

The OnonDogger

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



**Next General Meeting
June 12, 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
June 4, 2024
6:00pm**

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

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<http://www.onondagakennel.com>**

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BETTER LATE than NEVER

First and foremost I would like to thank the members of OKA for my terms I spent as a Board Member. I appreciate the votes that kept me on the Board for two consecutive terms; a time span of 6 years. It was a great experience and I enjoyed being a part of the working and development of the Club.

Secondly, I SO appreciate the support our Club showed at our Scent Work Trial, this year. MANY volunteers worked so hard to make our OKA Scent Work Trial a memorable and fun event! The greatest reward was hearing the many compliments from those who attended our trial. These folks attend many trials in many different venues, so to hear that our trialing guests had such a good time and that we all contributed to that was the best thing we could hear.

Special thanks to our Judges; Judge Annette Tietz and Judge Nathalie Lussier that kept the smiles going all day, both days! Our Trial Secretary, Jo Ann Dombeck was precise and on target!

Our Club Members pulled together and really balanced each other out with the work load which seemingly did not seem like work! Thank you to our President Jennifer LaMere and Sue LaMere who were a true team working the ribbons and rosettes! Our Performance Committee; Becky Tehon who proved to be a true asset to our Trial Secretary. Tiffany Shaver, Steward extraordinaire, Danielle Knobel who I can always count on for the set up and take down at any trial. Additionally, Sue Dygert, Stewarding, Sue Zeman, and Sue Hamilton who almost never left the OKA Trailer, Suzy Beyer and Judy Murray! What a true OKA team! It all added up to a lot of laughs, a lot of fun and a sense of accomplishment!

I sincerely hope I have not left out any of our OKA workers who really showed their stuff at OKA Scent Work Trial 2024!! Thank you all again!!

Linda Walawander

2024 OKA Meeting Schedule

General Meetings

January 10
February 14
March 13
April 10
May 8
June 12
July 17 Summer Party
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 EVENTS ON THE HORIZON

OKA Summer Party

will be held on July 17th. Please note that this is not our normal meeting night. The Masonic Center is closed the week of July 7th.

Becky will also be handing out the awards from last year. Congratulations to everyone that did well last year.

The party will be catered by Fair Deli as they did a wonderful job at our Spring Show. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, watermelon, salads and dessert. OKA will be providing the beverages (water and soda). I'm sure I forgot a couple of things too.

The fee for members will be \$25.00 dollars and for non-members it will be \$35.00. Each member is allowed to bring one guest.

Please send in your RSVP to:
Jennifer LaMere
103 Iona Place
Syracuse, NY 13209

RSVPs need to be in by July 1st.

I look forward to seeing everyone there! 🐾

Please note that our Agility Trial will not be held this year. We lost a critical person that helps Sue Hamilton with the event. This person was not an OKA member. We are currently looking into alternative plans for next year.

Committee Reports

AKC Delegate: Glenn Glass
Important legislation updates this past month. Get the scoop on pages 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.

Rabies Clinics

Onondaga County:

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

June 29th, 5-7pm

Camillus Town Hall

4600 W. Genesee St, Camillus

August 24, 5-7pm

Meachem Ice Rink

121 W. Seneca Tpke, 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

June 12th

West Monroe Town Highway Garage

46 County Route 11, West Monroe

July 17th

Hannibal Town Highway Garage

68 Cemetery Dr., Hannibal

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.

Monday, June 17th, 5-8pm

Bolivar Road Elementary School

6983 Bolivar Road, Chittenango

Tuesday, July 23rd, 5-8pm

Madison County Highway Garage

6200 Brown Road, Eaton

April General Meeting Minutes

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April 10, 2024

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

Minutes were read by Jen Lamere. Motion to accept by Suzanne DelPriore, Second by Suzy Beyer. Passed

Treasurers Report:

Checking Account: \$19,372.07,

Investment Account: \$44,440.85

Linda Walawander spoke about the Scent Trial to be held at Weedsport Fireman's field on May 11,12, 2024.

Many volunteers are needed for set up and day of the shows.

Becky Tehon talked about the FIT club.

Jen LaMere thanked David Owen-Williams and Silvia Soos-Kazel for all their efforts on a successful Salt City Cluster.

Jen Lamere announced that two of the nominated persons running for the board had pulled themselves out.

A vote for the new Board Members was taken and the following members were elected to the Board:

Becky Tehon

Brenda Rath

Susan Zeman

The summer picnic will be held on July 10, 2024 at the Masonic Lodge and will be catered.

