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President's Message

Melissa Knapp, WSOTC President

It's been a busy summer so far! Our inaugural Scent Work trials were in June and our Agility weekend was in July.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the WSOTC summer events a success! I heard many compliments from exhibitors about how smoothly the trials ran.

The scent work trials were chaired by Sarah Kahn with yours truly handling the entries and paperwork as trial secretary. WSOTC members that came out to help included Lorri Kraft, Neil Evans, Betsy Fortman, Diane Longstreth, Lelia Irvine, Judy Peterson, Kathy Teufel, Darlene Brown, Lynn Brimmer, Charlie Clarke, and Debbie Fagala. (If I missed anyone please know that your work was much appreciated and that my memory is not what it used to be!)

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Club Committee Chairs

Agility

Linda Shea

Audit/Budget

Sue Cox

Awards

Nancy Light

Hearts & Flowers

Karen Snee

Insurance

Sue Cox

Membership

Cathy Soule

Newsletter

Elizabeth Soule

January Fun Match

Terrie Sato

Property & Inventory

Don Rennick

Obedience and Rally Trial March

Amanda Buse

August

Debby Warden

Scent Work Trial

Sarah Kahn

Laurie Weaver Seminar

Terrie Sato

Tracking

Marta Brock

Website

Shea Hughes-Gorman

Content Updates

Melissa Knapp

Volunteers make our club and sports possible! If you would like to help with an event or committee, reach out to the committee chair. Have an idea for something new? Contact a board member. You can find contact information for all club members in the roster in the Member's Only section of the website.

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Upcoming Events

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| 8/8 | WSOTC Rent-A-Ring at Country Classic Kennels in Arlington
Sign up online https://wsotc.org/events |
| 8/9-10 | WSOTC Summer Obedience and Rally Trial at Country Classic Kennels in Arlington - Entries are Closed |
| 8/20 | CANCELED - General Membership Meeting |
| 9/3 | Board Meeting from 7-8:30pm
Zoom |
| 9/17 | General Membership Meeting from 7-8:30pm
Zoom |
| TBD | Summer Picnic - Due to construction on I-90 to Mercer Island the weekend of 9/28 we are looking at alternative dates for the picnic. |

President's Message

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The agility trials were headed up by Susan and JoAnn Mulligan, Linda Shea, and Nancy Light. Other members volunteering included Leann McNeil, Gloria and Larry Newby, Catherine Shaffer, and Joyce Brombaugh. If you worked at the trials and I didn't list your name, send me an email (melissa.s.knapp@gmail.com) so I can let everyone know.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Obedience and Rally trials August 9 & 10, both at Country Classic Kennels in Arlington. Event chair is Debby Warden assisted by her trials committee including Shea Gorman-Hughes (Chief ring steward), April Caron (Hospitality), and Jane Pitts and Catherine Shaffer (Ribbons and rosettes). Our judges are Margaret Chandler and Mary Jane Shervais. For the most part there will be no crating in the building so bring your own shade. There will be several tent canopies set up in front of the building on the grass; we could use a few more if you have one to share.

And don't forget the Rent-A-Ring event on Friday the 8th at the trial site! Registration and more information are available on the club's website [Washington State Obedience Training Club](https://www.washingtonstateobediencetrainingclub.com).

And to all of the members who work behind the scenes on club committees and projects, the officers and board members extend our thanks and appreciation. It's great working with all of you!

Agility Trial July 11-13

Linda Shea

The event went well despite the heat. Thank you to the Mulligans for doing a great job with hospitality and ensuring that everyone was well hydrated. There were plenty of volunteers to help. Being able to crate indoors was helpful due to the hot weather. Although entries were lower than expected due to competing events that weekend, the event had a net gain overall.

Scent Work Trial June 21-22

Sarah Kahn

Thank you to club members for their help and support for this new event, especially club members who showed up to volunteer even though Scent Work isn't their usual sport. Entries for the trial filled quickly and there was a random draw for spots. Monroe Christian School worked well for this size of trial due and there was ample parking for the approximately 75 exhibitors. The club plans to hold this event again in June 2026 with the same format, offering all four elements in the Novice and Advanced classes.

