

Highlights

- **Ollie and Scotch still leading the way**
- **AKC national events in Tampa, FL**
- **Upcoming local matches & trials**

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Ollie & Scotch

Ollie is 9 and Scotch is 7 now, but you wouldn't know that from watching them enjoying their favorite sports.

Ollie, handled by Ace Russell, is a truly versatile Corgi. He competes in agility, obedience and tracking, and he's also a breed champion. "We almost didn't get him," says Ace. "He was the last dog in the litter, and when we bought his brother, the breeder talked us into taking Ollie too. I'm glad she did!"

In 2002, after just 3 years of trialing, Ollie became the first dog in East TN to achieve the Master Agility Champion (MACH) title. He's the first male breed champion Corgi in history to earn the MACH, and he's not far from repeating that feat to attain the MACH2 title.

Scotch, a Golden Retriever, is handled by George Beck, who heads up the training program at Meadowbrooke. As a puppy, Scotch was thought by his breeder to have almost no potential for obedience competition. But in 2002, only 3 years after George started training him, he earned the prestigious Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH) title, the first dog ever to do so from Knoxville's AKC member club.

George and Scotch now have the equivalent of almost 4 OTCHs. In agility,

From novice dogs to excellence

Scotch went from Novice to completing his Excellent titles in only 6 months.

Meadowbrooke is proud to be the home of these two amazing dogs. We are truly privileged to have accompanied them on their road to the pinnacle of performance success.

AKC nationals

For only the second time in history, AKC is holding all of its major national events on the same weekend. The country's best dogs will be competing in Tampa, FL, January 14-16, 2005.

Participation is by invitation only, depending on the dog's accomplishments within the previous year of competition. Iams and Animal Planet are sponsoring the events, which will be televised live.

Ollie has qualified in agility for the last 3 years, but Ace chose not to travel to Long Beach, CA, last year. At the 2002 nationals in Katy, TX, Ollie came in 24th out of 128 dogs competing in his height category, 12-inch jumps.

George decided to rest Scotch from a rigorous performance schedule during the qualifying period for this year's nationals. Golden Retrievers are the #1 obedience breed, and competition among them is intense. To be invited to the nationals, each Golden must achieve hundreds of OTCH points within the qualifying year. George and Scotch are well on their way to earning those points for the next National Obedience Invitational, set for January, 2006.

Nearby events

ACET will host various events in 2005, featuring agility, obedience, rally, tracking, herding, flyball and Frisbee. Some of these sports were introduced to East TN at our Concert for the Animals 2004, co-sponsored by Peaceful Kingdom.

Spectators are always welcome at ACET matches and AKC trials.

Upcoming AKC trials

January 1-2	Harriman, TN	A
January 27-30	Nashville, TN	AOR
January, 28-30	Asheville, NC	A
February 4-6	Atlanta, GA	BOR
February 18-20	Greenville, SC	BOR
February 20	Lexington, KY	T
February 25-27	Huntsville, AL	A

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

Visit www.mbkennel.com for event info.

Resources

Obedience

Monday classes starting January 3

Tuesday classes starting February 1

Private lessons

Boarding School

Agility

Wednesday classes starting January 5

Private lessons

Boarding

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

More Info

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