

# THE WOOFER

## OAK RIDGE KENNEL CLUB, INC.

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**MAY  
2007**

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## Nominations

At the April meeting There were were two nominations from the floor for board members. Janie McDonald and Teresa Pless were nominated from the floor and accepted the nominations. At the May meeting we will have a paper ballot run off to determine the five board members.

The slate of officers at the close of nominations at the April 5, 2007 meeting are as follows:

President: Vacant  
1st Vice President Donna Burchi  
2nd Vice President Frances Hart  
Secretary Joyce Cardwell  
Treasurer Pat Vogel  
Training Director Ione Smith

Board of Directors:  
Marg Ellis  
Linda Hurst  
David Miller  
Robert Pless  
Teresa Pless  
Janie McDonald  
Mary Jo Steger

From our By-Laws:

### Section 5. Voting

Each member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the Club at which he/she is present. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any Club meeting or election. Absentee ballots may be obtained from the Club Secretary no later than 7 days prior to the election and must be returned to the Club Secretary before the election of officers.

### Section 3. Elections

The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. The five nominated candidates for other positions on the Board who receive the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected.

## ORKC MAY MEETING

**Date: Thursday, May 3rd**

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

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

**Program: Spring show plans will be discussed.**



# NEWS & NOTES

## Tennessee Australian Shepherd Club

### ASCA June Jubilee

June 30, July 1, 2007

Three Shows in Two Days

Central High School - Knoxville

Conformation Classes for Australian Shepherds

Obedience Classes open to all breeds

Indoors - Air Conditioned

Awards and Raffle

Microchip Clinic - Eye Clinic

For information contact: Bonnie Herrell 865-945-2841

## ORKC SPRING SHOW

This is your last chance to put your name down to help the club at the spring shows. We still need help on some of the committee's. Come to the meeting on Thursday and sign up. We need help on the sanction match, stewards, entry table and help ring hospitality. We are not having a ways and means table this year, instead we are asking our members to bring in wine, cheese, crackers, mints, any thing we can put in a wine basket. We would like to have enough to make two baskets one for each day for a raffle. If we don't have enough for the baskets we will have a 50/50 drawing each day to make a little money for the club. Please bring your items for the basket to the classes on Tuesday or at the meeting.

I would like to thank Joyce, Ione and Linda for all the trophy donations collected and to Patti Miller for getting all the ad's in for the catalog. GREAT JOB LADIES

Sincerely, *Donna Burchi (Show Chair)*

### Q. What does it mean when a dog wags its tail?

**A.** Because the dog's ancestors were pack animals, they needed to develop a way to communicate with each other. They use many different types of body postures and vocalizations as a type of language. The tail is extremely expressive and an important part of the body posture.

A friendly dog will communicate his intentions through loosely wagging his tail. But, a wagging tail does not always indicate friendliness. Dominant or aggressive dogs may wag their tail, but the tail is held high and maybe just the tip of the tail is moving rapidly. A playful dog will also hold his tail high, but it will be wagging greatly from side to side. A dog who holds his tail low and wags it stiffly may be indicating he is submissive or afraid.

The tail is just one part of the dog, also look at his body, head position, ears, eyes, and hackles to help you understand what the dog may be trying to express.

Article courtesy of Drs. Foster & Smith's [PetEducation.com](http://PetEducation.com)

## March 2007 Treasurer Report

<b>Income:</b>	Classes 2,815.00
	Dues 319.00
	Cash <u>236.00</u>
	Total <u>3,370.00</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>	Woofers <u>26.66</u>
	May Show 59.07
	Monitor 600.00
	Equipment 42.12 (ORKC Library)
	Flowers 25.12 (Marg E.)
	Judges Exp. 171.75 (Agility)
	Total <u>925.72</u>



# Show News



## What a wonderful weekend!

**Bliss**, an Australian Shepherd owned by Bonnie Herrell, qualified 6 out of 6 at Tennessee Valley Kennel Club's Agility Trial at Harriman.

This was in Excellent. She earned her Excellent Jumpers with Weaves and her Excellent Standard Titles. She earned 3 First Place Ribbons, One Second and One Fourth Place Ribbons. What a wonderful dog!

This is also a 'first' for Bonnie!

