

The OnonDogger

**Official Newsletter of the
Onondaga Kennel Association
February 2024**



**Next General Meeting
February 14, 2024
7:00pm**

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

**General Meeting Dates for
First Quarter
January 10th * February 14th * March 13th**

**Next Board Meeting
February 6, 2024
6:00pm**

**Board Meeting Dates for
First Quarter
January 2nd * February 6th * March 5th**

**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

Welcome, fellow travelers of the Emerald Isle! On March 17th, 2024, join us for the Spring Match and unleash your Irish spirit for a chance to win enchanting prizes. Don't forget to bring your baskets for the raffle, as Jamie Goodrich will be collecting them. OKA is continuing our campaign to supply local fire department with pet oxygen masks.

In the later days of March, from the 28th to the 31st, the Salt City Cluster awaits. Tapping day approaches on the 26th, with OKA's day following on Thursday. This year, Meet the Breeds will once again grace the halls, with Linda Walawander leading the charge. Keep an eye out for the flyer, soon to come.

For the intrepid souls who seek the thrill of the hunt, the Scent Work Trial beckons on May 11th and 12th. Details shall come to light soon, so mark the dates on your calendars.

Our Agility Trial is September 20th - 22nd. Details will be forth coming when the event draws near. We are searching high and low for souls to join the Agility committee.

Finally, as the fall colors enrapture our vision, the glorious FastCAT awaits on October 5th and 6th, with updates to be announced as they come in. Stay vigilant, dear travelers, for the magic of the canine realm awaits.



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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.

Committee Reports

AKC Delegate:

Glenn Glass

Click the link on page 3 to jump to Glenn's AKC Delegate's Corner.



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.

Ethics:

Jamie Goodrich

Any property inspections, please report when needed. If there are any prospective members who have not had their property (kennels) checked yet, please let Jamie know. Also, If anyone is interested in joining Jamie on the ethics committee, please contact her at prospectridge.kennel@yahoo.com or call 315-560-6309.

January General Meeting Minutes

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Our apologies the January minutes will be in the March Newsletter.





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U.S. DOT Seeks to Again Collect Information on Incidents Involving Animals During Air Transport

By [AKC Government Relations](#)

Published: Jan 24, 2024 | 2 Minutes

Today, the [United States Department of Transportation \(DOT\)](#) published a notice seeking to reinstate a previously approved information collection request under its enforcement of the Air Carrier Access Act (ACAA). Interested parties are invited to provide comment to DOT through Monday, March 25, 2024.

BACKGROUND

Since 2005, federal regulations have required air carriers to file reports with DOT's Aviation Consumer Protection Division on the loss, injury, or death of animals during air transport.

Originally, the rule required only the largest U.S. air carriers (i.e., those that accounted for at least 1 percent of domestic scheduled passenger revenue) to report. However, in 2014, the rule was expanded to apply to U.S. air carriers that operate scheduled service with at least one aircraft with a design capacity of more than 60 seats. Additionally, the 2014 change (1) expanded the definition of "animal" to include all cats and dogs transported by covered carriers, regardless of whether the animal was shipped as a pet or as part of a commercial shipment; (2) required covered carriers to file a year-end report each December, which must include both (3) the total number of animals that were lost, injured, or died during air transport in the calendar year, and (4) the total number of animals transported in a calendar year.

Should the information collection request be formally renewed, DOT projects the approximately 30 covered carriers will spend 15 hours per year completing required year-end reports, and up to 360 hours per year completing monthly reporting requirements.

The information collection request that DOT is seeking to renew had been renewed in 2015 and 2018.

AKC & TRAVELING WITH DOGS

For many years, the American Kennel Club (AKC) has championed safe air travel for dogs. Resources include [expert advice columns](#), [materials to support the use of service dogs](#), [systems to streamline the travel process](#) for service dog users and air carriers, and [legislative and regulatory advocacy to ensure safe air travel for all](#).

ABOUT PUBLIC COMMENTS TO DOT

DOT is seeking comments from the public on any aspect of this information collection, including:

- Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for DOT's performance,
- Whether the estimated reporting burden on covered carriers is accurate,
- Ways for DOT to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collection, and





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• Ways the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. Interested parties may file comments identified by docket number DOT-OST-2010-0211 by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- Mail: Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, D.C. 20590.
- Hand Delivery: U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Room W12-140, Washington, D.C. 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal Holidays.
- Fax: 202-493-2251.

NOTE: You must include the agency name and docket number DOT-OST-2010- 0211 at the beginning of your comment. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT...

