

Highlights

- **Sighthounds in agility**
- **Upcoming events in Knoxville area**
- **Getting flyball started in East TN**

Meadowbrooke News

Meadowbrooke Kennel
Agility Center of East TN (ACET)

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Iva and her greyhounds

Iva English is a 3rd year vet student at UT Knoxville. Somehow she also manages to compete with her rescue Greyhounds, Flash and Squid (see pic), at agility events throughout the southeast.

Greyhounds became Iva's favorite breed about 2 years ago, when she rescued her first, Wycheck, from the racetrack. About 6 months after adopting him, she started fostering other greys through Greyhound Rescue Foundation of Tennessee. Flash and Squid, both females, are the ones who stayed, joining Wycheck and Cinco, a Great Dane, in the English household.

When serious injuries cut short her promising collegiate soccer career, Iva became interested in agility competition. She enrolled in an introductory class at UT's Vet School taught by Ace Russell. Within a few months, she was already competing with Flash. Squid, a much more recent adoption, has already achieved two AKC agility titles. Iva has an obvious rapport with her dogs, and people love to watch them compete. Sighthounds are generally regarded as a real challenge to train in agility, but no one who knows Iva will be surprised if her greys make it to the top of the sport!

Setting sights for summer events

TVKC obedience trials

Farragut Middle School is the site of Tennessee Valley Kennel Club's summer obedience trials, July 2-3. TVKC hired two very popular judges, Jon and Carol Mett, and found an air conditioned venue, ensuring one of the largest turnouts for an obedience trial weekend in the southeast. Competitors from far and wide will compete at all levels of the sport. Events start at 8 am each day.

Agility & obedience at ACET

Summer agility classes are being held on Wednesdays at ACET. Intermediate classes are at 6-7 pm, and beginners meet at 7:15-8:15 pm. Informal agility 'parties' are hosted on Sundays, 3-6 pm.

Obedience classes meet on either Mondays or Tuesdays, 7-8 pm, with a new class starting each month.

On Sunday, July 10, ACET will host an agility and obedience "Show & Go", an informal event open to the public.

The training team at ACET is headed up by George Beck and Ace Russell. George's Golden Retriever, Scotch, has earned more obedience accolades than any dog in the area, and has earned a spot at this year's AKC National Obedience Invitational. Ace's Corgi, Ollie, was the first dog in East TN to earn the Master Agility Championship (MACH) title. Go to ACET's website, www.mbkennel.com, for more info on training and events.

Starting a local flyball team

After several postponements, ACET is hosting a flyball introductory demo and seminar on July 9. The public is invited to attend at no charge. This event should be especially interesting to anyone who has a dog who likes to run, jump and retrieve tennis balls. More details are at www.mbkennel.com/flyball.htm.

Upcoming events

July 2-3	Farragut, TN	O
July 9-10	Meadowbrooke	AFO
July 16-17	Murfreesboro, TN	OR
July 29-31	Greenville, SC	BOR
Aug 6-7	Knoxville, TN	OR
Aug 6-7	Huntsville, AL	OR
Aug 26-28	Atlanta, GA	BOR

A=Agility B=Breed F=Flyball O=Obedience R=Rally

Resources

Obedience

- Monday classes starting July 11
- Tuesday classes starting August 2
- Private lessons
- Boarding School

Agility

- Beginners class starting July 6
- Intermediate class starting July 20
- Private lessons

Boarding

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

More Info

- (865) 523-9282
- www.mbkennel.com