

# The OnonDogger

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



**Next General Meeting  
May 8, 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  
May 7, 2024  
6:00pm**

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

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## President's Message

I don't often write a President's Message as I feel that everything usually comes through in the newsletter as the Editor. However, I believe that an actual message is needed this month.

I have been working toward a more open and friendly club since I started this endeavor last April. I thought I was making progress, slowly because change takes time. Unfortunately, this past month OKA took a couple of good punches to the face. Sadly, both of these came from within our own organization and a few club members jumped on the bashing bandwagon. I don't understand this behavior or it's purpose. If you are unhappy as an OKA Member there are more constructive ways of dealing with the situation.

By now you know that our Facebook Page is back up. It's name has been changed to Friends of Onondaga Kennel Association, Syracuse, NY. There is a plan in the works to start a second page for OKA Members Only. I will keep you informed if/when it goes beyond the planning phase.

It's past time to stop the negativity and lead OKA in to a brighter future.

May is our annual reorganizational meeting. Many committees are looking for new members. Some are being completed reformed including our ethics committee.

Many of you expressed at our March Meeting that the general members should be included for the committee selection.

Here is your chance to start building these committees from the ground level. I am excited to announce this as I hope to hear from everyone that wants change for OKA!

Your President,  
Jen LaMere

# 2024 OKA Meeting Schedule

## General Meetings

January 10  
February 14  
March 13  
April 10  
May 8  
June 12  
July 10 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***

**Get your noses ready for the ultimate sniffing extravaganza at OKA's 4th Annual Scent Work Trial on May 11 and 12, 2024!**

Join us for a snifferiffic good time with challenges in Interior, Exterior, Containers, and Buried scents at the Weedsport Volunteer Firemen Field.

We're on the lookout for gate stewards, timers, score sheet wizards, ribbon organizers, and food hunters to keep our sniffers happy. Let's kick things off with a prep day on May 10th and continue the fun throughout the event. Want to join in the sniffing celebration? Drop me a bark at [kwontumleap@aol.com](mailto:kwontumleap@aol.com) and let's sniff out the perfect role for you!

Mark your calendars for our first FastCAT trial on October 5th and 6th, coming up right after the Scent Work Trial. The Performance Committee is revving up for this speedy event, so stay tuned!

Howling with excitement,  
Linda Walawander

Plans for the OKA Summer Party are coming together. Per the general membership vote at our April Meeting, the party will be catered and held at our normal meeting place. It will be catered by Fair Market Deli as they did a wonderful job at our Spring Show. The cost, menu and RSVP information will be announced at the May General Meeting.

Lock in September 20th to 22nd for the Agility Trial. 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?

Get ready for some awesome adventures this year!



## **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](mailto: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.

Please welcome our newest Board Members

Brenda Rath  
Becky Tehon  
Sue Zemaný



### **Rabies Clinics**

Onondaga County:

Appointment are appreciated. Register at [ongov.net/health/env](http://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](http://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](http://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.

Tuesday, May 21st, 4-7pm

Gorman Community Center

1081 Northside Shopping Center, Oneida

# BRAGS

At the 2024 national Collie Club of America specialty, smooth collie "Poe", GCHP Travler Sugarnspice Witches Do Come Blue, was BOS smooth. Poe was bred by me and is co-owned with Mara Flood. We're very proud of Poe. There were over 140 male smooth collies entered, so a win over so many beautiful dogs was quite an honor - especially since he is over 8 years old. He has also had a number of wins at local specialties and all-breed groups. Also, smooth collie "Kitty", Kelise Copycat, co-bred and co-owned by Kelly Reppert, won her 6-9 puppy class at the national, was Best Smooth Puppy Bitch, and Futurity winner. At local specialties, she has accumulated 13 points, 3 majors. Trig, now "Ch Travler Kelise Aftermath, a rough male that I co-bred with Kelly Reppert finished his championship at the Syracuse Salt City circuit with 2 more majors. One of his rough daughters from his first litter picked up her first major at Salt City, then went on at the national to RB (for her second major) and BOS puppy is specialty.



**NEW  
CHAMPION  
DOW'S  
Designated  
Driver**



Driver finished at 8 months handled by Terrie Houck.

# April General Meeting Minutes



The April Minutes will be in the next newsletter.



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April 10, 2024

<https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/new-york-senate-passes-debarking-ban-contact-assembly-2/>

The New York Senate has passed a ban on “debarking” – a recognized veterinary practice also known as bark softening. Senate Bill 142 would prohibit veterinarians from performing this procedure unless it is medically necessary to treat an injury, illness, or congenital defect.

