



# THE WOOFER

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### ATTENTION ALL ORKC MEMBERS! LAST CHANCE!

This is your last newsletter (either mail or e-mail) unless you pay your dues. If your label has a colored dot on it.....you have not paid and filled out the new membership form (found on the ORKC web site). Every member, old or new, *must* fill out this form.

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### ORKC FEBRUARY MEETING

**Date: Thursday, February 1st**

**Time: 7:00 PM....Come early and enjoy the soup**

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

**Program: Video "Calming Signals: What Your Dog Tells You."**

Turid Rugaas is an internationally renowned trainer and writer who has devoted her life to dogs, their behavior and their well-being.

The Norwegian dog trainer has worked with dogs for many years and studied the body language of dogs for more than a decade. After a project where Turid and a colleague observed dogs carefully, recording their behaviour on video and in photographs, she became well-known around the world for her work on the calming signals. And Turid Rugaas is now one of the world's leading experts on dog behavior.

In the critically acclaimed book *On Talking Terms with Dogs: Calming Signals*, she shares with us her insights on the fascinating world of communication between dogs, as well as dogs and their owners.

Turid lives and works in Norway where she owns and runs a dog training school, Hagen Hundeskole. Being a popular speaker, she is spending more time abroad than at home, speaking and presenting programs at conferences, seminars and workshops.

In the video, she teaches you to understand and make use of canine body posture with footage of many calming signals, and how dogs use them, as well as how you can use these same signals in your own interactions with dogs.

# TRAINING NEWS

## Spring Classes March 20--May 08

4-5 -- ring set-up -- those signed up for unstructured time will be expected to help with this task!

5-6 -- unstructured (open) (limit 4)

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6-7 -- Beginners (limit 11) -- instructor TBA

6-7 -- Rally (limit 10) -- Ione Smith

6-7 -- 4 week Super Puppy (limit 6) -- 3/20-4/10 -- Marilyn Spahr

6-7 -- 4 week Attention (limit 6) -- 4/17-5/08 -- Barb Knowlton

6-7 -- 4 week Puppy Class A (limit 6) -- 3/20-4/10 -- Mary Jo Steger

6-7 -- 4 week Puppy Class B (limit 6) -- 4/17-5/08 -- Mary Jo Steger

7-8 -- Conformation (unlimited) -- instructor TBA

7-8 -- Level 2 (limit 11) -- Karen Service

7-8 -- CGC prep/Level 1 (limit 11) -- Tim Snow

8-9 -- Novice Competition (limit 11) -- Larry Stogner -- specifically for those who are making final preparations for the novice ring -- includes mat pick-up

8-9 -- Beginners (limit 11) -- Marg Ellis/Bonnie Herrell -- includes mat pick-up

8-9 -- Beginners Conformation (limit 11) -- Teresa Pless -- includes mat pick-up

All 8-9 class members will help with picking up mats and equipment.

### REGISTRATION FOR SPRING

Class registration for members will start February 4 at 9AM. Non-members may sign up starting February 18 at 9AM.

Please do not attempt to register before the registration period begins! **Send registration requests to Karen Service at 865-988-4855 or sgdaussies@bellsouth.net .** If you leave an email or phone message 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 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

(beginners conformation class members must sign up and pay in advance, using the regular 8 week fee schedule)

Class fees have been raised slightly in order to compensate for our increased rental costs at the Clinton armory. Thanks for your understanding!

Payments are due BY 3/13/07 . **Send class payments to Julie Haase at 8001 Lennox Dr., Knoxville, TN, 37909 .**

Make checks payable to ORKC. Anyone whose payment has not been received by 3/13 will be removed from the class list, and their space will be given to the next person in line.

When registering for a class please include the following information when emailing or leaving a voice mail :

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.

Classes will start 3/20/07 and continue through 5/08/07 . We will also be holding a Canine Good Citizen test on 5/15/07 .

Are you interested in being an instructor or an assistant instructor? Instructors earn 16 weeks' worth of free classes; assistant instructors earn 8 weeks' worth of free classes. Credits for free classes are NOT transferable. If you're interested, contact Ione Smith at [amazondoc@mindspring.com](mailto:amazondoc@mindspring.com) .

**If you have any suggestions, ideas, complaints, or questions, please contact any member of the training committee:**

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 Julie Haase -- [redunforfun@bellsouth.net](mailto:redunforfun@bellsouth.net) -- 865-691-3983  
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**Oak Ridge Kennel Club Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**January 4, 2007**

Information about Road Home Animal Rescue, a group in Crossville, Tennessee, served as the program for 18 members and guests. Road Home serves domestic violence victims and shelters, temporarily housing pets at no cost and placing them if the clients are unable to take them back. Covering the entire state, they receive nominal State funding and rely on donations from musical events/concerts to provide for the animals' needs.

The business portion of the meeting was called to order at 8:10, and guests Angela Walker and her daughter, who show St. Bernards, and new member Sandra Brown (Pit Bull mix and an imported GSD) introduced themselves. There were no December minutes because of the Christmas party. The treasurer's report was not available.

