

The OnonDogger

*Official Newsletter of the
Onondaga Kennel Association*
April 2024



Next General Meeting
April 10, 2024
7:00pm

Masonic Center
648 Centerville Pl.,
North Syracuse, NY 13212

General Meeting Dates for
Second Quarter
April 10th * May 8th * June 12th

Next Board Meeting
April 2, 2024
6:00pm

Board Meeting Dates for
Second Quarter
April 2nd * May 7th * June 4th

OKA's Official Website is
<http://www.onondagakennel.com>

Please send all submission material to the Editor, Jennifer LaMere: at jenlamere103@gmail.com.

OKA EVENTS ON THE HORIZON

Calling all Scent Work Trial enthusiasts! Circle May 11th and 12th on your calendars for an epic adventure. If your able please lend a hand to our amazing performance committee. The trial will be held at the Weedsport Firemen's Field. Directions from the West or East: Address is 8892 South Street, Weedsport, NY. Take I-90 to Exit 40. Keep right on ramp for NY-34 towards Auburn/Weedsport. Bear right onto State Route 34. Turn left onto NY-31B/E. Brutus Street. Immediately turn right onto South St/County Hwy-12B. See the full write-up by Linda Walawander on page 2.

The date for the OKA Annual Summer Picnic is still a work in progress, so watch this space for updates.

Lock in September 20th to 22nd for the Agility Trial - it's going to be a blast! Keep an eye out for all the exciting info coming your way. And hey, if you're up for it, why not join the Agility committee?

As the leaves turn colors, make sure October 5th and 6th are booked for our exhilarating FastCAT trials. We'll be sharing more as we get closer to the big day.

Get ready for some pawsitively awesome adventures this year! 🐾

2024 OKA Meeting Schedule

General Meetings

January 10
February 14
March 13
April 10
May 8
June 12
July 10
August - No Meeting
September 11
October 9
November 13
December 11

Location:

Masonic Center
648 Centerville Place
North Syracuse, NY 13212

Board Meetings

January 2
February 6
March 5
April 2
May 7
June 4
July - No Meeting
August - No Meeting
September 3
October 1
November 5
December 3

OKA's 4th ANNUAL SCENT WORK TRIAL: May 11 and May 12, 2024

Get to SNIFFIN'!!! Our SW Trial is rapidly approaching. We will be offering levels of Novice and Advanced in all elements; Interior, Exterior, Containers and Buried. The event will be held at the Weedsport Volunteer Firemen Field. A short jog off the Thruway, (see map below). We have hired just two judges unless we reach our over the limit in entries per judge which would require hiring an additional judge.

Our Trial opened on 3/11/24 and is closing 4/26/24. Get those entries in! Our Club not only needs your entry, we need your HELP in running this trial smoothly!

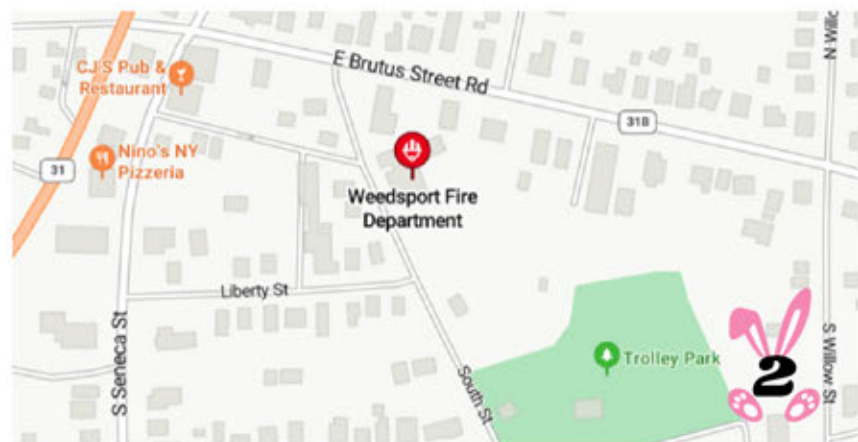
We will need gate stewards (outside the trial area) and timers (inside with the Judge), we need some "GOFER" folks to run the score sheets to our Trial Secretary, a person to organize our ribbons and rosettes and another GOFER to pick up pizza and subs at restaurants located right in Weedsport for all of our workers and Judges to enjoy.