Senate Bill 142 has now been referred to the Assembly Agriculture Committee but has not been scheduled for a hearing. In previous years, the bill has been held in this committee. It is crucial that the Chairwoman and the committee hear from New York dog owners concerned about this proposal legislation, and that they be asked not to advance this bill. (Scroll down for contact information).

AKC opposes Senate Bill 142, which would restrict the rights of responsible dog owners to make viable, safe decisions on behalf of their pets in conjunction with their veterinarians. It also could force some owners to relinquish noisy but beloved pets to shelters.

[View AKC's previous alert](#), as well as [the key issues page in AKC's Legislative Action Center](#) for talking points and more information on this issue.

How to Contact the Assembly Agriculture Committee:

Use the below information to contact the committee. If you are a constituent, be sure to mention that when contacting them:

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AKC Government Relations (AKC GR) will continue to closely monitor all legislation impacting New York dog owners and provide updates as they become available. For questions or more information, contact AKC GR at [doglaw@akc.org](mailto:doglaw@akc.org).



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## THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB INTRODUCES AKC ® DNA + HEALTH

- New Test is a Powerful Breeder Tool -

Dated: April 11, 2024

New York, NY- The American Kennel Club (AKC ® ), a not-for-profit organization, the world's largest purebred dog registry and leading advocate for dogs, is excited to announce AKC ® DNA + Health. This new test combines genetic health and traits testing with AKC DNA identification, creating a powerful tool for breeders.

"At the AKC, we're always looking for tools to help our responsible breeders in their journey to breed the best quality purebred dogs," said Gina DiNardo, AKC Executive Secretary. "The AKC ® DNA + Health test is a great resource for breeders when planning a litter and working to better their breed."

The AKC ® DNA + Health test, developed with trusted lab provider Neogen, offers an AKC DNA profile plus more than 328 markers for health and traits. Not only does it help to meet AKC registration and Breeder of Merit/Bred with H.E.A.R.T. requirements, but it also comes with lifetime access to canine genetic counselors to help breeders make informed breeding decisions.

AKC ® DNA + Health can be purchased for \$135.99. Every purchase of this new test helps to fund the work of AKC's non-profit affiliates, such as AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF). For more information, visit [shop.akc.org/akcdnahealth](http://shop.akc.org/akcdnahealth).

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## AKC Adds Professional Grooming Certification

We are pleased to announce the acquisition of the Professional Grooming Credential (PGC) from the World Pet Association (WPA). Integrating the PGC within the already robust AKC grooming certifications will continue to strengthen the grooming industry and help ensure that groomers have the skills needed to properly care for animals.

The PGC measures foundational knowledge, safety, and technical skills of groomers, and is the only nationwide grooming industry credential. The successful passing of the PGC exam indicates a groomer has core competency knowledge and skills to offer professional and safe grooming services. This will ensure that the program is available to workforce development programs and community colleges around the country. Learn more about [AKC's grooming certifications here](#). To learn more about the PGC, [click here](#).



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## AKC Honors Hero Dogs with the AKC DOGNY Paw of Courage Award

Everyday dogs commit incredible acts of heroism. We are honored to recognize K9 Vishu of Kankakee Sheriff's Department in Kankakee, IL., and K9 Biza of Auburn Massachusetts Police Department in Auburn, MA., with the American Kennel Club's DOGNY Paw of Courage Award.

The AKC DOGNY Paw of Courage demonstrates appreciation for the work that dogs do in the service of humankind. This award recognizes dogs who serve their communities, making great impacts on the lives of their human counterparts and these dogs are truly deserving.

K9 Vishu has assisted on open water searches for drowning victims as well as missing persons searches for many surrounding police departments. Vishu has assisted multiple agencies in the Midwest to help locate evidence and remains in various states and stages of decomposition.

She has been certified numerous times through the United States Police Canine Association as both a tracking dog and detector dog. She is trained to track and indicate on articles for live persons and find human remains in various stages and states of decomposition.

In February of 2024, K9 Biza and her partner assisted in tracking down a 12-year-old child who had been missing for over two hours. Biza followed the child's scent for two miles, which ended with K9 Biza and K9 officer David Llunggren safely reuniting the child with their family.

Biza is a dual purpose K9 who is nationally certified through the North American Work Dog Association on patrol functions and narcotics. Patrol functions include obedience, building searches, area searches, evidence recovery, aggression control/handler protection and human tracking.

Congratulations to these incredible K9 officers who are going above and beyond to help keep their communities safe.



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