

Highlights

- **AKC nationals, January 13-15**
- **Local events and competitors**
- **UT agility classes, winter schedule**

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Practicing vet and handler

Beth Small is a local veterinarian with a special love for Shetland Sheepdogs. In her early teen years, she wanted a dog like Lassie, but her parents said, "No large dogs!" One day she happened across an article about someone who had a 'miniature Collie'. She smiles, "I knew I'd found my breed."

Beth's first Sheltie, Rebel, was her 16th birthday present, along with a subscription to *Sheltie Special* magazine. The pictures of beautiful and talented dogs inspired her to compete, mainly in obedience at first, but later in agility too. She started showing dogs in 1978 and has earned a long list of titles in AKC events, including over two dozen obedience titles and over a dozen agility titles. Most impressive are her 3 Utility Dog (UD) titles and one Utility Dog Excellent (UDX) title. The UDX, one of the highest obedience awards, requires a qualifying score in both advanced classes on 10 different days.

In addition to Shelties, Beth has titled a Golden Retriever, a Schipperke, a Beagle, a Border Collie, and a Norwich

New Year's dog events near and far

Terrier. Her teenage son, Josh, is also active in agility with his Beagle, Richie.

Beth graduated from UT Vet School in 1999, and has been in practice at Animal Health Center in Maryville ever since. These days she's active with two rescue Shelties, Danny, well underway in agility, and Jesse, soon to start in obedience.

Winter agility classes at UT

Agility (and pre-agility obedience) training will be offered indoors, at Brehm Arena, on the UTK Ag campus, for beginner and intermediate students starting February 1. There will be 6 sessions, 3 in February and 3 in March. The complete schedule, cost, driving directions and other info can be found at www.mbkennel.com/agility_classes.htm.

AKC nationals

Three of the most prestigious events in all of dog sports will be held in Tampa, FL, January 13-15. AKC's National Obedience Invitational (NOI) and National Agility Championship will be combined with the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship, which will be televised live on Animal Planet and the Discovery Channel.

Meadowbrooke's co-owner George Beck and Scotch, his Golden Retriever, are the only NOI invitees from this area. Several local residents will participate in agility and breed competition.

This year the viewing audience will choose their own Best in Show award by casting their votes online during the competition. The award will be presented on-air immediately following the judges' Best in Show decision.

Upcoming events

Jan 7-8	Harriman, TN	A
Jan 13-15	Tampa, FL*	ABO
Jan 21-22	Huntsville, AL	A
Jan 26-29	Franklin, TN	AOR
Jan 27-29	Fletcher, NC	A
Feb 3-5	Atlanta, GA	BOR
Feb 17-19	Greenville, SC	BOR
Feb 18-19	Gainesville, GA	A
Feb 19	Lexington, KY	T
Feb 24-26	Decatur, AL	A
Feb 26	Louisville, KY	T

A=Agility B=Breed O=Obedience R=Rally T=Tracking

* See articles above for more info

Resources

Obedience

Monday classes starting January 9
Tuesday classes starting February 14
Private lessons
Boarding School

Agility (see text for details)

Beginners class Wednesdays 7:15 pm
Intermediate class Wednesdays 6 pm
Mixed-level class Sundays 11 am
Private lessons

Boarding

Daily hours: 9-1 and 4-6 (Sundays: 4-6)

More Info

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