I plan on being at the Trial site on Friday, May 10th to meet the Judges as they begin to work on their set-up.

Please consider volunteering for one or more of the following: our prep day, day of trials and/or take down of the trial. Boxes will need to be assembled and much more pre trial prep. Please email me at kwontumleap@aol.com and together we can find the right spot for you.

OVER the horizon, will be our inaugural FastCAT trial, October 5th and 6th. PREP for this event will start in earnest immediately after the Scent Work Trial by the Performance Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Walawander



2024 Spring Match

Our match was a grand success. We welcomed quite a few people on their first adventure into the dog show world. I hope we see more new faces at our other events.

Itty Bitty and Peewee stole the spotlight. The kids were adorable all dressed up and showing their plush puppies and actual dogs.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who helped out with the match. We had members, prospective members and non-members alike lending a helping hand.

Thank you to all the judges, stewards and ring helpers. I can't tell you enough how much we appreciate you give up your Sunday to work our event. Everyone did a fantastic job. We had a higher than anticipated entry so we know you really put in a lot of work.

Also a huge shout out to the match committee: Becky Tehon, Jamie Goodrich, Linda Walawander, Sue and Jen LaMere, for all the hard work they put in in the months leading up to the match as well as the match itself. I couldn't do this without you!

The committee and myself are already looking forward to next year's Spring Match. We have many ideas on improving the flow. See you next year!

Barbara Drake
Match Chairperson



SALT CITY CLUSTER MEET THE BREEDS WRAP-UP

OKA's MEET THE BREED EVENT this year was MORE than successful! The exhibitor participation exceeded expectations and the spectator crowds were spectacular!!! More than 25 exhibitors and dogs of different breeds participated. Students on field trips made the rounds with notebooks interviewing the exhibitors and taking notes on the breeds. With notebooks in hand they had questions for each breed to complete their assignments.

This event was a great showing for OKA and their reaching out to the public to educate them on our wonderful breeds.

A special thank you to JAMIE GOODRICH for preparing the "breed cards" that were given to the spectators to direct them as how to reach AKC.org and the breed standards of the breeds they were interested in.

A special thank you to TIFFANY SHAVER for jumping in and passing out those breed cards to the various exhibitors.

A thank you to all OKA members who participated and all of the other wonderful dog exhibitors at our Onondaga Kennel Association day at the Salt City Cluster.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Walawander
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Committee Reports

AKC Delegate: Glenn Glass
Important legislation updates this past month. Get the scoop on pages 9-11 then click the boxer on page 9 to jump to Glenn's AKC Delegate's Corner to get more AKC news.

Judges Selection Input:

Suzanne DelPriore & Dave Kittredge
Anyone wanting to suggest we try to get a particular judge please email it to Suzanne at smgd49@gmail.com or call 315-430-5228.

Committee Chairs:

If you are actively looking for new members for your committee, please let me know. I will post them here.

Onondaga Kennel Association

Handling CLASSES

Place: Cicero Animal Clinic
8803 NYS Route 11
Brewerton, NY 13029

When: Mondays 6-7pm
OKA Member Free
Non-Member \$10.00



You can find our Winter Handling Class schedule on the OKA Website Calendar.

Announcements

*****April is voting month! The board nominees' and their information are listed on pages 5 and 6!*****

Rabies Clinics

Onondaga County:

Appointment are appreciated. Register at ongov.net/health/env or call 315-435-3165 for questions.

Thursday, May 16th, 5-7pm

Environmental Health Field Office

4170 Route 31, Clay

Thursday, June 27th, 5-7pm

Burnet Park

522 Burnet Park Drive, Syracuse

Oswego County:

All clinics are by appointment only on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8pm. Suggested donation is \$7.00 per pet.

