



# WAG-N-TALES

The Newsletter of Youngstown All Breed Training Club  
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## My Master Left ME TO Clean

It happened on an unusual Thursday afternoon. It was unusual because my most adorable master usually leaves for work about noon and doesn't come back until almost my bedtime. But that Thursday, 28 October 2010 as I recall, he went to work at 7 AM and interrupted my regular workday routine when about 1 PM he came through the door.

In he came. I gave him the quick how are you doing lick and bounded off to my master's home job. A few seconds later I was back sitting at his feet and presenting him his right slipper. I sat there patiently, well as patient as a Weimaraner can be, for him to take the slipper. Finally with one quick "out" and I released the slipper into the hands that feed me, bathe me, walk me and Give me treats. No treat yet. No, he's very insistent. He always wants both slippers before I get my pay off. Okay, away I bounded and in ½ as many seconds I was back sitting at his feet and presenting him the one slipper that was between my treat and me. Sometimes all I get is a Good Boy and a pat on the

shoulder. But today, Whoof, I got the whole thing, Good Boy, pat on the shoulder and lots of loving up, petting and a treat. Wow, Whoof, Whoof.



Interestingly, he stayed around until about 4 PM. Then it happened. I saw the signs. He was leaving me. But for where? What would be so important that he would change his work schedule, spend the afternoon with me and then leave? So, I just asked him.

Imagine my surprise when he said he was going to Youngstown. He often tells me that WE are going to Youngstown but when we arrive it's really YABTC!!! Okay, I'm ready, let's go. I gave him all the signs that I was ready to go too. "Not today Big Boy, I'm going to help clean the building for the October Trials," was all I heard. Unbelievable I thought. Who's going to help you I asked? He didn't know but he assured me that he'd give me a full report when he got back.

It was almost Friday when he finally returned. I had to get out of bed to hear his report. This is what he told me. I wondered why he was so late. He reminded me that it was a big building. I reminded him of how many humans always seemed to be there with their dogs every time we went over there. He told me that it wasn't the same on cleaning night and there was so much to do.



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when he told me the cord handler lady was a great help as she handled the cord so it stayed out of the way.

In sequence, I asked what happened next. Floor scrubbing was the response. He said this was like sweeping with only one floor scrubber guy who, like the sweeper guy did the entire building by himself. It was evident from his comment that an additional scrubber relief guy would have been appreciated.

In the conference room while all this was going on the raffle lady was busy with her small crew. They were in there stuffing and wrapping the raffle baskets. The place was a mess. Stuff everywhere. No pictures were allowed.

Initially all the really fun, agility stuff had to be lugged out of the building. He said that the folks that were there were glad to see that except for the big wheeled boxes the fun, agility stuff already been gathered and hidden away. He said the dusting lady was dusting off the walls, all by herself. No way! I thought I heard him wrong. I asked how could one person dust those big walls. He said something about there being only one dusting lady. Well, it seemed to me that the dusting lady would have welcomed some help.

Instantly, with the walls and floors done in fine detail, tables were placed in the raffle and trophy corner and the small crew turned their attention to placing the gates and steward's tables. The folks were obviously tired by this time when all of a sudden joyful sounds emitted from the kitchen lady. She had just arrived to prepare the kitchen and was overcome with joy that part of the small crew had scrubbed the kitchen floor. My master told me it was now getting quite late and everyone seemed tired but one more crew had work to do. Yes, this crew may look familiar. It is. The dusting crew, the sweeper guy, table set up crew, the gate set up crew all suddenly became the taping crew. As you can see, they worked closely to insure the demarcation tape was placed exactly in the right place.

What about all the dog hair on the floor I asked. Last time I was there it was three layers thick along the walls. He explained gathering up the dog hair and all the other dirt was the job of sweeper man. That poor guy just gets to walk back and forth, again, and again and again countless times, side to side over the entire floor. Does anyone really know how far a person has to walk to sweep that place? It's a long walk. So, I asked how many sweeper men were there. I expected at least two, maybe even three. Sadly, he looked at me and said just one guy did the whole building. There was no one else to do the sweeping. His eyes brightened; however,

In conclusion, why am I writing this story? Well, when my master finally arrived home, well past my bedtime, he sure looked like he had worked hard as a member of a too small to clean the big building crew. It sure seems to me that if more humans had been at YABTC that evening, my master would have gotten back to me a lot sooner and I would not have had to wake up and get out of my bed to deliver slippers to my most adorable master.



~ JAEGER Simmons  
(with a little help from Randy and Susan)



## Brags



Gus and I took a chance and entered the Crown Classic, Rally Novice A, in Cleveland. What a wonderful time we had! Gus was a perfect gentleman, behaving all three days we were there! He was invited to participate in "meet the breeds" on Sunday and was greeted by many; Adults and children alike! Again, he was a perfect gentleman. I was so proud of him. Gus and I left Cleveland with two qualifying scores, one being a 90, earning him fourth place on Sunday! Thank you to everyone who has helped us at YABTC!

~ Joann Sesser & Gus

## Welfare

If you have any welfare information to report, please contact Kathy Taleos at [LabLady1020@aol.com](mailto:LabLady1020@aol.com).