- Training:** Ione Smith reported that the winter training session (starts Jan. 23) is filling well. An ad was put in the paper to create interest. At the upcoming Board meeting, there will be discussion about increasing fees for the Spring session which starts March 20. Also discussed will be the greatly increased Armory expenses vs. suspending classes until we have a suitable and affordable facility.
- Show:** Chair Donna Burchi reported that premium list material had been sent to Onofrio. The trophy list was not included, but Chair Joyce Cardwell will call to see if it will still be accepted if sent separately. Judges panel has been sent in, but judges for Puppies have not been determined. A Ways and Means Chair is still needed to organize the raffle, and a Publicity Chair is needed as Kathy Kerr has not responded to e-mails or phone calls. The Events Committee (Marv Ellis, Joyce Cardwell (secretary), Robert Pless, Debbie Sharpe, Mary Jo Steger, and Donna Burchi) will need to meet before the show to discuss the brochure (procedures for handling misconduct) handed out at the last meeting.
- Programs:** No changes; Dr. Sponseller has still not committed to a date for a program on Katrina rescue.
- Tracking:** Everything is ready for the trial on February 9 (set up) and 10, Saturday. Mari Decuir, Hospitality, will be calling for individuals to provide soup and "fixins" at the Pine Orchard Community Center.
- Agility:** Janie McDonald brought a report from the Agility Committee, which was setting up at the Expo Center for competition the next day. Help is badly needed for Sunday as volunteers were expected to leave early.
- By-laws:** David Miller could not attend the meeting, but the committee submitted by-laws changes for review by the Board at their next meeting before presentation to the membership.
- Correspondence**
- President DeCuir received an invoice from Koronet, our Internet service provider, for 2007 fees (will be routinely paid by the Treasurer); a newspaper clipping was passed around about Nell Johnson's 50th wedding anniversary celebration; a solicitation on fund raising; brochures from Constructive Canine, one of our vendors, for canine diets; AKC rally event approval both days; a Kinko's brochure on logo mugs and other items that Pat Vogel thought would be good for trophies (already arranged); multiple trophy catalogs. Authorization/ purchase of pens for catalog sales will be discussed at the Board meeting.
- Old Business:** Quinto Burchi reported on attorneys' fees for filing our non-profit paperwork (\$750 plus \$125/hr). Joe McDonald suggested that we have Andy Anderson fill out the papers and have a CPA review the numbers used. There will be further discussion on this topic at the Board meeting.
- New Business:** Janie McDonald made a motion that \$250 be donated to the Road Home Rescue who presented our program. There was a second by Marv Ellis, and following discussion, the vote was unanimous to have the donation sent by the Treasurer.
- Adjournment:** The meeting concluded at 9:10.

## President's Message -- Agility Trial Report

Following is a letter from Barb Knowlton to me about the Agility Trials Jan 5, 6, and 7.

Barb reported to me that it takes 90 people to fully staff the workers on the floor per day. This does not include all the other jobs that had to be covered. For Open and Novice it takes 9 people for each class which includes open standard, open jumpers, novice standard and novice jumpers for a total of 36 people. Then for Excellent it takes 9 people for 8, 12 and 16 inch dogs, 9 for 20 inch dogs and then 9 for the 24 and 26 inch dogs. Then we have to have these people for Jumpers and Standard which equals a total of 54 people for the excellent classes. Combine them together 36 plus 54 and it equals 90 people to staff just the floor.

This does not include the person who is directing who works where, people doing ribbons, posting the results on the upstairs board, building the courses, setting up the equipment on Thursday and putting it back on the truck at the end of the weekend. The food area required attention from time to time with questions they might have about tickets and when to open, close, etc. Also the people doing other things like transporting judges, paying the bills, getting people to pay for the camper spaces, cleaning up poop, making sure the bathrooms have paper and soap, cleaning up trash at the end of each day on the floor and setting up the vendors. Other things also included making Walmart runs for batteries, club soda and drinks requested by the judges.

We need to look at how many club members were there to help and what we will need to change if we do this again next year. This trial is by far the biggest moneymaker for our club, far surpassing the all-breed show in May. If we want to continue doing this we need a lot more support in the form of "warm bodies" showing up to work. I am going to suggest to Frances that she approach people to sign them up to help—she needs people to be there and be available—no experience necessary, this is on the job training. And I am going to ask you to graciously accept when you are asked.