Beth Greenfield announced she is starting a Steward Handling Class beginning April 23,2024

Discussion was held about a Child Safety Course which would provide a safe place with a trained person. This is a course sponsored by AKC.

Motion to Adjourn made by Judy Murray.

Respectfully Submitted by

Sue Hamilton

May General Meeting Minutes

OKA General Meeting
Wednesday, May 8 th , 2024
Masonic Temple – North Syracuse

The meeting was called to order by President Jen LaMere at 7:10pm.
Glenn Glass read the minutes from the April 10 th General Meeting.
Tom Nawn moved to accept the minutes as written. Barbara Drake 2 nd the motion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Treasurer Sue Hamilton presented the Treasurer's report.

Checking account Balance: \$29,358.15

Investment Fund Balance \$43,056.81

Credit Card Balance \$1,049.20

The following committee appointments were made for 2024.

ADCNYS Rebecca Tehon

Legislation Liason Rebecca Tehon

AKC Delegate Glenn Glass

Awards Becky Tehon

Historian Sue Barr

Programs Candace Ardizzone

Ethics Phil Jefferis

Spring Match Barbara Drake - Tentative

Membership Glenn Glass

Newsletter Jen LaMere

Sunshine Tiffany Shaver - Tentative

Handling Barbara Drake - Tentative

Entertainment Debbie Carentz, Pam Fennessy, Diedra Brennan

Public Relations / Social Media Silvia Soos-Kazel

Education Linda Walawander - Tentative

Spring Show Dave Owen-Williams & Silvia Soos-Kazel

Show Hospitality Debbie Carentz / Pam Fennessy

Agility Suzanne Hamilton

Judges Input Suzanne DelPriore / David Kittredge

Corresponding Secretary David Kittredge

Financial Committee Chair Rebecca Tehon

The July Picnic will be held on July 17 th due to work being done on the floor at the Masonic Temple the night of our normal meeting. The price is \$25.00 for members and \$35.00 for non-members. The cutoff date to pay is July 3rd.

The handling class building has become very expensive. We are looking for a more reasonable priced building. Jen LaMere requested everyone look for a new location.

Brenda Rath, Barb Drake and Candace Ardizzone are working on a committee for research.

May General Meeting Minutes Continued

David Owens-Williams is going to schedule next years SCC and make revisions to the dates if required.

Jen LaMere informed the membership OKA will not be holding Agility this year, however we will hold the date for next year.

Lynn Coates is the new Board member replacing Jamie Goodrich.

Voted on prospective member Susan Dygert. Sue Dygert was voted into membership.

New business.

David Owen's-Williams stated he knows of 2 juniors he would suggest OKA support. The stipulation would be they are required to attend the shows we are providing funds for. Additional discussion will take place at the next board meeting.

No old business.

The OKA Scent Trial is being held this weekend at the Weedsport Fireman's Field.

Members presented brags.

Barbara Drake moved to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted

Glenn Glass

OKA Recording Secretary



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The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) today released a letter advising of a change in the rules pertaining to importation of cats and dogs into the United States.

Effective August 1, 2024, the CDC is implementing a process to standardize imports that will require that all dogs being imported into the U.S. must be 6 months of age, irrespective of where they are coming from or for what purpose.

Summary:

CDC's letter states CDC is updating this regulation to protect the health and safety of people and animals, and to prevent the reintroduction of dog rabies to the United States. The regulation will address recent challenges with international dog importations and more closely align with the World Organisation for Animal Health's standards for the international movement of dogs from countries determined to be a high-risk for dog rabies.

Under the new rule, all dogs must meet the following requirements for importation into the United States (including those that left the U.S. and are returning—regardless of the country they are being imported from):

1. Be healthy upon arrival
 2. Be at least 6 months of age
 3. Have an ISO-compatible microchip (implanted prior to any required rabies vaccinations)
 4. Have a CDC Dog Import Form receipt. The CDC Dog Import Form is an online form on CDC's website
 5. Have additional documents depending on where the dog has been in the last 6 months and whether or not the dog was vaccinated in the United States.
- Additional requirements will be needed for dogs imported from countries designated as high-risk for DMRVV (canine rabies). These requirements may include arriving at a port with a CDC-registered animal care facility (ACF), an appointment with an ACF prior to import, and quarantine. For more details, visit [cdc.gov/dogtravel](https://www.cdc.gov/dogtravel).