Summer Obedience and Rally Trials August 9-10

Debby Warden

The trial is ready to go! Thank you in advance to all my volunteers: Shea Gorman-Hughes as chief ring steward, Jane Pitts and Catherine Shaffer for ribbons and trophies, and April Caron for hospitality and trial secretary. Many thanks to Melissa Knapp being my support and help to get everything going. The judging schedule will be out shortly.



The Laurie Weaver seminar that was in planning for October 2025 has been canceled.

General Membership Meeting Minutes - May 21, 2025

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 by President Melissa Knapp.
Attendees: Melissa Knapp, Nancy Light, Catherine Shaffer, Rhonda Forman, Neil Evans, Terrie Sato, Sandy Burr, Cathy Soule, Lisa Stedman, Sue Cox, Sarah Kahn, Elizabeth Soule, Tain Rose, Penny Broomer, Lee Ann McNeil, Debbie Bohn, Jill Petersen, Pat Lindquist, Tara Wheat, Bev May, Joyce Brombaugh, Pat Edwards
2. The minutes from the 4/16/25 meeting were approved.
3. **Report of the President:** Melissa thanked Amanda Buse, Elizabeth Soule and Sarah Kahn for their contributions to club events.
4. **Report of the Secretary:** No report.
5. **Report of the Treasurer:** Catherine presented an updated report that will be posted on the "members only" section of the website.
6. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. Membership – No report.
 - b. Newsletter – the deadline for the next newsletter is May 25.
 - c. Website – Melissa will send Shea events to be posted on the website.
 - d. Hearts and Flowers – No report.
 - e. Website - The Cheddar Up contract expires in July, so we either need to renew or get the new payment program implemented. Any suggestions for design changes on the website should be sent to Elizabeth Soule. Some members are still having trouble accessing the members only section.
 - f. Social Events and Programs
 - Summer picnic committee needed
 - Neil will investigate local parks. Sharon Colvin graciously agreed to hold it at her facility, however, we are looking for a location further south to make it more available to members living south of I-90 and preferably outdoors.
 - g. Obedience and Rally Approved Judges List – Elizabeth sent the list to Melissa in excel and added a column for the last time an individual judged a WSOTC event. Sue Cox reviewed and updated the spreadsheet. Melissa will ask Elizabeth to send it out to the membership for review and suggestions for adding a judge. If anyone wishes to add a judge, they should include the name as it appears on the AKC website along with the judge's city of residence and judges' number (if possible).
 - h. Tracking – No report.
 - i. Spring 2025 obedience and rally trials (3/29-30 Fun Fur Paws) – The financial report will be sent to the Board and posted on the website in the members only section.
 - j. Scent Work – (6/21-22, Monroe Christian School) – 11 club members and 9 non-members have volunteered to help at the trial. Entries are open through May 27 and are already full. The random draw takes place on May 29. The

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committee, along with one of the judges will do a walk-through of the trial location.

k. Agility (7/12-14, Fun Fur Paws) – No report.

l. August 2025 Obedience and Rally trial (8/9-10 Country Classic Kennels) – The budget was voted on and approved. Melissa purchased a displaceable jump that can be used at the trial. There will be a rent-a-ring the Friday afternoon prior to the trial.

m. Seminars –

- Laurie Weaver (fall 2025) – We will need someone to volunteer to chair this event. Jill Petersen gathered some information from Laurie which allowed Terrie Sato to create a draft budget, but waiting to confirm a location.
- Connie Cleveland (9/12-13 at Country Classic Kennels in Arlington) – Terrie Sato is chairing this event. Terrie presented the option of having Connie's assistant, Kelsey attend the trial along with Connie, which would allow for more floor time, but would come with an additional cost.

7. New Business:

1. - Sue Cox asked, and Melissa will follow up on who is chairing the Spring 2026 Obedience and Rally trials.