Mari

Here is the letter from Barb:

*I would like to thank the people from the Oak Ridge Kennel Club that did come and help this weekend. We seemed to have a very successful three-day trial. I am sorry to say that the overall coverage from our club was extremely low, especially on Friday and Saturday.*

*Friday we covered positions by using and re-using people that were*

*there showing their dogs. It's a position you don't really want to continue with because if people keep volunteering they eventually get tired and then they remember that when it's time to think about coming back next year! Thank goodness we had some relief come in on Saturday by a 4H club!!!!*

*Saturday we had a group that volunteered from the Claiborne County 4H club, a group of 8. They had called about a month ago and asked if there was anything they could do to help. I told them when and where and they helped for about 8 hours on Saturday. We really appreciated their help and I am not sure how we would have made it without them. We were lacking in help from the club and those of us that were there were very tired from Friday. I would like to make a suggestion to donate some \$\$ to their club since they gave us some great relief for 8 hours with no real reason to be there except to help!!!! I have a contact person if you think we could do something. Then we had another relief group come in on Sunday - Club Members!!!!*

*Sunday was covered better by some of the club members, Joyce Cardwell, Ione Smith, 2 new members that were at the last meeting worked all Sunday afternoon, Mary Jo, Linda Hurst, another member that I don't know and didn't have a dog but helped for 2 days, and David Miller helped Thursday night unloading and Sunday breaking down and reloading. We could not have made it Sunday if these people had not shown up!!! It was a great relief to see them!!!*

*Members that showed their dogs and helped a lot for all 3 days were Bonnie, Linda Hargis, Tim and Angela Snow, Pat Doan, Julie Haase, Dan and Brenda Faulkner, Marilyn, Frances and I. Janie McDonald helped with vendors, Pat Vogel with finances Friday and Mari came to help with the judges. I may have missed a few but I think I included just about everyone that helped. If you decide to pass this on to anyone you might want to check with Frances and see if I missed people!*

*Maybe at the next meeting we could talk about how difficult it is to pull off a trial this size (500 to 550 dogs running per day) with such a small group to work with. Again I do think that the overall trial was successful and the help that arrived was wonderful. I did hear many positives about the show and how well run it was so I know we did OK and it apparently looked as though we had things covered but we were really just hanging on by threads most of the weekend and very tired!!!*

*Thanks for your help and support and I know our trial will be even better next year!!!*

*Barb*

# CLUB NEWS

## Oak Ridge Kennel Club Treasurer Report Dec 2006

### EXPENSES

Storage box casters	197.00
Reimbursement (thank you B Knowlton)	53.00
Postage (Woofers)	78.00
Printing (Woofers)	99.00
Clinton Armory (classes '07)	1275.00
Reimbursement ('06 Agility)	<u>75.00</u>
TOTAL	1777.00

### INCOME

Dues	515.00
Rent for Mats	<u>50.00</u>
TOTAL	565.00

## TRACKING TEST ON FEBRUARY 10, 2007

Pine Orchard Community Center Oakdale, TN  
(directions in premium list on ORKC web site.)

Call Jean Burdick (423-369-2632)

to offer your help (bring food) or just come to observe.



Please thank everyone for the generous donation and for allowing me to speak on behalf of Road Home. It was truly a pleasure and we wish everyone at Oakridge Kennel Club a very happy and prosperous 2007.

Sincerely, Howard Loftin

## HUMAN ANIMAL BOND IN TENNESSEE

The winter information meeting of HABIT is scheduled for February 24  
Contact the HABIT office at (865)974-5633 for more information.

## COMMITTEES NEEDED FOR THE ORKC 2007 SHOWS

**RING HOSPITALITY:** NELL JOHNSON NEEDS AT LEAST 2 TO 3 PEOPLE BOTH DAYS TO HELP RUN REFRESHMENTS TO THE JUDGES AND STEWARDS IN THE CONFORMATION RINGS. IF YOU CAN HELP FOR A FEW HOURS PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SHEET PROVIDED AT THE MEETINGS OR AT THE CLASSES. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO RELIEVE THE REGULAR PEOPLE SO THEY CAN GET THEIR LUNCH. IT WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

Vendor Chairman, Janie McDonald, needs an assistant to help with the set up of the vendors on THE SHOW FLOOR AND PUT DOWN ELECTRIC CORDS ETC: This is usually done on Friday afternoon, marking off spaces for each vendor and placing them in the best space available. Please help donate your time for this project.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE NEEDS SEVERAL YOUNG MEN TO HELP PUT UP NO PARKING SIGNS, SIGNS TO THE SHOW SITE, Roping off no parking zones, and handicap spaces. Also this year, we will have a drop off zone for the exhibitors AT THE BACK AREA WHERE THE VENDORS COME IN. We need several people to maintain this area until early afternoon each day. We will have a sign up sheet at the meetings and at classes. Sign up for the day or for a few hours. Contact Bob Bardorf, Chairman

We need a raffle chairman to organize and collect donated articles from members and canvas business in the Oak Ridge area for items to donate and set them up on decorated tables for only one day on Saturday.

HOSPITALITY WILL BE A LITTLE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR FOR MEMBERSHIP LUNCHES..... MEMBERS MUST WORK AT LEAST 5 HOURS A DAY TO BE ENTITLED TO A LUNCH TICKET. All others will get a vendor ticket for their lunch.

We hope all of our membership will participate in the show, I will be asking for help in other areas as the show gets closer, hopefully you will find a project that interests you.

Any questions or concerns please contact me: e-mail: bur.chi@hotmail.com, phone 423-337-9151, or at the meetings

Sincerely Donna Burchi

Show Chair 2007



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