barbara Pelot was kind enough to speak to the members of the club who attended the meeting. According to Pelot, there has been a rise in the number of complaints about dangerous dogs recently. However, in most of those cases, the animals involved were actually unclaimed strays.

She also stated that they have seen several situations in which a dog is declared Level I dangerous had behaved for the mandatory 18 months and had its designation removed, only to quickly do something to

be declared Level 1 again. In some cases this has gone on multiple times. She said that it is possible that the council will look at something in the future that will fill this hole. One possible solution mentioned by Councilman Brown was that any dog committing a Level I offence a certain number of times in its lifetime be automatically declared Level II Vicious.

While the meeting was a success and a win for the dog fancy, one very concerning thing did pop up which bears mentioning. One of the council members not in support of removing the spay/neuter language from Level I designation was Councilman Bob Becker. Speaking in favor of altering Level I dogs, Becker ignored the fact that the ordinance was a dangerous dog law and not a population control measure.

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Becker's statement, "Don't we already have too many dogs out there?" is a forewarning that in the future, if any mandatory spay and neuter laws are proposed for the city as a means of population control, Bob Becker should be watched as he would possibly be a major supporter of such actions. 🐾



Proposed Animal Control Ordinance for Knoxville: City and County

By Hilarie Gibbs-Sykes hgibbs@planet.com

Monday July 7: Tim Adams, Executive Director of Young-Williams Animal Center, was guest speaker at Tennessee Valley Kennel Club monthly meeting. The topic was the proposed animal control ordinance that could be effectively applied to both the City of Knoxville and Knox County. Adams told the audience that having one ordinance for the entire county was a goal that had been around for a long time.

The committee was authorized by the Board of YWAC, and picked up on work that had been started some 3 years ago. The committee members consist of UT faculty, Young-Williams staff, City and County animal control officers and local vets, among others. At this time there are no committee members with ties to grooming, boarding, training or breeding. Adams was very firm that there would not be any new members added to the committee from these groups.

Currently the committee is working on the second revision of the proposed ordinance and according to Adams, there will be more revisions. Once the committee is satisfied with the ordinance, it will then

be taken before the Young-Williams Board of Directors for their input and approval. It is anticipated that it will take a year to get to this point. The next step in the process will be a series of public forums and meetings to take the proposed ordinance before the public for their input. The final step, once all revisions are complete, will be to bring the ordinance to the City Council and the County Commission.

Adams was firm that the full text of the proposed ordinance (or drafts thereof) would not be released by the committee until it was ready to be presented in public forums and/or meetings. Adams told the audience that there would be plenty of opportunity for "us" (breeders, exhibitors, groomers, trainers etc) to comment before the ordinance was placed on City & County agendas for a vote. He stated several times that the committee wanted input from us; and in fact, one or more concerns expressed by the groomers appeared to have resulted in changes.

... any household having a combined total of 4 or more cats and/or dogs would be designated a kennel and would have to apply for a kennel permit ...

The audience had many concerns and questions, but there were few hard and fast answers as the ordinance is still in draft stages. One of the biggest areas of concern was wording that stipulated that any household having a combined total of 4 or more cats and/or dogs would be designated a kennel and would have to apply for a kennel permit - but they could only do so if

their property was in an area where that was a permitted use. While there were lots of detailed rules that seemed to apply to that classification, the biggest concern was the enormous change that this would represent especially in the county, and the fact that in many areas zoning by-laws prohibit kennels. 🐾

Member Notices

FOR SALE: PetSafe Fence with Ultralight Receiver, MIG00-11013HW
 INCLUDES TRANSMITTER WITH POWER ADAPTER; ULTRALIGHT RECEIVER WITH ADJUSTABLE COLLAR; BATTERY INCLUDED (REA-67); OPERATING AND TRAINING GUIDE; 500 FEET OF WIRE; 50 TRAINING FLAGS. SAFE AND EFFECTIVE FOR DOGS OVER 8 POUNDS!
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FALL CLASS SCHEDULE

TIME	CLASS (LIMIT)	TEACHER(S)	BUILDING	COST
5-6	BEGINNERS (11)	MARG ELLIS & BONNIE HERRELL	WEST	45.00/75.00*
5-6	RN RALLY (10)	DEBBIE ECHOLS	EAST	45.00/75.00*
6-7	PUPPY [∞] (6)	MARY JO STEGER	WEST	22.50/37.50*
6-7	CGC/LEVEL 1 (11)	JOYCE CARDWELL & JANIE MCDONALD	EAST	45.00/75.00*
7-8	LEVEL 2 (11)	PAT DOAN & TIM SNOW	WEST	45.00/75.00*
7-8	CONFORMATION [‡] (NO LIMIT)	BOB BARDOFF & TERESA PLESS	EAST	6.00/8.00*
8-9	LEVEL 3 (11)	JOHN AMBROSIA & SHANNON SHEPHERD	WEST	45.00/75.00*
8-9	UNSTRUCTURED (4)		EAST	45.00/75.00*

* Indicates cost of classes for Members/Non-Members.
[∞]Puppy classes are 4 weeks and there will be two sessions.
[‡]Conformation classes are pay-as-you-go.

Registration: Members: August 1-15
 Non-Members: August 16-29

To register for classes, contact:
 KAREN SERVICE
 865/988-4855
sdgaussies@bellsouth.net

THEN, after Karen has confirmed your spot in class,
 please send payment to:
 JULIE HAASE
 8002 LENNOX DRIVE
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

Payments must be received no later than **September 2, 2008**. Make checks payable to **ORKC** and include:

1. Name
2. Contact number/email address
3. Class you are paying for / instructor

Classes begin Tuesday, September 9, 2008

For more information contact:
 Teresa Pless
tkpless@gmail.com

Shannon Shepherd
leashesbydesign@charter.net



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1 Fall Class Signup ~ Members	2 ORKC WORK DAY Contact Robert Pless VOL.traveler@aol.com 865/382-3826 cell
3	4	5 ORKC OPEN TRAINING 6-8:30 P.M.*	6	7 ORKC MEETING SOUP KITCHEN OAK RIDGE 7PM	8	9 ORKC WORK DAY Contact Robert Pless VOL.traveler@aol.com 865/382-3826 cell
10	11	12 ORKC OPEN TRAINING 6-8:30 P.M.*	13	14	15	16 Fall Class Signup ~ Non- Members
17	18	19 ORKC OPEN TRAINING 6-8:30 P.M.*	20 September WOOFER Deadline woofer@kngc.com	21	22	23 ORKC WORK DAY Contact Robert Pless VOL.traveler@aol.com 865/382-3826 cell
24	25	26 ORKC OPEN TRAINING 6-8:30 P.M.*	27	28	29	30 *OPEN TRAINING NOTE: PLEASE ARRIVE BY ABOUT 7:45 — IF EVERYONE'S GONE BY 8PM, SHANNON WILL LOCK UP & GO HOME!
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The Next Work Day at our Training Facility Is **Saturday, August 2! Please confirm with Robert Pless if you can attend!**
VOLtraveler@aol.com
or 865-382-3826



Nap Time!

Six week-old Kelly asleep in the food dish. Kelly is a Golden Retriever bred by Karen Edwards and Jim Pearce.

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