8. Announcements:

Rent-a- ring run throughs on Sunday, June 8 – Newfoundland Club of Seattle at Buckley (obedience and rally)
Friday, June 13 – PSESSA at Country Classic Kennels (obedience and rally)

9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14

Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary

Next Meetings (on Zoom):

Board Meeting: 6/2/25 at 7:00

General Membership Meeting: 6/18/25 at 7:00

Board Meeting Minutes - June 2, 2025

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 by President Melissa Knapp.
Attendees: Melissa Knapp, Nancy Light, Catherine Shaffer, Rhonda Forman, Neil Evans and Terrie Sato
2. The minutes from the 5/5/25 meeting were approved.
3. **Report of the President:** No report.
4. **Report of the Secretary:** No report
5. **Report of the Treasurer:** Catherine presented an updated report that will be posted on the "members only" section of the website.
6. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. Membership – No report.
 - b. Hearts and Flowers – a card was sent to Betty Winthers and Rhonda Forman
 - c. Tracking
 - November 2025 – judges are Sil Sanders and Sarah Kahn; Melissa Knapp is chair
 - February 2026 TD/TDX – Sil is working on getting judges; Marta Brock is chair
 - d. August 2025 Obedience and Rally trial (8/9-10 at Country Classic Kennels) – We will hold a rent-a-ring on Friday, using sign-up genius to register and then pay on site, similar to the spring trial rent-a-ring.
 - e. Spring 2026 Obedience and Rally trial – Need to appoint a chair
 - f. Scent Work (6/21-22, Monroe Christian School) – There were 700 entries for 200 available spots. There will be a random draw to determine who gets in.
 - g. Agility – No report.
 - h. Social Events and Programs:
 - Summer picnic: Neil checked on-line and found a potential location at Aubrey Davis park on Mercer Island. The park has shelters for rent for \$175 for the day. She will do a site visit and report back.
 - i. Seminars:
 - Laurie Weaver – Since we don't have a chair for this event, we will organize it with a committee instead. We need to confirm a location where the seminar will be held. At the end of June, Melissa will send out Laurie's bio to the membership.
 - j. Awards – The Board voted and approved the 2026 awards committee. Nancy Light will chair, and Neil Evans and Karen Snee have volunteered as committee members.
 - k. Website – Catherine will talk to Shea about the status of online payments.
7. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. Melissa has the up-to-date judges list and will send it out to the membership for suggestions for additional judges by the end of June.

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8. New Business:

- a. The Board agreed on several members to participate on the Audit/Budget Committee. Rhonda will contact the individuals and report back at the next General Membership meeting.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58

Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary

Next Meetings (on Zoom):

General Membership Meeting: 6/18/25 at 7:00

Board Meeting: 7/7/25 at 7:00

General Membership Meeting: 7/16/25 at 7:00

General Membership Meeting Minutes - June 18, 2025

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Melissa Knapp.
Attendees: Melissa Knapp, Nancy Light, Catherine Shaffer, Rhonda Forman, Neil Evans, Terrie Sato, Sandy Burr, Cathy Soule, Lisa Stedman, Sue Cox, Sarah Kahn, Elizabeth Soule, Lee Ann McNeil, Debbie Bohn, Jill Petersen, Pat Lindquist, Pat Edwards, Betty Winthers, Ronnie Sue Leith, Penny Broomer, Reggie Gausman, Shea Hughes-Gorman, Sheila Leitch, Susan Mulligan, Kathy Teufel, April Caron, Linda Shea; Guest: Andrea Vaughan
2. The minutes from the 5/21/25 meeting were approved.
3. **Report of the President:** Melissa said she is looking forward to the club's inaugural scent work trial this coming weekend.
4. **Report of the Secretary:** No report.
5. **Report of the Treasurer:** Catherine presented an updated report that will be posted on the "members only" section of the website.
6. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. Membership – No report.
 - b. Budget – committee members are Karen Snee, Jodi Woodruff and Sue Cox (chair). There was a motion that was voted on and approved to amend the Standing Rules to eliminate the need for a board member to be appointed to the committee.
 - c. Website – Shea is busy with a new business, so will not be able to pursue the on-line payment system right away. For now, the membership voted

