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Bunches of Brags...

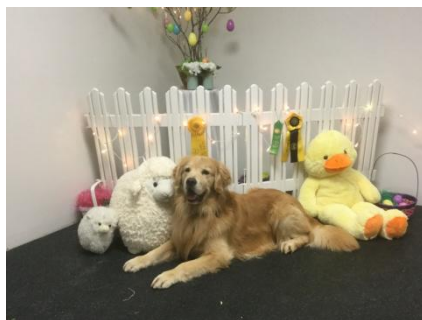
From Tyne Horvath



HONEY WEIMARANERS: "HONEY VALKYRIE CRYSTAL SANDS,NA,NAJ" Major Win at Medina KC Dog Show 3-5-17. Your Puppies are so PROUD of their Mommy! Thank you, Debbie Scardina, for your Excellent Handling!!!

From Bob Samios

New Title!



From Laura Bell



oh yeah!

I'm sending in a two photos for the YABTC Newsletter of the graduating class of Agility Beginner dogs. Gotta brag on them because they are such good students! They are an awesome class of dogs that pick everything up quite quickly and their owners/handlers are equally awesome.



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Results from the March YABTC Puppy Match

Report by: Shelley Kacenski

On Sunday March 19th, Youngstown All Breed hosted their 13th Annual Fun Match. This is a conformation match for young dogs divided by the age of the dogs.

There were 4 Best in Match Winners. We also held a special "Handling" competition where the handler is judged on their handling skills. There was a Best Junior Handler and a Best Adult Handler.

There were approximately 55 dogs entered, some came as far as 3 hours away from New York State. We had some vendors like Purina and Doggie Delicious that joined us. There was a nice Raffle table set up of goodies too. A big "Shout out" and "Thank You" to the Mahoning County Capriculturists Goat Club for providing a very nice variety of food at our match.

Special thanks to Perri Graf and her crew for setting up the club on Saturday for us. It looked Amazing! Thank you to our judges, Diana James, Mary Mignogna and Georgianne Balcas Doyle for judging at our match and doing a fantastic job; our Ring Stewards were myself, Lisa Sangregario and Lori Wilkoff keeping things moving along and helping our judges rings run efficiently. A big thanks to Lisa Sangregario and Elizabeth Woolford for running the Registration table again this year and doing a fabulous job at it!

Special thank you to Diana James son and fiancé for manning the Raffle table and selling raffle tickets, they said they had a great time. I hope I didn't forget anyone, all the help was very much appreciated.

This year we had a visit from WFMJ Weekend Today, Channel 21. They did two live remotes in the morning. Perri and I spoke about the Fun Match and the competition and some of the other things our club offers. They took lots of video of the dogs and handlers in the ring and being groomed. We had good feedback from this and it was great PR for the club!

Clean up seemed to go smoothly and we were out of the building by 1:15 pm. Thank you Youngstown All Breed for allowing me to head up the Fun Match, once again, and for another successful year!

My sincere gratitude to Diana James for co-chairing this event with me every year and being a wonderful mentor and good friend!

Best In Match 3-6 months

Akemi Hoffman and Joe the Labrador Retriever
Judge Diana James



Best In Match 6-9 months

Lindsey Nicholas and Trudy the German Shorthaired Pointer
Judge Mary Mignogna



**Results from the March YABTC Puppy Match
– continued....**

Best In Match 9-12 mo Sr Puppy
Joann Sesser and Charlie the Australian Cattle Dog
Judge Georgianne Balcas Doyle



Best In Match 12 mo and older
Bette Evans and Xander the Australian Shepherd
Judge Diana James



Best Junior Handler
Tyler Nidy and his Black and Tan Coonhound
Judge Diana James

AWESOME



Best Adult Handler
Jackie Short-Nguyen and Soul Eater the German Shepherd
Dog
Judge Diana James



Welfare



On 3-18-17, Barb Wilson lost her Australian Shepherd, Missy, then on 3-22-17, Barb Wilson lost her Australian Shepherd, Dancer (4 days after losing Missy).