Call 315-349-3564 or visit oswegocounty.com

May 1st

Fulton Community Center

605 W Broadway, Fulton

May 15th

Oswego County DPW Pulaski Garage

Centerville Road, Pulaski

Madison County:

All clinics are by appointment only, call 315-366-2526 or visit healthymadisoncounty.org. Appointments open 60 days before a clinic.

Suggested donation is \$7.00. Out of county pet owners are limited to 4 pets per household.

Wednesday, April 24th, 4-7pm

Town of Fenner Highway Department

3151 Fenner Road, Cazenovia

Tuesday, May 21st, 4-7pm

Gorman Community Center

1081 Northside Shopping Center, Oneida



Nominees to the Board

Voting April 2nd General Meeting

Barbara Drake

Occupation: Retired

Board Meetings attended in 2023: 11/11

General Meetings attended in 2023: 8/10

Committees served on: Spring Match Chairperson: 3 years, Handling Class Chairperson: 4 years

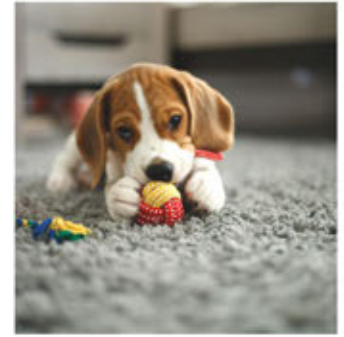
Offices held in OKA: Board Member 2021 to present

Other dog club(s) which you are a member: National Beagle Club and Ontario Shores Kennel Club

Breed(s): Beagles

Number of years involved with dogs: over 20

Dog related activities: Conformation



Brenda Rath

Occupation: Retired Receptionist

Board Meetings attended in 2023: N/A

General Meetings attended in 2023: 9/10

Committees served on: Hospitality, Rally Chair, Trophy Chair for both Salt City and Wine Country Shows for multiple years, ADCNYS, Ethics Sunshine, Newsletter, and Health Clinic Chair

Offices held in OKA: President, Vice President, and Board Member

Other dog club(s) which you are a member: Syracuse Obedience Training Club (SOTC)

Breed(s): Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, showed a Newfoundland in the UK

Number of years involved with dogs: approximately 60, showing 25+/-

Dog related activities: Conformation about 15 years. Performance training about 10 years, and assisted in teaching classes at SOTC

Additional information about yourself: Health Clinic Chair for 13 years, helped with handling classes/juniors. Worked at all of OKA's Matches, did junior baskets for about 8 years, Helped at Wine Country, SSC, Jones Road Agility Trials, and Hospitality.



Courtney Norris

Occupation: Self Employed (Pet Groomer and Professional Handler)

Board Meetings attended in 2023: N/A

General Meetings attended in 2023: 5/10

Breed(s): Cane Corso & Havanese

Number of years involved with dogs: My entire life, 3rd generation dog breeder/handler

Dog related activities: Conformation and pet grooming are my main focuses but I would love to be involved and learn about other activities.

Additional information about myself: I teach OKA's Handling Classes on Monday nights. The reason I joined OKA was to give back to my dog community that's given me so much. I would really love to be more involved and help any way I can.



Nominees to the Board



Rebecca "Becky" Tehon

Occupation: Retired Systems/Data Analyst for insurance/financial companies

Board Meetings attended in 2023: 3 (approximately)

General Meetings attended in 2023: 10 (approximately)

Committees served on: Awards, Legislation/ADCNYS, Match, Chow Committee, Scent Work, and Finance

Offices held in OKA: Board Member 2016-2023

Other dog club(s) which you are a member: Collie Club of America, Syracuse Obedience Training Club, Herding Assoc. of Central NY, American Working Collie Association, Collie Health Foundation, Take The Lead and Collie Club of Central NY

Offices held in other organizations: Treasurer - Collie Club of Central NY and former Board Member of SOTC

Breed(s): Collie

Number of years involved with dogs: 56 showing

Dog related activities: Herding, Obedience/Rally, Conformation, CGC Evaluator (including Trick Dog, Virtual Home Manners, Fetch) and Scent Work

Additional information about myself: Because the Board meets on same day of one of my other clubs, I may have to miss some Board Meetings.