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and approved to renew the Cheddar Up contract for another year. Shea reported that the archived documents still need to be organized. If someone does a search and is unable to locate the document they are seeking, contact Shea and he can help.

d. Hearts and Flowers – Sending out cards to Sharon Colvin and Jayne Walker

e. Social Events and Programs

-Summer picnic

Neil has recommended using Aubrey Davis Park on Mercer Island. It was suggested the picnic be held in late September. It was also suggested that members could possibly bring equipment for training.

f. Obedience and Rally Approved Judges List – the list has been updated with Sue Cox's assistance. Melissa asked that people review the list and let her know if anyone has additional suggestions prior to the next General Membership meeting (7/16).

g. Tracking:

TDU (November 2025) – judges have been selected for both events.

TD/TDX (February 2026)

h. Scent Work – (6/21-22, Monroe Christian School) – more entries than the 200 spots available. The random draw has been done; Sarah Kahn is working on the volunteer schedule; set-up is at 3:00 this Friday; Melissa has the ribbons.

i. Agility (7/11-13, Fun Fur Paws) – Entries close July 4. A few more volunteers are needed.

j. Summer 2025 Obedience and Rally trial (8/9-10 Country Classic Kennels) – Entries close 7/23. There is no crating in the building.

k. Seminars –

- Laurie Weaver (fall 2025, Gold Star in Auburn) – A proposed draft budget was presented by Terrie Sato and approved. WSOTC members will have priority to register for 20 spots. Registration will be done by Sign-Up Genius.

- Connie Cleveland (late 2026)

7. **New Business:**

-Board Elections: The membership voted and approved the slate of officers, Board members, and AKC Delegate. These are all the same people serving currently.

-Shea offered his new training facility in Bellingham at no charge for club events.

8. **Announcements:**

There is a memorial service for Cynthia Howard's husband.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14

Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary

Next Meetings (on Zoom):

Board Meeting: 7/7/25 at 7:00

General Membership Meeting: 7/16/25 at 7:00

Board Meeting Minutes - July 7, 2025

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 by President Melissa Knapp.
Attendees: Melissa Knapp, Nancy Light, Catherine Shaffer, Rhonda Forman, Neil Evans and Terrie Sato
2. The minutes from the 6/2/25 meeting were approved.
3. **Report of the President:** Melissa said she has gone through the upcoming club events list and will talk more about those during the meeting.
4. **Report of the Secretary:** Rhonda reported that AKC has communicated that they have not yet received the 11/30/25 TDU event application and judge's panel. Melissa said that she will submit the information on the AKC website this week.
5. **Report of the Treasurer:** Catherine presented an updated report and the annual financial report. Both will be posted on the "members only" section of the website.
6. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. Membership – No report.
 - b. Hearts and Flowers – No report.
 - c. Audit/Budget Committee – No report.
 - d. Tracking
 - November 2025 TDU – Melissa will submit judges panel and event application to AKC
 - February 2026 TD/TDX – No report.
 - e. Summer 2025 Obedience and Rally trial (8/9-10 at Country Classic Kennels) – Melissa reported that everything is on track. The event is now open on the BaRay website. We will hold a rent-a-ring on Friday, using sign-up genius to register and then pay on site, similar to the spring trial rent-a-ring.
 - f. Spring 2026 Obedience and Rally trial – The Board voted and approved Amanda Buse to chair the event. The Board thanked Amanda for volunteering to chair again.
 - g. Scent Work (6/21-22, Monroe Christian School) – Melissa reported that the trial was a success, and the trial committee communicated well. We should plan to put on a trial again next year, offering the same categories. Melissa will write up a summary of the event for the next newsletter.
 - h. Agility (7/11-13, Fun Fur Paws) – Nancy reported that the entry numbers are down. We may take a loss but will know more after the event.
 - i. Social Events and Programs:
 - Summer picnic: This will be held on Sunday, September 28 from 1:00 – 4:00 at Aubrey Davis Park on Mercer Island. We will publicize the event and hope for a good turnout.
 - j. Seminars:
 - Laurie Weaver (10/11-12/25, Gold Star in Auburn) – Terrie prepared a

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draft flier; Melissa will set up sign-up genius for registration. There will be 15 working and 5 audits spots. Priority will be for club members. Melissa will ask Elizabeth to send out information to the membership.