Sincere condolences for such losses so close together.

On 3-28-17, Sandy Irish lost her Sheltie, Macy, Hillcrest Just My Style, NAP, NJP

Macy undoubtedly knew she was loved and cherished.

Club News



Just a little club news, but we have had a change in our Training Director Staff. Dale Burrier has decided to take a well deserved retirement from the position.

The club wants to sincerely thank Dale for his many hours committed to working with our trainers, officers, members, and the public to keep our classes safe and both human and pet friendly for all our participants.

Taking over the baton from Dale will be Sharon Phillips and Tracey Steele. The two of them posted a great introduction on the club's Facebook page, but as not everyone is on Facebook, here's the introductions again:

"Tracey Steele and I are your new Training Directors. It will take us a while to learn the ins and outs of this position, something that came so natural to Dale Burrier, so please bear with us during this transition.

As an introduction I am Sharon (Phillips). I think most of you know me, but for those that do not I have been a board member for a number of years. I joined the club when I moved to the area over 15 years ago. I have been training dogs since I was 10 when I received a very mean little poodle for my birthday.

First came the dog, then the training book then the clippers. LOL. I have been instructing since I joined thanks to Bill Allen suggesting I teach the utility class.

I have taught almost every class since then except Rally.

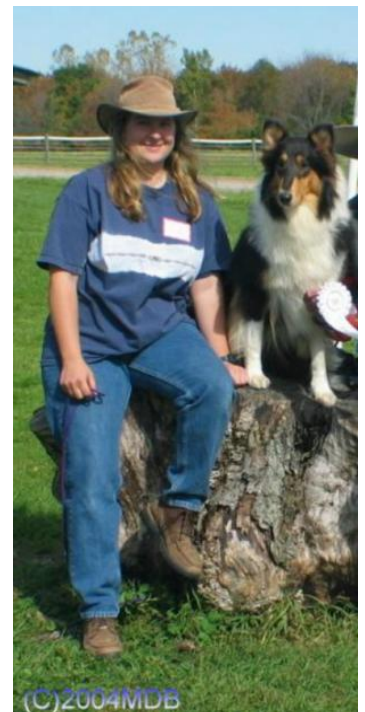
I have participated in obedience, Conformation, lure coursing, rally, agility, flyball, herding, and I am trying my hand at tracking now with the infamous Rugby. My current dogs are Suga (16 year old Belgian Sheepdog that I bred) Triscuit (16 year old Parson Russell Rescue), Rugby (8 year old Border Collie), Shilah (7 year old aussie the dog I am currently showing) and Charm, (two year old aussie, yet to be shown, Shilah's baby).

Hi, I'm Tracey (Steele) I first joined the club in 1986. I am currently the open instructor. I have taught various other classes over the years. Like Sharon I also started training dogs as a kid. My first dog was a Weimaraner that I took to classes and showed when I was 10 years old. Since then I have trained and shown various breeds in conformation and obedience and also dabbled in agility and herding. I have been a dog groomer for 30 years. My current dogs are Haley (12 year old long haired miniature dachshund), Seri (7 years old sheltie) and Hayden (2 year old Australian Cattle Dog the dog I am currently showing)".

Lee Jackson Award Recipient - 2017

Tribute to Lee Jackson
Lee Jackson was one of the founding members of Youngstown All Breed Training Club. Before the club was established, several people met and trained their dogs at Pioneer Pavilion in Mill Creek Park. They later moved to GF Hall on Logan Avenue in Youngstown to train. Lee spent many hours and much of his own money to keep this club active. He was known as "Mr. Youngstown All Breed" and served as president of YABTC for 18 years. Lee was also president of Mahoning Shenago Kennel Club.

Lee was an AKC judge and



one of 3 people in the nation to receive the distinguished 1977 Midwest D'Ambris award. Unfortunately Lee passed away before he could receive the award.