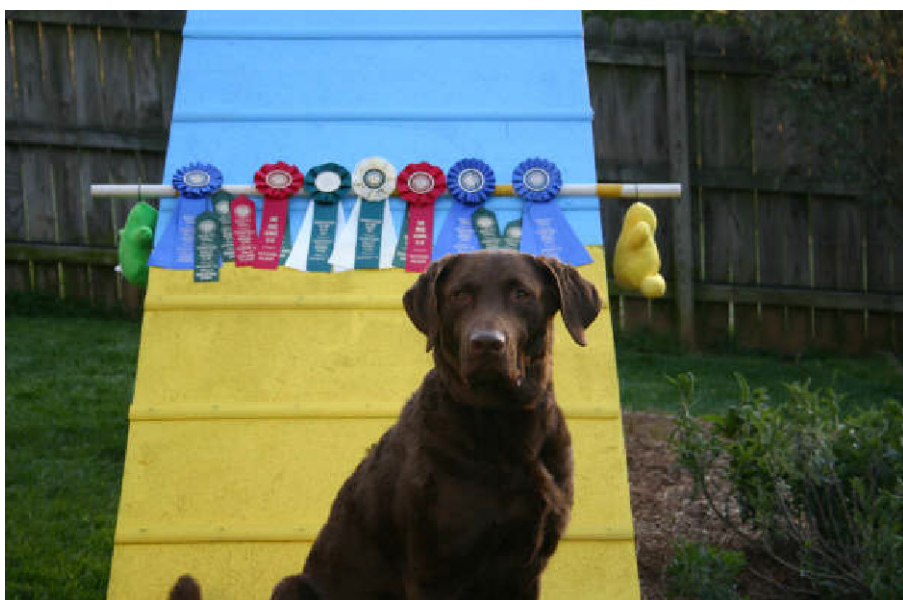


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## Two New Agility Titles – NA and OAJ

**Silvercreek Applejohn Alex CD RA NA OAJ**

**ASCA-CDX WD CGC** finished both his Novice Agility (NA) Standard title AND his Open Agility Jumpers (OAJ) title on March 24, 2007 at the Tennessee Valley Kennel Club trial in Harriman, TN. Lex had 2 first places and a second place for his OAJ and a first place and 2 second places for his NA. It was a thrill to finish two titles on the same day! Lex and his owner Lorrie Johnson are looking forward to trying out those tricky Excellent Jumpers courses in the fall.



## Oak Ridge Kennel Club Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2007

Tonight's program was *Knoxville Sentinel* columnist and author Ina Hughes. She read several selections which were both funny and insightful, and she was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated.

The business portion of the meeting was called to order at 8:15, and new members Andy and Vicky Coughron, who have labs and a Sheltie/Aussie mix, introduced themselves. The treasurer's report was summarized by Treasurer Pat Vogel, and will be sent to the *Woof'er*.

**Training:** Ione Smith reported that most training classes are filled. There is a possibility that a Show-N-Go can be held during the CGC test in May. A storage place is needed for the training equipment for the summer since we will not be returning to the Clinton Armory. We need the casters put on the large storage boxes, and Mari will make arrangements with Tim Snow.

**Show:** Chair Donna Burchi checked with committee chairs for status. Teresa Pless reported that judges are lined up for the match, and that 7 stewards will be needed for the match. Toys for prizes were discussed (still at Linda Hargis' house). Janie McDonald reported that there are two spaces left (9 vendors already), and she would like to have a vendor to sharpen scissors. Mari DeCuir reported that hotel and transportation for the judges is covered, and that she is working on the lunchroom counts (40 for hospitality includes the judges and 50 tickets for the concession that includes stewards). David Miller needs an inventory of the items left over from prior events before he purchases for ring hospitality. For a donation of \$200/day the Roane County Humane Society is covering waste cleanup (pooper-scoopers). Joe McDonald reported that grounds work and signage will be handled like last year, with additional vendor parking areas. Patty Miller reported that ads have sold better than last year, and additional ads can be sent to the Show Chair for inclusion in the catalog. Pens for use with the catalogs were ordered and have been received by Donna Burchi.

**Search:** Robert Pless has talked with the City Manager who advised that the appraisal on the OR Armory property has been done. The City will pay the State 5% of the appraisal, plus the cost of the appraisal, which is about \$39,000 for 8.29 acres and all buildings. The State must do a Phase I Environmental Assessment and remedy any environmental concerns before transfer of property. A survey will be done next to determine how the costs will be divided based on the property division with Girls Inc. The Girls Club is eager to lease our training night to us for our fall training classes if they are in possession of the Armory facility by then.