- Connie Cleveland (late 2026)– Terrie is working with Connie on a contract. The Board discussed whether to have Connie's assistant Kelsey come too. This would increase the cost but would allow for more working spots. WSOTC members would have priority and a lower entry fee than non-members.

k. Website – Melissa now has access to update the website and will be helping out with updates in the short term.

l. Awards:

- Nancy reported that the committee is working to complete the 2024 awards.
- The Board nominated and approved a recipient for the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship award. Rhonda will follow up with AKC.

7. Unfinished Business:

- a. Melissa will ask Elizabeth to send out a reminder if anyone has suggestions for additional judges prior to the next General Membership meeting (7/16) they should let Melissa know.
- b. Raffles:
 - If we are to have a raffle next year, we will need someone to volunteer to manage it. Melissa will raise this at the next General Membership meeting (7/16).
 - If a raffle is held specific to an event, the revenue will go to offset expenses for that event.
 - The Board voted and approved that going forward, "Friends of Obedience" revenue will be designated to the spring obedience trial and "raffle" revenue will be designated to the summer obedience trial.

8. New Business:

- The Standing Rules under the "Finances" section will be updated to remove language that requires a board member to participate on the Audit/Budget committee. Rhonda will send out draft language to the Board for review. Nancy is checking to see if she has a Word version vs. PDF.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26

Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary

Next Meetings (on Zoom):

General Membership Meeting: 7/16/25 at 7:00

Board Meeting: 8/4/25 at 7:00

General Membership Meeting: 8/20/25 at 7:00

General Membership Meeting Minutes - July 16, 2025

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by President Melissa Knapp. Attendees: Melissa Knapp, Nancy Light, Rhonda Forman, Neil Evans, Terrie Sato, Sandy Burr, Sue Cox, Sarah Kahn, Elizabeth Soule, Lee Ann McNeil, Jill Petersen, Pat Lindquist, Pat Edwards, Betty Winthers, Linda Shea, Nancy Harney, Tain Rose, Cathy Soule, Holly Krohn, Pat Lindquist, Linda Wiseman
2. The minutes from the 6/18/25 meeting (as corrected) were read aloud and approved.
3. **Report of the President:** Melissa thanked Sarah Kahn for chairing the club's first scent trial and thanked volunteers, Lorri Kraft, Neil Evans, Betsy Fortman, Diane Longstreth, Leila Irvine, Judy Peterson, Kathy Teufel, Darlene Brown, Lynn Brimmer, Charlie Clarke, Debbie Fagala. She also thanked the agility chairs, Susan and Joanne Mulligan as well as Linda Shea and Nancy Light, along with the agility trial volunteers. Melissa acknowledged Elizabeth Soule and Shea Gorman-Hughes for their assistance on several projects.
4. **Report of the Secretary:** Rhonda reported that the AKC Board of Directors approved a change to the rally regulations that the judging program will be based on the judging of up to 18 entries per hour (from 20), effective 11/1/25. She also reported that AKC has sent the close out message for the scent trial events.
5. **Report of the Treasurer:** Melissa presented (in Catherine's absence) an updated report and the annual financial report. Both reports will be posted on the "members only" section of the website.
6. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. Membership – No report.
 - b. Budget/Audit – Sue Cox has contacted the members of the committee to schedule a meeting.
 - c. Newsletter – Elizabeth reported that there is no July newsletter. July 27 is the deadline for the August K-9 Post.
 - d. Website – Shea has granted Melissa access to update the club website. Melissa and Elizabeth are working on getting the membership roster updated and posting meeting attendance.
 - e. Hearts and Flowers – No report.
 - f. Social Events and Programs
The summer picnic will take place on Sunday, September 28 from 1:00 – 4:00 at Aubrey Davis Park on Mercer Island.
 - g. Obedience and Rally Approved Judges List – the updated list was sent to the membership. There were some edits and deletions made at the meeting. The membership voted and approved the list as presented.
 - h. Tracking:
TDU (November 2025) – The application has been submitted to AKC. Judges have been selected.