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Ask Your New York State Assemblyperson and State Senator to Support Bills Allowing Dogs in State Parks

By AKC Government Relations

Published: Jan 24, 2024

New York Assembly Bill 6244 and Senate Bill 4993 will allow responsible dog owners more opportunities to enjoy outdoor activities and socialization with their well-behaved pets, while still protecting and respecting the ability of all New Yorkers to enjoy state parks. New York residents are encouraged to use the information below to contact your state lawmakers and the bill sponsors to express support for these bills.

Summary:

Studies show that over 2.7 million New York households own a dog. Increasingly, pet owners are seeking opportunities to enjoy outdoor activities – and the health benefits that come from them – with their four-footed family members.

Two bills pending in the New York General Assembly would allow responsible dog owners to bring their dogs to New York State parks, allowing them more opportunities to enjoy outdoor activities and socialization with well-behaved pets.

Assembly Bill 6244 and Senate Bill 4993 would:

- Require that dogs be allowed in public parks during public hours, so long as they are leashed or in an area specifically designated for dogs to be unleashed, but under their owner's control.
- Require that waste stations be made available, and that all owners clean up after their dogs
- Protect the enjoyment and safety of all park visitors by allowing for regulations that restrict the times of day/times of year for dogs to be allowed, and access to public beaches, playgrounds, swimming areas, etc.
- Protect wildlife by restricting access to certain areas
- Allow for additional regulations to ensure the safety of dogs, dog owners, and all park visitors, including vaccination requirements, regulations for dangerous dogs, and enforcement for dog owners not complying with the rules.

New Yorkers are encouraged to do the following to help support these bills:

1) Contact your State Assemblyperson and State Senator and ask them to support A. 6244 and S. 4993. Visit www.akcgr.org and type your zip code in the "Find Officials" box to get their names and contact information.

2) Contact the bill sponsors. Thank them for sponsoring these bills and let them know your support:

Senate Bill 4993- Sen. Monica Martinez

martinez@nysenate.gov

631-341-7111

Assembly Bill 6244 – Asm. Steve Stern

sterns@nyassembly.gov

631-271-8025

For questions or more information, contact AKC Government Relations at dogalw@akc.org or visit the Long Island Dog Owners Group (LI-DOG) at lidog.org.





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January 2024 Update to Clubs

Displaceable High Jump for Obedience and Rally

The Obedience and Rally Regulations will be modified to change the design and construction of the high jump to allow panels that are displaceable. This change was made for the safety and welfare of the dogs and exhibitors and is consistent with the two other jumps, bar and broad, used in Obedience and Rally. Displaceable high jumps will be required at all Obedience and Rally trials held on or after July 1, 2025. Clubs may transition to the use of a displaceable high jump any time before July 1, 2025.

New Options for Application Requirements for New Conformation Judges

The Board at its January 2024 meeting approved modifications to the application requirements for new conformation and junior showmanship judges. The completion of two ringside observations on judging procedures with an Executive Field Representative was added to the list of the pre-requisite requirements for new conformation applicants, and the pre-requisite judging assignment requirement at sanctioned non-titling events was reduced six to three. The completion of the ringside observations on judging procedures is optional through 12/31/2024. In addition, the completion of two ringside observations on junior showmanship judging procedures has been added as an optional experience toward qualifying to apply. Any questions should be directed to judgingops@akc.org.

Opportunities for Majors at Specialties (Starting July 3, 2024)

A modification to Chapter 16, Section 1 of the [AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows](#) was approved by the Delegate body at their December meeting. The modification provides all specialty clubs the option for the Reserve Winners Dog and Reserve Winners Bitch to earn a three-point major provided that the number of dogs competing in the regular classes of the Reserve Winner's sex totals at least twice the number required for a five-point major, in the region in which the event is held. All existing specialty events held on or after July 3, 2024 will be modified to provide the option. If a club does not want to make the option available at their show, please contact eventplans@akc.org.

Modification to Recording and Service Fees for Agility, Conformation, Obedience, and Rally

In October 2023, the recording and service fee structure was modified for Agility, Conformation, Obedience, and Rally events on or after January 1, 2024. The fees for the first entry for each dog are unchanged. The fees for each additional entry for a dog increased by fifty cents. This change makes the fees for Agility, Conformation, Obedience, and Rally events match the fees that are currently required for performance events.





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Sport Current As of 1/1/2024

Agility & Rally

\$3.50 for the first entry of each dog and \$3.00 for each additional entry of the same dog

\$3.50 for each entry

Conformation & Obedience

\$.50 recording for the first entry of each dog

\$3.00 service fee for the first entry of each dog and a \$3.00 service fee for each additional entry of the dog

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Clubs are being provided the updated reporting forms in their event kits and the updated forms are available on our website.

