

Highlights

- Rally obedience
- Second weekends at ACET
- Lots of Knoxville area events

Meadowbrooke News

Meadowbrooke Kennel
Agility Center of East TN (ACET)
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Whitney Newman & Morgan

Whitney Newman and her energetic Doberman, Morgan, are familiar faces at agility events in the East TN area. Morgan is Whitney's first dog, found as a stray in Oak Ridge and rescued by the Newman family. Whitney initially trained her at home, before enrolling her in classes at ACET.

Morgan's competitive debut was in Atlanta in April 2005. In AKC competition, she has earned a Novice Agility Jumpers title (NAJ) and is only one qualifying leg away from earning her Novice Agility (NA) title.

Whitney has been employed at Oak Ridge Veterinary Hospital since the fall of 2001. She is currently a student at Roane State Community College, where she will receive a general AS degree this summer. In the fall she will attend UT Knoxville, pursuing a major in Literature with minors in Elementary Education and Spanish.

What is Rally?

Rally obedience is a relatively new dog sport that's sweeping the nation. Viewed

Summer seminars, Show & Go's

by the AKC as a first step toward agility or regular obedience competition, rally is also popular in its own right.

Consisting of a series of exercises marked by descriptive signs, rally is never the same twice. Each exercise must be accomplished near the sign. A course is comprised of 10-20 stations. The team must move along a path between each station, but strict obedience-style heeling is not required. The handler may talk and gesture freely. In formal obedience the handler's communication is meticulously prescribed, and extra input is penalized.

Rally concentrates on the essential element of all dog sports – being able to communicate effectively with your dog. Experienced trainers agree that the specialized skills for each sport are not as difficult to perfect as the teamwork itself. Rally allows novice teams to participate in a public forum, giving handlers and dogs alike the taste of competition without the stress of more formal events.

Show & Go's, seminars

On the second Saturday of each summer month, ACET will host agility and obedience Show & Go events. On second Sundays, rally will be offered. These run-thru's are a great way to get introduced to dog sports. A Show & Go is an informal match, similar in some ways to a formal trial, but intended as a training opportunity and learning experience. Spectators are welcome. For more information and entry forms, go to www.mbkennel.com/show_and_go.htm.

On August 19, ACET will host a rally seminar in Harriman, TN. AKC judges Nancy Davis and Selina Edney will teach topics at all levels of the sport. Then on August 26-27, also in Harriman, well-known agility coaches Guy Blancke and Jane Mohr will present agility seminars. For more information, go to www.mbkennel.com/seminar.htm.

Upcoming events

Jun 30-Jul 2	Farragut, TN	OR
*Jul 8-9	Knoxville, TN	AOR
Jul 15-16	Murfreesboro, TN	OR
Jul 28-30	Greenville, SC	BOR
Aug 5-6	Knoxville, TN	OR
*Aug 12-13	Knoxville, TN	AOR
*Aug 19	Harriman, TN	R
*Aug 26-27	Harriman, TN	A

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

Resources

Obedience

Monday classes starting July 10
Tuesday classes starting August 1
Private lessons or Boarding School

Agility

Multi-level classes Wednesdays 7 pm
Multi-level classes Saturdays 9 am
Private lessons

Boarding

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

ACET meetings

Third Wednesdays 8 pm

More Info

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