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TD/TDX (February 2026) - judges have been selected.

- i. Scent Work – Sarah Kahn thanked club members for their help and support for this event. She reported that the venue at the Monroe Christian School worked well and there was ample parking. There are approximately 75 exhibitors. The club plans to hold this event again in June 2026 and offering all elements in the novice and advance categories.
- j. Agility (7/11-13, Fun Fur Paws) – Linda Shea reported that the event went well, despite the heat. The Mulligans did a great job at hospitality and ensuring that everyone was well hydrated and there were plenty of volunteers to help. Crating indoors also was helpful due to the hot weather. Entries were lower than expected due to competing events that weekend, but the event still experienced a net gain.
- k. Summer Obedience and Rally trials (August 9-10, Country Classic Kennels, Arlington) – Entries close on July 23rd. Obedience is already filled both days, rally still has space available. The only equipment we are renting from Baray is 1 displaceable jump. Ring stewards are all in place; no crating indoors due to space availability, pop-ups are welcome outside.
- l. Seminars –
 - Laurie Weaver (October 11-12, Gold Star, Auburn) – There will be 15 working and 5 audit spots for this event. Elizabeth and Melissa are working on the sign-up using Cheddar Up. WSOTC members will have priority to sign up. The cost of the event is \$250 for club members, \$300 for non-club members, \$100 for anyone in an audit spot.
 - Connie Cleveland (September 12-13, 2026, Country Classic Kennels, Arlington) - Terrie Sato has signed the contract with Connie. Terrie discussed the possibility of bringing in Connie's assistant, Kelsey Wehr, which would increase the cost, but allow for more opportunities for handlers.

7. Unfinished Business:

Rent-a Ring, Friday, August 8th at Country Classic Kennels from 10:00 – 5:00. Elizabeth and Melissa are working on the sign-up. No food is permitted in the rings.

8. New Business:

The Board voted to award the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award to Sarah Kahn.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20

Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary

Next Meetings (on Zoom):

Board Meeting: 8/4/25 at 7:00

General Membership Meeting: 8/20/25 at 7:00



AMERICAN
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Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: July 9, 2025

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AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB CROWNS NEW NATIONAL CHAMPIONS IN OBEDIENCE AND RALLY

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 that the top dogs in the nation were crowned from an overall combined entry of more than 800 dogs this past weekend at the AKC National Obedience Championship and AKC Rally® National Championship. Competitions were held July 3rd-7th, 2025 at the Purina Events Center in Gray Summit, OH.

"It was exciting to watch the outstanding performances as the new National Champions were crowned in Obedience and Rally," said Diane Schultz, AKC Director of Obedience, Rally and Tracking. "The dogs and handlers participating in these events represent the finest in their sports from across the country. We're thrilled to celebrate their dedication and talents. All of us at the American Kennel Club want to thank our exhibitors, volunteers, judges, and supporting clubs for helping us host these spectacular competitions. We treasure the memories and friendships these competitions allow us to share."

The 2025 Winners:

AKC National Obedience Championship

The 2025 AKC National Obedience Champion is:

Champion: OTCH2 Maranatha's Like A Man Possessed UDX2 OM3, a Labrador Retriever known as Zesty, handled by Petra Ford of Washington, NJ

1st Runner-Up: OTCH3 Surefire Up To Speed UDX2 OM3 MH, a Golden Retriever known as Swift, handled by Mara Wacker of Hastings, MN

2nd Runner-Up: OTCH7 High Times Quiet Riot UDX6 PCD OGM BN JH, a Golden Retriever known as Riot, handled by Jan Curran of Upper Black Eddy, PA