Both Lee and his wife Kay competed in obedience with Dachshunds and Belgian Sheepdogs. Kay also was Trial Secretary for many years. They had three dogs titled as Companion dogs. Lee had a good sense of humor and had one of his wire haired Dachshunds registered with the name of "DAMMIT"

March of 1978, in honor of Lee Jackson the first Lee Jackson award was given in tribute of him and has become a yearly tradition of YABTC. This award is given to an outstanding and dedicated person who has served our club in honor of Lee Jackson.

This year's recipient of the Lee Jackson Award is being awarded to Marla Belzowski.

2017 Lee Jackson recipient has been a member since 2001. She has participated in many aspects of the world of dogs from Obedience and Conformation to Herding, Rally and Agility with her Rough and Smooth collies, German Shepherd and Borzoi. Marla continues to give back to the sport.

She came to YABTC willing to instruct from Puppy level thru Utility and all levels of obedience in-between. She helps steward at our trials, helps clean the building, builds equipment when needed and is willing to take on cooking duties whenever there is a need. She is at ring side to cheer you on and helps people problem solve to find solutions when they have training issues. We would not have the kitchen that we have now without the countless hours and money she put into getting the fixtures cleaned up and ready for our opening and finding a super freezer at a great price for the club, then driving to Toledo to pick it up with the help of Rick Hopkin's.

She spent a lot of her own time organizing, planning and pulling of a great open house for our new facility. She currently is our newsletter editor and in the past had chaired our awards and photo wall.

We appreciate the work that she puts into getting the newsletter out to our members. She is always willing to step up to help anyone out. Thank you Marla and congratulations on this year's Lee Jackson award!



Congratulations to Marla Belzowski for this great honor!

Getting Over Rover: Why Our Grief Over a Dog Is So Intense

Written by : Frank T. McAndrew Ph.D.

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What is it about dogs, exactly, that make them so precious to us?

My wife and I recently went through one of the more excruciatingly

sorrowful

experiences of

our long married life—the euthanasia of our beloved dog, Murphy. Losing a dog is hard enough; setting the time and date in advance and then counting down the hours that we had left with her was almost more than we could bear. I still get choked up when I remember making eye contact with Murphy moments before she took her last breath: She flashed me a look that was an endearing blend of confusion mixed with the reassurance that all was well because we were both by her side.

When people who have never had a dog see their dog-owning friends mourn the loss of a pet, they probably think it is a bit of an overreaction. After all, it is "just a dog." Fortunately, most are too polite to say this out loud. But those of us who have loved a dog know the truth: Your own pet is never "just a dog." Rudyard Kipling captured this sentiment in a stanza of his poem "The Power of the Dog":

When the fourteen years which Nature permits
Are closing in asthma, or tumour, or fits,
And the vet's unspoken prescription runs
To lethal chambers or loaded guns,
Then you will find – it's your own affair –
But ... you've given your heart to a dog to tear.



Source: Maryjo McAndrew/Used by permission

Many times friends have guiltily confided to me that they grieved more desperately over the loss of a dog than over the loss of friends or relatives. Research has confirmed that for most people, the loss of a dog is in almost every way comparable to the loss of a human loved one.

Unfortunately, we do not have the corresponding cultural grief rituals to help us get through the loss of a pet, which can make us feel more than a bit embarrassed to show too much public grief over our dead dogs.

Why Dogs Are Special

What is it about dogs, exactly, that make them so precious to us?

For starters, dogs have had to adapt to living with humans over the past 10,000 years, and they have done it very well—they are the only animal to have evolved specifically to be our companions and friends.

Anthropologist Brian Hare has developed the “Domestication Hypothesis” to explain how dogs morphed from their grey wolf ancestors into the socially-skilled animals with whom we now interact in very much the same way that we relate to other people.



Source: Maryjo McAndrew/Used by permission

In fact, our relationships with dogs can be even more satisfying than our human relationships, if for no other reason than dogs provide us with such unconditional, uncritical positive feedback.

As the old saying goes, "May I become the kind of person that my dog thinks I already am." Interacting with dogs makes us feel good, and just looking at them can make us smile. Dog owners score higher on measures of well-being and, on average, they are happier than people who own cats and those who own no pets at all.

