

Tennessee Australian Shepherd Club (TnASC)

Knoxville, TN Chapter

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Happy 2019 from the members of TnASC! Our core group of members, especially Pat Doan, Karen Service, Carol Jeffery, Phylis Grubb, Mary Evars-Goan, Pam Miller, Jayme Hicks, Susan Little, Julie Haase, Wendy Eldredge, Nan Payne, and Kim Leach, along with various other volunteers, have pulled off another great slate of events for dog lovers, providing opportunities for people to come from near and far to have fun with their best friends in gorgeous East Tennessee.

Our conformation event at the Appalachian Fairgrounds in Gray, TN, in early November was a big success. We had 5 conformation shows over a 2-day weekend and it was well-attended and enjoyed by all. That event was followed shortly by an event with 2 agility trials that was held in Chattanooga, TN. TnASC also put on our annual spring agility event with 2 trials in Chattanooga in March 2019—so many dogs and people working and playing together, and so many great judges.

Our May 2019 Spring Into Summer shows were again held at the East Tennessee Agricultural Exposition Center at Roane State Community College and included conformation (5 shows) as well as agility (3 trials), and rally (2 trials). We had a great rally seminar put on by Kathi Meyer that was really informative and helpful. We even provided lunch for all rally seminar participants. Also, several club members donated some really cool items for a silent auction, including a lamp made of horse shoes (from Pam Miller) and a show lead (from Wendy Eldredge).

We are, of course, already planning our fall conformation shows in Gray, TN, and agility trials in Chattanooga, TN, in November, and our spring agility, conformation, rally, and obedience shows for the coming year. We are super happy to announce that the conformation shows in Gray have been moved inside this year for everyone's comfort and pleasure. Also, we are hoping to include an Elite only agility event on Friday evening at the Chattanooga trial. Watch for details for all of these events so you can plan your fun Aussie getaways to East Tennessee!

As usual, TnASC also contributed to the future health of our wonderful Aussie breed by making several sizeable donations to facilities involved in research of canine diseases, including the University of Tennessee Knoxville College of Veterinary Medicine for orthopedic research, the University of North Carolina College of Veterinary Medicine for cancer research, and ASHGI (Australian Shepherd Health & Genetics Institute). In addition to supporting research benefitting our Aussies, we supported multiple classes at the 2018 ASCA Nationals. We also assisted a local shelter in finding a home for a deserving Aussie.

Last July our club had a wonderful potluck outing at the beautiful home of one of our members, Phylis Grubb. Great food, fellowship, conversation, spectacular views, and just fun. Dog people are fun people.

In December, Barbara Haning again opened her beautiful home to our members for a wonderful holiday celebration. We all ate too much, of course, and had a great time just fellowshiping as well as playing gift exchange games. Everyone went home richer in spirit than when they came.

Have a fantastic rest of 2019 and we hope to see you in the East Tennessee area soon!

For more information about our upcoming events, please visit our website (www.tennesseeaustralianshepherdclub.org).

To “Like” us and follow our activities and events, go to our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/tnasc. We look forward to seeing many of you at our events in the coming year.