Susan Zemany

Occupation: Retired Human Resources Administrator

Board Meetings attended in 2023: N/A

General Meetings attended in 2023: 10/10

Committees served on: Finance

Other dog club(s) which you are a member: American Miniature Schnauzer Club

Breed(s): Miniature Schnauzer

Number of years involved with dogs: 30, 15 in conformation.

Dog related activities: Treasurer for the Salt City Cluster

Additional information about myself: AKC Breeder of Merit



March General Meeting Minutes

Onondaga Kennel Association
General Meeting
March 13, 2024
Masonic Temple – North Syracuse

The meeting was called to order by President Jen LaMere at 7:15pm.

Recording Secretary Glenn Glass read the minutes from the February 14th 2024 General meeting.

Mary Ellen Nawn moved to accept the minutes as written. Lisa Escuardo 2nd the motion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Treasurer Suzanne Hamilton was not present. Jen LaMere provided the financials.

Checking Account Balance
Investment Fund Balance

Glenn Glass presented the AKC Delegates report. Please see your newsletter for all of the details. All URL links are also provided on the OKA website.

Jen LaMere stated we are not voting on the new version of the Constitution By-Laws tonight. There are many areas of discussion and contention. The version will be sent back to the Committee to be reworked. Input is requested from the General Membership.

Jen LaMere stated we will not be raising our annual dues this year due to adding other events such as Fast Cat, Farm Dog, etc. Dues will remain at \$25.00 pp, and \$35.00 for two family members.

Terry Hafner asked if we could hold a CGC test during the shows to bring in extra funds. Discussion was held, and no decisions was made.

Jen LaMere went over the current suggested changes to the by-laws in the Constitution. The General membership presented their ideas. No decisions were made tonight. Will be addressed at the next board meeting.

Dana Johnston stated the front page of the constitution requires certain verbiage to qualify as a Non-Profit Organization. Dana stated she would assist in coordinating.



March General Meeting Minutes Continued

The following have accepted the nomination for the Board of Directors election to be held at the April General meeting. There are three open 3 year positions available.

Barbara Drake
Brenda Rath
Courtney Norris
Sue Zemeny
Rebecca Tehon

Nominations have been opened to the floor. No nominations from the floor were presented.

Glenn Glass moved to close the nominations from the floor. Judy Murray 2nd the motion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

The Spring Match will be held this weekend at the SOTC Building.

Members presented brags.

David Owens-Williams moved to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Glass
OKA Recording Secretary





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Dear American Kennel Club fanciers,

The entire American Kennel Club Board of Directors and staff condemn alleged criminal conduct by any participant in our sports, and we will continue to examine ways to strengthen our oversight. We are committed to the well-being of every fancier, young or old, and will investigate every complaint that is received.

If you witness or suspect wrongful behavior, it should be reported to the police immediately. If at an AKC event and you need assistance, contact the AKC representative or Event Chair.

AKC is a welcoming community because we believe in sharing and celebrating the joy of dog sports together. We must treat others with dignity and respect while looking out for one another. There is nothing more important than safety for everyone who takes part. AKC leadership and staff monitor events and are trained with abuse awareness and prevention courses from the U.S. Center for SafeSport.®

Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or allegations about improper conduct at AKC events. We are here to assist.

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NY Update: Debarking Bill Continues to Advance – Contact Your State Senator

By [AKC Government Relations](#)

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The New York Senate Agriculture Committee has advanced Senate Bill 142, which seeks to ban “debarking” – a standard veterinary practice also known as bark softening – unless the procedure is medically necessary to treat an injury, illness, or congenital defect.

The bill will now be considered by the full Senate. New York dog owners are strongly encouraged to contact their State Senator and express concerns with Senate Bill 142 ([see AKC’s previous alert](#) for more information and talking points).

To get the name and contact information for your State Senator, type in your address at AKC’s Legislative Action Center at www.akcgr.org/officials

For more information, contact AKC GR at doglaw@akc.org.