And dogs seem to feel the same way about us. They have been selectively bred through generations to pay attention to us, and MRI scans show that dog brains respond to praise from their owners just as strongly as they do to food—for some dogs, praise is an even more effective incentive than food. Dogs recognize people from their faces and can learn to infer human emotional states from facial expression alone. Studies also indicate that dogs can understand human intentions, that they try to be helpful to us, and that they will even avoid people who do not cooperate with us or treat us well. Dogs communicate with us as no other animal does. They are skilled at comprehending spoken words and using their own vocalizations to communicate with us in return.

Our strong attachment to dogs was subtly revealed in a recent study of “misnaming.” This is what happens when you call someone by the wrong name, such as when parents mistakenly call one of their kids by a sibling’s name. It turns out that the name of the family dog frequently gets confused in the same mix as other human family members, indicating that the dog’s name is being pulled out of the same cognitive pool in which the names of other family members are swimming around. Curiously, this rarely happens with cats. It is no wonder that we miss our dogs so much when they are gone.

Why Grief Over the Death of a Dog Is So Intense

Psychologist Julie Axelrod pointed out that the loss of a dog is so painful because we are not losing just one thing; we experience multiple losses at the same time. We may be losing our primary companion, a source of unconditional love, a “life witness” who provides security and comfort to us, and maybe even a protégé whom we mentor like a child. The loss of a dog seriously disrupts your daily routine, even more profoundly than the loss of most friends and relatives, and changes in lifestyle and routine are one of the primary building blocks of stress.

A recent survey of bereaved pet owners documented the common experience of misperceiving ambiguous sights and sounds as the deceased pet. This occurs most frequently shortly after the death of the pet, especially among individuals who had very high levels of attachment to their pets.

I miss my dog more than I can say, and yet, I am sure that I will put myself through this ordeal again in the years to come. I'd like to finish this essay with another stanza from the Kipling poem:

When the body that lived at your single will,
With it's whimper of welcome, is stilled (how still!).
When the spirit that answered your every mood
Is gone—wherever it goes—for good,
You will discover how much you care,
And will give your heart to a dog to tear.



Up-Coming YABTC Events

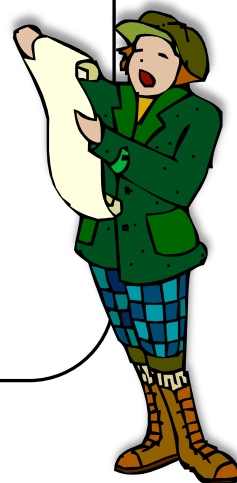
April

7-8-9 **YABTC Obedience & Rally Trial** **8 AM to 6 PM**
YABTC Building

May

1 **Board Meeting** **7:00 PM**
YABTC Building

15 **General Members Meeting** **7:00 PM**
YABTC Building



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LegendHold@johnstown.net

SPRING RALLY & OBEDIENCE TRIALS



It's that time again....
Rally Trial ~ April 7th and Obedience April 8th and 9th.

We need to organize and get ready to put on another great trial. We are in need of helpers for the following:

Thursday ~ April 6th ~~ cleaning of the club. Pizza and pop will be provided to those who help. You will also be able to set up your crate after the building is clean. Please email Mary (MiMarAkitas@gmail.com) to let her know you will be coming so that we have plenty of pizza for everyone.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday ~~ we need helpers with the following

Clean-up ~ garbage, bathrooms, and general cleaning each day after the trial; main clean-up Sunday after the trial.

Kitchen ~ donating money, water, food, and/or dessert and helping to work the kitchen any (or all) of the days (even a few hours is a huge help!!). Please contact Perri (perri@embarqmail.com) to let her know what you will be donating and if you are able to work the kitchen.

Parking ~ volunteers needed. Please contact Donn (DBell1@neo.rr.com) if you are able to help with parking.

Raffle ~ donating, making, and helping Alice to work the table. If you have items please bring them and put them in the office with a note for either the Obedience, Rally or Agility Trial, which ever you are donating the item for. Please contact Alice (Alice.Coyne@att.net).