The new rule replaces a temporary rule that will expire on August 1, 2024. The current temporary rule, which AKC supports, restricted the import of dogs from countries designated as high risk for rabies and other contagious diseases, while also allowing for the import of younger pets from low-risk countries as personal pets not for transfer.

Unlike legislative proposals, administrative rule changes go through a period of public comment regarding changes proposed by an agency tasked with promulgating existing law. The new rule follows a period of public comment on CDC's proposed changes governing imports of dogs and cats, which concluded in September 2023. [View AKC's comments submitted on the proposed rule.](#)

AKC GR will continue to study the new rule change and provide additional information as appropriate.

For additional information on CDC's new entry requirements please visit www.cdc.gov/dogtravel. If you have any questions about your own particular case, please contact CDC at cdcanimalimports@cdc.gov.



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Greetings Friends,

I am excited to share with you some of the AKC happenings and news this month. In this edition of "To the Core" we will highlight the Darkness to Light training course, our newly launched AKC DNA+Health Kit, and AKC's online pet pharmacy AKCRx.

AKC Educational Requirement

As an additional step in maintaining a safe and respectful sport environment for every participant, the AKC Board of Directors approved the following educational requirements policy and recommendations.

Effective immediately:

- AKC's Board of Directors, Inspectors, Field Staff across each sport, AKC Registered Handlers, and additional AKC Staff who regularly attend events, will be required to successfully complete the Stewards of Children® training from the non-profit organization Darkness to Light once every three years.
- Current and future Junior Showmanship judges will be required to successfully complete the Stewards of Children® training. The initial course will be offered by AKC on a complimentary basis and then must be refreshed every three (3) years. Current Junior Showmanship judges must fulfill this requirement over the next 3 months.
- Current and future Club Junior Coordinators will be required to successfully complete the Stewards of Children® training. The initial course will be offered by AKC on a complimentary basis and must be refreshed every three (3) years.
- Junior participants and their parents will be recommended to take the following complementary courses as applicable from SafeSport:
 - SafeSport® for Youth Athletes (ages 13-17)
 - SafeSport® for Kids (5-12)
 - SafeSport® Parent's Guide to Misconduct in Sports Core.
- Every Superintendent, approved Show Secretary, and approved Agility Trial Secretaries will be strongly advised to take the Stewards of Children® course.
- Current and future Judges across each of our 28 sports are required to complete the Stewards of Children® training. The initial training will be provided on a complimentary basis by AKC; this requirement will be phased in.

The Darkness to Light, "Stewards of Children" training teaches adults practical actions they can take to reduce instances of child sexual abuse in society.

It is our hope that by providing this valuable information, we can empower our constituency to recognize and act accordingly when needed and continue to keep our sport safe, welcoming, and family-friendly.

AKC DNA +Health

We are excited to announce the AKC DNA +Health Kit that launched last month. This powerful breeder tool tests genetic health and traits combined with AKC DNA identification! The AKC DNA +Health Kit meets AKC registration and Breeder of Merit/Bred with Heart certification requirements and offers AKC DNA profile + over 328 markers for health and traits. This tool uses world class technology to internally validate results and match to each specific dog for verifiable results, which are delivered by Neogen, a reliable service provider with the highest industry standards.



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Every purchase helps to fund the work of AKC's non-profit affiliates such as AKC Canine Health Foundation and AKC Museum of the Dog and comes with a lifetime access to canine genetic counselors to help make smart breeding decisions.

AKCRx

It is a pleasure to highlight AKC's online pet pharmacy, AKCRx, in conjunction with Allivet, an award-winning pet pharmacy. AKCRx is your new go-to source for all your pet med needs. AKCRx will offer a full complement of FDA and EPA prescriptions and over-the-counter selections for a wide range of animals including dogs, cats, horses, livestock, and birds. All orders placed on AKCRx.com are processed and filled by Allivet. AKCRx extends a warm welcome to every pet enthusiast, regardless of whether their dog is registered with The American Kennel Club. However, new AKC registrants will receive an AKCRx.com promotional code to claim an exclusive offer of a one-month supply of Simparica Trio ®, valued at up to \$32; terms and conditions apply. AKC has spent over 135 years caring about dogs and their owners so you can trust AKCRx to help you manage the health of your pet. To learn more about AKCRx and its offerings, please visit [click here](#).

This and much more is happening at AKC. I look forward to sharing more with you next month.

Best,

Dennis Sprung
President and CEO

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