**Tracking:** Linda Hurst told us of a tracking seminar she attended recently, and wondered if we would like to have this exceptional instructor do one in Oak Ridge. She will put an item in the *Woof'er* to get an expression of interest.

**Correspondence**

Secretary received AKC 2008 agility applications for Frances Hart (will mail), a prospective show photographer for 2008, premium list for Birmingham for 05/05 (take to training class), closeout for tracking and applications for next year, AKC universal microchip – CAR. President DeCuir received AKC annual report, request for name of legislative liaison, brochure on dog-friendly motels in Murfreesboro.

**Nominating** President DeCuir asked that the slate of officers for the upcoming election be read from the April *Woof'er*, and then requested nominations from the floor. Donna Burchi (1st VP), Frances Hart (2nd VP), Joyce Cardwell (Secretary), Pat Vogel (Treasurer), and Ione Smith (Training Director). Board of Directors: Marg Ellis, Linda Hurst, David Miller, Robert Pless, Mary Jo Steger. The Presidential slot is open at this time. Teresa Pless and Janie McDonald were both nominated from the floor for Board of Directors, and both accepted the nomination. There will be a paper ballot at the May meeting. There was discussion about how the officers would move up since there is no Presidential nominee, and of special concern is 1st VP because it involves program planning. President DeCuir will check with Frances Hart to see if her schedule will permit the dedicated time required to plan programs.

**Old Business:** Marg Ellis thanked everyone for cards, calls and expressions of concern during her recovery from a severe fall several months ago.

**New Business:** Joe McDonald made a motion that the Gourdin's, long-time club members, be honored in some way (possibly dedication of the 2007 show) as they leave the club and the area. There was a second by Marv Ellis, and the vote was unanimous to make them lifetime members and dedicate the show to them as we had done for Peggy Brown the year before.

**Adjournment:** The meeting concluded at 9:20.

# Update on Armory Property

Things are moving along in regard to the Armory property:

1. We are in the process of submitting a proposal (along with Girls, Inc.) to the Oak Ridge City Planning Commission and the City Council for a vote. Following is a draft of that proposal:

Jim O'Connor  
 City Manager  
 Business Office  
 City of Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Dear Mr. O'Connor

Consistent with our conversation of March 7, 2007, please accept this letter as a formal request for the transfer of property formerly known as the Oak Ridge National Guard Armory located at 1780 Oak Ridge Turnpike to Girls, Inc, and the Oak Ridge Kennel Club.

In conversation with Gene Lacky concerning the survey conducted in 1999, he indicated that the entire parcel contains approximately 361,000 square feet. 44% of that amount is enclosed by the chain link fence on the back side of the parcel and the remainder behind the current Girls, Inc. softball field and the portion that the armory building sits on comprises approximately 56% of the total square footage.

The Oak Ridge Kennel Club is requesting the portion enclosed by the chain link fence and Girls, Inc. is requesting the remainder of the property.

It is our understanding that the city will incur costs associated with the transfer and an appraisal that amounts to a little less than \$40,000.00. Our proposal assumes that Girls, Inc. will pay 56% of that to reimburse the city for their expenditures and The Oak Ridge Kennel Club will pay 44% of that amount. Both of these amounts will be paid at closing.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your assistance to the Oak Ridge Kennel Club and the efforts of Girls, Inc. to serve the young girls of Oak Ridge.

Sincerely,

Stacy C. Myers Robert E. Pless  
 For the Board of Girls, Inc. For the Board of the Oak Ridge Kennel Club

2. We are also in possession of the *Record of Environmental Consideration* that was prepared on May 23, 2006 by the Tennessee Military Department Environmental Division. This material was sent to Robert Pless by Loraine Walla with the State of Tennessee Property Division. After reading through this report, it seems that the Girls, Inc has the biggest problems with Asbestos inside the armory building. There is nothing to indicate any type of soil contamination. Robert would still suggest that we have soil samples taken and tested just to make everyone happy and to be safe.

3. Our part (about 4 acres) of the cost of this property (44% of \$39,000.00) will be in approximately \$17,000.00.

4. The board of Girls, Inc has already voted to let us rent the Armory in the fall for the same fee as the Guard charged us so it appears that we will have a home in the fall for our classes.

5. Once the planning commission and the council has approved our proposal we will need to have a deed issued separating our property from Girls, Inc.

6. We will also be investigating having soil samples taken to make sure the land is not contaminated.

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