Stewarding ~We will need stewards for both rally trials on Friday, as well as stewards for both Obedience Trials on Saturday and Sunday. It is a great way to learn what obedience is all about. Please contact Caren Vicich to volunteer for ring stewarding for the Obedience/Rally shows. rotsrock.vicich@gmail.com or call (216) 402-1708.

Thank you in advance for your help. Mary, Lori, Caren, and Perri!





2017 YABTC – 1st half Obedience, Conformation and Rally Schedule



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2017 OBEDIENCE CLASS SCHEDULE

PRE-REGISTRATION, PRE-PAYMENT, AND COPIES OF PROOF OF VACCINATIONS ARE REQUIRED PRIOR TO THE START OF CLASS TO HOLD YOUR SPOT. A Bordetella Vaccine is highly recommended. MASTER CARD, VISA & DISCOVER CARD ARE ACCEPTED. ALL PHONES HAVE ANSWERING MACHINE FOR MESSAGES

PUPPY KINDERGARTEN CLASS (FOR PUPPIES 10 – 24 WEEKS OLD) **Puppies must have the first two shot series by the second class.** A Bordetella Vaccine is highly recommended Puppy Class is \$80.00 for 6 Weeks

Jan 18	Wed	7:05 PM	March 21	Tues	6:00 PM	May 10	Wed	6:00 PM
Feb 28	Tues	8:10 PM	April 26	Wed	7:05 PM	June 5	Mon	7:00 PM

BEGINNERS I OBEDIENCE CLASS The 8-week course will consist of 1-hour sessions each week during which time the handler and dog will be taught basic obedience commands. Vaccinations must be current and must be presented by the first class. A Bordetella Vaccine is highly recommended. Training collars are included in class fee for non-members and are available to members for a nominal fee. Cost of class is \$100.00 for 8 weeks.

Jan 4	Wed	6:00 PM	Feb 21	Tues	8:10 PM	May 9	Tues	6:00 PM	June 21	Wed	6:00 PM
Jan 10	Tues	6:00 PM	March 15	Wed	7:05 PM	May 17	Wed	7:05 PM			
Feb 8	Wed	8:10 PM	April 18	Tues	8:10 PM	June 7	Wed	7:05 PM			

BEGINNERS II OBEDIENCE CLASS Prerequisite: Beg. I class or equivalent. Pre- Registration is required. The Canine Good Citizen (CGC) test is given the last week. Vaccinations must be current and must be presented by the first class. A Bordetella Vaccine is highly recommended. Cost of class is \$100.00 for 8 weeks.

Jan 10	Tues	7:05 PM	Feb 28	Tues	8:10 PM	April 19	Wed	8:10 PM	May 16	Tues	7:05 PM
Jan 23	Mon	7:00 PM	March 15	Wed	7:05 PM	May 9	Tues	7:05 PM	June 13	Tues	8:10 PM

BEGINNERS RALLY CLASS Prerequisite: Beg. II class or permission of instructor. Pre- Registration is required. An introduction to the sport of Rally Obedience. Signs used in AKC Novice are covered. Vaccinations must be current and must be presented by the first class. A Bordetella Vaccine is highly recommended. Cost of class is \$80.00 for 6 weeks.

Jan 10	Tues	8:10 PM	April 3	Mon	7:00 PM
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RALLY ADVANCE CLASS Rally Advance Class is for handlers and dogs that have learned the basic Rally signs and want more advanced course work. Advance Rally is for dogs and handlers that have completed Beg. 1 and Beg. 2, who would like to continue on from Rally Novice Work and prepare for the higher level rally and obedience work. The cost of the class is \$80.00 for 6 weeks.