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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

March 25, 2024

<https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/us-senate-goldies-act-allows-seizure-dogs-undefined-psychological-harm-oppose-now/>

Dear Club Officers, Legislative Liaisons and Delegates, please share this alert immediately with club members and other dog enthusiasts.

Late last week, Goldie's Act (HR 1788/S 4033), was introduced in the U.S. Senate. This harmful bill:

- Redefines "violations" of the federal Animal Welfare Act;
- Allows for immediate seizure or euthanasia of animals suffering from "psychological harm", a term it does not define;
- Removes distinctions between minor non-compliances such as paperwork errors and animal care violations. AWA enforcement emphasis should be on the health and welfare of animals;
- Requires posting of images of violations on a publicly accessible database; and
- Undermines the property rights of responsible breeders.

Scroll down for more details and talking points.

PLEASE ACT TODAY!

Call, email, or write to your member of Congress and U.S. Senators today. Visit AKC's Legislative Action Center legislator contact page and type in your address to find the names and contact information for your Member of Congress and U.S. Senators.

Respectfully Tell them:

1. Please oppose Goldie's Act. This is a "feel good" proposal that is being promoted as improving Animal Welfare Act enforcement, but will actually do the opposite by creating confusion and mistrust, and reducing emphasis on education and proper care for dogs.
2. Explain you are a constituent. Respectfully share your experience and concerns as a dog owner/breeder/expert. For example, what criteria would an inspector use to determine "psychological harm", which is not defined?
3. Despite claims being made by AR groups, these bills do impact responsible small breeders.
4. Dog owners should not have to fear arbitrary seizure or euthanasia of their animals based on vague allegations of "psychological harm", a term that the bill is not defined.
5. Ask them to instead support additional financial resources for USDA educational and enforcement programs so they can appropriately educate licensees and enforce existing requirements.





Glenn Glass

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6. If you can, let the AKC Government Relations (AKC GR) team (doglaw@akc.org) know you contacted your lawmakers and if you received any response.

MORE INFO

Summary of “Goldie’s Act” (H.R. 1788/ S. 4033)

Goldie’s Act (HR 1788) establishes government mandates that:

- Redefine AWA violations and undermine priority for the care and wellbeing of animals. Proponents claim that the bill is designed to crack down on violators of the federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA), but in fact it will do the opposite. By removing the distinction between care and welfare (direct) violations and paperwork/non-welfare related (indirect) violations the measure will make enforcement of animal care violations more difficult. While zero violations of any rules or laws should be the goal, the care and wellbeing of animals must always be a priority. Reporting paperwork errors in the same manner as care violations also creates a misleading perception about breeder licensees and creates a new target for animal extremists who use those public databases to identify breeders.
- Require inspectors to destroy or remove an animal if they believe it is experiencing physical or “psychological harm”. The bill does not define or determine how “psychological harm” would be determined, or by whom. This creates an environment for abuse and unnecessary euthanasia of animals.
- State the intent to expand enforcement of federal breeder licensing requirements, but in fact it throws out recent enforcement enhancements currently undergoing a 3-year implementation process, scheduled for completion in October 2024. Instead of improving enforcement of the AWA, it creates confusing and onerous new mandates, and undermines recently established enforcement efforts. Constantly changing arbitrary rules create a confusing, expensive, and potentially harmful environment for animal care in which neither licensees nor regulators may be certain of requirements.

Who This Applies To:

Anyone subject to USDA breeder/dealer licensing. Breeders are subject to USDA licensing if they maintain more than 4 “breeding females” (a term that is undefined but is generally considered to mean an intact female) and transfer even one of the offspring “sight unseen”. “Breeding females” include any combination of cats, dogs, or other small pet mammals such as hamsters, guinea pigs, etc.

For questions or more information, contact doglaw@akc.org, visit AKC’s Legislative Action Center www.akcgr.org or contact 919-816-3720.

Thank you for your action to protect the future of our breeds and the integrity of responsible, expert breeders. Your voice does make a difference!



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