

Highlights

- **Responsible Dog Ownership Day**
- **Agility in two flavors**
- **Scotch is invited to the Nationals**

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From 'Novice A' to Nationals

That's Scotch (above) as a puppy, the day he arrived at Meadowbrooke and started his partnership with George Beck. He's George's 'Novice A' dog, which means he was the first dog George showed to a Novice title in American Kennel Club (AKC) obedience competition. Once a handler has titled a dog, he or she can only enter Novice B classes with subsequent dogs.

George and Scotch have come a long way! In August, Scotch and George were officially invited to participate in the AKC's upcoming National Obedience Invitational. This honor was extended to qualifying dogs in over 80 different breeds, but the competition was most intense among Golden Retrievers. Twelve of the top 25 all breed invitees were Golden Retrievers.

The AKC National Obedience Invitational will be held in Tampa, FL, January 15-16 along with the Agility Nationals and the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship, which will be televised live.

Local AKC and USDAA trials

In our area, agility competition comes in two main 'flavors', AKC and USDAA.

Early fall filled with local events

The United States Dog Agility Association (USDAA) was the first organization to hold agility events in the USA, while the AKC has sanctioned agility events since the mid-1990s.

Both AKC and USDAA agility trials will be held in the Knoxville vicinity in the next couple of months. Knoxville's AKC club, Tennessee Valley Kennel Club, Inc. (TVKC) will host a 3-day trial weekend, September 9-11, at Roane State's main campus in Harriman. This is the 6th year for TVKC trials at this site, and its outdoor, covered arena is a very popular venue for teams at all levels of competition.

Equally as comfortable for spectators and participants is the site for ACET's USDAA trials, October 15-16, at Walters State in White Pine. This large indoor arena has stadium seating all around. USDAA trials are open to all dogs, including those of mixed breeds.

Responsible Dog Ownership

AKC is promoting Responsible Dog Ownership Day (RDOD) by inviting local AKC affiliates to host events throughout September. Knoxville's club, TVKC, will participate during its three days of agility trials, September 9-11, in Harriman, TN (see article above).

Information on many facets of the bond between human and dogs will be available. Agility competition is a fitting backdrop for RDOD awareness, because of its athletic teamwork and obvious fun for dogs, handlers and spectators alike.

Upcoming events

Sep 1-4	Lexington, KY	BOR
Sep 1-4	Perry, GA	BOR
Sep 2-5	Raleigh, NC	BOR
Sep 9-11	*Harriman, TN	A
Sep 16-18	Alpharetta, GA	A
Sep 24-25	Atlanta, GA	BO
Sep 24-25	Black Mountain, NC	A
Sep 24-25	Huntsville, AL	A
Sep 30-Oct 2	Franklin, TN	A
Oct 8-9	Alpharetta, GA	A
Oct 13-14	Lebanon, TN	ABHOR
Oct 14-16	Memphis, TN	ABOR
Oct 15-16	*White Pine, TN	A
Oct 15-16	Chattanooga, TN	OR
Oct 20-23	Alpharetta, GA	A
Oct 27-30	Marietta, GA	OC
Oct 29-30	Gray, TN	A
Oct 29-30	Franklin, TN	A

A=Agility B=Breed H=Herding O=Obedience R=Rally
* See articles above for more info

Resources

Obedience

Monday classes starting September 12

Tuesday classes starting October 4

Private lessons

Boarding School

Agility

Beginners class Sundays 9:15 am

Intermediate class Sundays 8:00 am

Mixed level class Wednesdays 8:00 am

Private lessons

Boarding

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

More Info

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