Feb 15	Wed	8:10 PM	April 18	Tues	8:10 PM
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AGILITY INFORMATION

Contact: agilityclass@yabtc.com/ 330-847-8508

VISIT US AT WWW.YABTC.COM

OBEDIENCE & RALLY INFORMATION

(330) 398 – 9270/ Registrar@YABTC.com

Utility Fundamentals Class – Wednesday Night 8:10 PM – Instructor Marla Belzowski
Members - If you are new to Utility or need a way to help proof your dog, please feel free to join in the class. If you are showing in Open and think you would like to go on to Utility, please contact me or come join the class.
Email: Legendhold@johnstown.net

Agility Classes -- 2017

Third Session – Subject to Change

Classes	Day	Time	Start	End	Instructors/Assistants
JWW Advanced	Thursday	11:00 PM	May 11	July 6	Liz Wise
JWW	Thursday	12 Noon	May 11	July 6	Pam Benus
Agility 3/Adv	Thursday	6:30 PM	May 11	July 6	Cheryl Alden/Ieuan Lewis
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Agility 1/2	Friday	5:15 PM	May 12	July 7	Cindy Steeves
Agility 1/2	Friday	6:30 PM	May 12	July 7	Rhonda Jones
Agility 2	Saturday	9:00 AM	May 13	July 8	JoAnn Fedyski
Agility 2	Saturday	11:00 AM	May 13	July 8	Jay Wootten
Agility 1	Saturday	12 Noon	May 13	July 8	Marcy Marley/Jay Wootten/Laura Bell
Agility	Monday	9:00 AM	May 15	July 10	Lotta Shafer/Laura Bell
Agility	Monday	10:00 AM	May 15	July 10	Lotta Shafer
Agility	Monday	11:00 AM	May 15	July 10	Lotta Shafer
Agility 1/2	Monday	5:30 PM	May 15	July 10	Rae Reinhart/Bill Reinhart
Agility 1/2	Monday	5:30 PM	May 15	July 10	Rae Reinhart/Bill Reinhart

Please Note: This is a tentative schedule for your information. An extra week has become available in April due to cancellation of the obedience schedule. Therefore, the start up dates for the third session are one week earlier than previously scheduled. The able schedule reflects that change. Other changes may be necessary based on instructor availability and student need.

Agility Classes for the Third Session of 2017

For club members, most agility classes are \$24 for an 8-week class.
Intro and Beginners classes are \$50 for members.

****Payment must be received by the registrar (JoAnn Fedyski) at least two weeks in advance to reserve a spot in a class.****

For registration questions, please contact JoAnn Fedyski at dodgem2@neo.rr.com

Sunday Agility Practice

Pat Goodwin, Instructor

If you are a club member and have been cleared (tested or have taken Agility 1) for safety on all the equipment, and your dog has been temperament tested by one of the Training Directors, you are welcomed to practice agility from
10:00 AM until noon on Sundays.

Please plan on arriving no later than 11:30 AM as Agility Practice ends at Noon.

If Sunday Agility Practice (Fun Runs) has to be cancelled, the cancellation will be posted on the YABTC Facebook page as soon as possible. All Sunday Agility Practice participants should go to the YABTC Facebook page and press "like".

NOTE: Agility Practice is cancelled for the following Sundays, April 9th and April 30th.





Mark Your Calendars!!!



Maria Duthie, Animal Massage Seminar

The Agility Seminar Committee has organized a seminar to be presented by Maria Duthie who is an Animal Massage Practitioner. Maria completed her massage training through the Optissage Program in Circleville, Ohio. She has also studied animal behavior, was a zookeeper, and has owned and worked with horses in many capacities for over 20 years. Maria can be seen at many of our local agility trials running her own dogs and providing canine massage to other teams. She has travelled with the US team as a canine massage practitioner to the World Agility Championships. Several years ago she came to YABTC to teach canine massage in a one day seminar and was well-received.

Now, you will be able to learn how to properly massage your own dogs. The benefits of canine massage are many but generally help to prevent injuries, reduce pain and promote relaxation, and increase your bond with your dog.

The seminar is scheduled for April 30, 2017. Registration Forms are on the desk in the training hall and on the table in the entrance hall. Participation is limited. Working and auditing spots are available.

You can learn more about Maria and Canine Massage at Maria's website.
Annisage.com

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