

Tennessee Australian Shepherd Club (TnASC)

Knoxville, TN Chapter

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Welcome to 2018 from the members of TnASC. We have been busy as always hosting events to promote and enjoy our wonderful breed. 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, Nan Payne, and Kim Leach, along with various other volunteers, have again been working long and hard to provide plenty of opportunities for dog lovers to come to the beautiful Knoxville area and have fun with their best friends.

Last year we added a conformation event at the Appalachian Fairgrounds in Gray, TN, and it was a big success. We had 5 conformation shows over a 2-day weekend and it was well-attended and enjoyed by all. We planned an agility trial in November of 2017 that was to be held in Chattanooga, TN, but an outbreak of parvo at ASCA Nationals resulted in the cancellation of that trial. We will not let that deter us from planning another agility trial this fall. TnASC did put on our annual spring agility trials in Chattanooga in March 2018—so much fun.

Our May 2018 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), rally (4 trials), and obedience (3 trials). We had a great agility workshop with a lot of member participation helping new competitors and each other improve their agility knowledge and skill.

We are, of course, already planning our fall agility, fall conformation, and spring agility, conformation, rally, and obedience shows for the coming year. Watch for details 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 benefiting our Aussies, we supported multiple classes at the 2017 ASCA Nationals and made a large donation to ARPH.

Sadly, we had to say goodbye to one of our precious members, Kirk Haning, last summer. Kirk and Barbara fostered a number of our rescue Aussies over the years in addition to providing a loving home to their own Aussies. Kirk was a wonderful person and a treasured member of our club. He is missed by all who knew him.

In December, Barbara Haning again opened her beautiful home to our members for a wonderful holiday celebration. We all ate too much and had a great time just fellow shipping as well as playing gift exchange games and having a drawing for 30 door prizes (graciously provided by Mary and John Goan). Everyone went home richer in spirit than when they came.

Have a fantastic rest of 2018 and we hope to see you in the Knoxville 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.