3rd Runner-Up: OTCH9 HC MACH2 RACH Rapideye Wireless Dell UDX10 PCDX OGM VER RM2 RAE2 HSAs HSBs HIBs HXAds MXG MJS MXF TQX T2B2, a Border Collie known as Dell, handled by Mary Whorton of Rougemont, NC

AKC Updates

AKC Rally® National Championship

The 2025 AKC Rally® National Champion is:

Champion: OTCH2 RACH3 Summer Brook Nothing But Love UDX2 PCDX OM5 RM7 RAE7 AXP OJP CGC, a Golden Retriever known as Tara, handled by Karen Summers of Chelsea, AL

Rally Master: RACH Mattie Ross CDX BN RM3 RAE6 AX OAJ XF CA BCAT SWA CGC, an All-American dog known as Mattie, handled by Arwen Price of Richmond, KY

Rally Excellent: Vos Van De Nacht I'll Take Another RE OA AXJ OF CA BCAT CGCA TKA, a Belgian Malinois known as Soba, handled by April Pelletier of East Sandwich, MA

Rally Advanced: GCH CH Nighthawk's Jinx, You'Re It! CD BN RE CGC TKN, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel known as Jinx, handled by Daviann Mitchell of Santa Clarita, CA

Rally Intermediate: Hyper Piper RAE FDC CAA FCAT4 SWA SHDN CGCA CGCU TKA ATT FITG, a Miniature American Shepherd known as Piper, handled by Kristen Liesman of Edmond, OK

Rally Novice: Majestic Livin Down Bi The River RN FCAT6, an Australian Shepherd known as Farley, handled by Christine Hubacek of Menomonee Falls, WI

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Pictured Top (L-R) Diene Schultz, AKC Director Obedience, Rally & Tracking, Petra Ford, 2025 AKC National Obedience Champion NOC OTCH2 Maranatha's Like A Man Possessed UDX2 OM2, a Labrador Retriever, Doug Ljungren, EVP Sports & Events Bottom (L-R) AKC Obedience Judges Dr. Karen Tucker, William Craig, Barbara Doering, Randy Capsel, Alison Jaskiewicz, Ronald Seeley

Celebrations!



LeeAnn McNeil + Ebby

Ebby and I got her Farm Dog and Trick Novice titles on 7/19!

Celebrations!



Debbie Fagala + Shasta

Shasta and I had a great time at Tacoma Kennel Club, picking up three new AKC titles: CGCA, ATT Temperament test, and Farm Dog!

Celebrations!



Kathy Teufel + Douglas

Top: Douglas extending a paw to any other dogs playing the game of Nosework!

Bottom left: Douglas took part in the Parade of Honor at the Border Terrier National Specialty. This is his Tricks Title photograph.

Bottom right: Kathy and Douglas strut at the Border Terrier National Specialty.

Celebrations!



Kathy Teufel + Ellie Rose

Ellie Rose earned her Beginner Novice title!

Celebrations!



Linda Wiseman + Teddy + Ranger

Hi, I'm Linda Wiseman and I'm fairly new to your group. I have two lovely Golden Retrievers. I joined Cyber Rally-O which is a virtual program for training dogs and other animals. They offer Rally, Games, Foundation Skills. You video your dog/animal performing them, send in the video and it is judged against the rules of Rally/Games/etc. You can earn titles and ribbons for successful performances. They are on Facebook and of course, have a website. I am not trying to make this an ad but want to explain background. I enjoy this because it allows me to do everything on my own timeline and in my own home, backyard, or park. I have learned to make videos with a complex but free video program called Davinci Resolve. There is a learning curve (more gray hair, oh well) but I've mastered the basics especially not being a techy person. I created a YouTube Channel for the videos of my dogs. One Golden, Teddy, has achieved Foundation Skills Level 1 & 2 out of 4 and Ranger has reached Level 3. We've also passed Level 1 of 1-2-3 Ping Pong for both dogs. I am happy to share a link to a video if anyone is interested.