Report of Agility Trial

Report of Dog Show or Obedience Trial

Report of Rally Trial

Clubs must submit the proper forms and fees as part of their post-event responsibilities.

AKC Event Operations Blog

The AKC Event Operations team maintains a blog that contains these, as well as other, updates to clubs. The blog is a useful resource of information and can be found at [Your paragraph text.](#)

Please contact the Event Operations department at eventnews@akc.org with any questions.



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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

Announcements

Becky Tehon has extended the deadline for award requests. You now have until February 29th to submit you and your pup's achievements 2023. The Award Application Form is on the last page of the newsletter.

Many of our committee's need active participants. If you are interested please see the committee chairperson.

Terry Lindsey is heading the Nomination Committee for the 2024 Board Elections. Anyone interested in running for the board please talk to Terry (315.380.5906).



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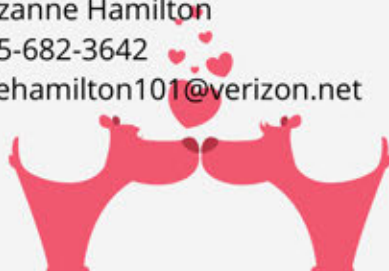
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March 17, 2024 @ SOTC facility, Syracuse, NY

Spring conformation Match/Obedience/Rally



Puppy variety, peewee, itty-bitty, junior handler, adult handling entries close at 9:30am day of show, puppy variety starts at 10am itty-bitty, peewee & juniors to follow, then adult handling. Regular classes (with veterans) will close at 1230pm, day of show and start at 1pm. Champions of record will only be shown FEO (for exhibition only).

Puppy Variety

Puppy 3-6m

Courtney Norris

Puppy 6-9m

Stephanie Winters

Puppy 9-12m

Danielle Madore

Best in Puppy Variety

And

Best of Opposite in Puppy Variety

David Owen Williams

No Chalking Indoors!

Prizes

Best in Puppy Variety

\$25 Gift card

Best Puppy in Match

\$25 Gift card

Best Adult Dog in Match

\$25 Gift card

Best Veteran in Match

\$25 Gift card

Best Adult Handler

\$25 Gift card

Remember

We are offering Itty-Bitty class! For children under 5yrs old, with a plush animal, accompanied by a responsible adult. Also PeeWee class! For children ages 5yrs-9yrs old. Must be accompanied by a responsible adult.



**We will be having
raffle baskets!**



**Brown Brothers
BBQ will be there!**

Conformation Breed & Group

Judges

Herding/Hounds

Stephanie Winters
Mexico, NY

Sporting

Courtney Norris
Syracuse, NY

Working & Non-Sporting

Linda Walawander
Fulton, NY

Terrier & Toy

Danielle Madore
Williamstown, NY

Miscellaneous/FCI

Jamie Goodrich
Central Square, NY



Best Adult Dog in Match

-Stephanie Winters

Entry Fees

\$10 Pre Entry

\$12 Day of
Show

Juniors, Itty-Bitty
& PeeWee
Free

Rally/Obedience Show -N- Go

Rally Judge:

Jennifer Hammond-Vohnoutka
Halfmoon, NY

Obedience Judges

Beginner and Novice

Nan Bonnell
Manlius, NY

Open and Utility

Wendy Longden
Onieda, NY



**Obedience/rally
entries close at
830am,
Competition starts
at 9am**



PeeWee, Itty-Bitty & Juniors

- Courtney Norris

Adult Handler/Best of

- Rhonda Hasto

Best Puppy In Match

- Jamie Goodrich

Best Veteran In Match

-Courtney Norris



SPECIAL PRIZE

Best Dressed
Handler
With The
Greatest
Irish Spirit



Please see entry form for more entry details. www.onondagakennel.com

AWARD APPLICATION FORM

Please read carefully and complete the following information and return this form to : Becky Tehon
4651 Becker Rd. OR E-mail at btehon@twcny.rr.com Brewerton, New York 13029

The deadline for submission is **JANUARY 31, 2024**

Please TYPE or PRINT CLEARLY all information AND CHECK YOUR SPELLING

I AM NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR ERRORS or OMISSIONS

Your Name _____

Kennel Name _____

Dog's Name _____

Breed _____

Is this the dog's first OKA Achievement Award _____

Achievement Award _____

State Title Earned

Year award earned

Certificate of Merit _____

Certificate of Recognition _____

Please remember to list any needed dates, names, etc., as indicated in the criteria For Certificates of Merit and Recognition.

EVENTS WORKED IN 2023 _____

IN WHAT AREA (Catalog, grounds, hospitality, stewarding, etc.) _____

Feel free to photocopy this form and use extra paper if needed in listing any information I may need.