Our thoughts are with:

- Linda Randall, as she has continues her fight against cancer
- Lori Wilkoff as she recovers from hip replacement surgery

Our condolences to:

- Teddie Joeright, who lost her husband John, in December, just prior to Christmas

## FYI

### Agility Instructors Needed for March

Please contact Lynda Tushar if you are available to instruct or assist in March. We need you.

### Seminars

YABTC members only owe ½ of the published rate to audit any seminar. Instructors can petition the Board to get reimbursed for a seminar that they attend at another venue.

### Building Closure

If the building is closed due to inclement weather, we will post it on our Web site ([yabtc.com](http://yabtc.com)) and on Facebook.

### Newsletter

Please send your brags and stories to [Newsletter@yabtc.com](mailto:Newsletter@yabtc.com). This is your newsletter and we want to hear from you.

### March Agility Raffle

Please contribute items or premade baskets for our March agility raffle. Lynda Tushar will pick up everything on March 07.

## YABTC Presents

### Agility Run Thrus

**Saturday, February 12**

Registration: 1:30 to 3:00

Order: Tall to Small

Runs Start: 2:00

Cost: \$5 first run, \$3 subsequent runs, same dog.

### Connie Cleveland

**Dogs are Problem Solvers**

March 5 & 6 2011

Limit of 24 working spots

Entry flyers available online and in the training building

### Jane Killion

**When Pigs Fly**

April 16 & 17, 2011

Early Bird specials expire January 31

Check online and in the building for flyers

*Save the date*

### Catherine Zinsky

**November 19 & 20**

More info to follow as it becomes available

# In the Vicinity

## Four Seasons K9 Athlete Center

February 5-6, 2011	ASCA Agility Trial
February 12-13, 2011	USDAA Agility Trial
February 26-27, 2011	TDAA Agility
March 5-6, 2011	ASCA Agility Trial
March 11-13, 2011	CPE Agility Trial
March 19-20, 2011	AKC Agility Trial

## Northeast Ohio Dog Club

### Run Thrus

Cleveland All Breed Training Club Training Center  
210 Hayes Road  
Brooklyn Hts., OH 44131

### Obedience:

Registration 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
Judging begins at 9:30 a.m. with Open & Utility (2 rings)  
Pre-Novice and Novice will follow as rings become available

### Rally Obedience

Registration 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m..  
Judging will begin in the first available ring, no earlier than  
12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5 per run  
Must be present to register

NEO run thru proceeds are donated to Canine Charities

2 run limit  
Every attempt will be made to schedule 2nd runs after all  
participants  
Have completed their 1st runs

For information or weather cancellation call: 440-272-5457

## Miami Valley Gordon Setter Club of America

### February 19 & 20

Conformation Handling Seminar with  
Timothy & Gretchen Condrat  
Limited to 30 Working spots @ \$175  
Unlimited Auditing spots @ \$75

Agility Angels Building  
5201 Monroe Street  
Toledo, OH

This seminar will cover the handling of the dog, as well as  
other aspects of presentation, including your wardrobe and  
advertising. You will need to bring a chair, crate, show photo,  
and show clothes for Sunday. You may work a second dog of  
the same breed.

Hours: 9:00 – 4:00

For more information, contact Sarah Armstrong , 419-450-  
7776, [gilnockiegordons@yahoo.com](mailto:gilnockiegordons@yahoo.com)

Registration Deadline is February 11

Make check out to MVGSCA  
Send to: Sarah Armstrong, 1412 Darrel Road, Toledo, OH  
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## All Breed Training Club of Akron 2011 Run-thru Schedule January—July

### Rally 6:30pm

\$5 per dog/unlimited runs  
3rd Monday every month  
Except 7/18/11

### Obedience 6:00pm

\$5 initial run/\$3 subsequent per dog  
2nd, 4th and 5th Monday  
Except

1/10/11 5/30/11 7/25/11

### Agility 6:00pm—7:30pm

\$10 per dog/unlimited runs  
Every Tuesday  
Except 7/19/11 and 7/26/11

### Conformation 7:30pm

\$5 per handler Every Wednesday Except 7/20/11 and 7/27/11

Run-thru begins at time given and ends when all dogs have  
completed their runs (unless otherwise indicated).

Questions?

Call 330-630-0418 or E-mail [info@abtca.org](mailto:info@abtca.org) www.abtca.org

ABTCA's building is located on the Summit County  
Fairgrounds property, in Tallmadge, Ohio, on E. Howe Road.  
We are three miles east of State Route 8, and about ½ mile  
east of State Route 91.

## A Variable Surface Tracking Seminar

By Steve Ripley

### “Making Scents of the Urban Jungle”

Plan now to attend and enjoy a comprehensive 2-day learning  
adventure on May 21-22, 2011 in Rock Springs, Pennsylvania.  
Steve Ripley, author of the book “Making Scents of the Urban  
Jungle” will present an in-depth look at scent in the urban  
environment with discussions and demos to show the stages of  
progress in urban training. Steve has judged VST since 1995  
and has trained his 2 Golden Retrievers’ to a CT title. “Zoe”  
earned her CT on her first try (the youngest dog at that time –  
2- 1/2 – to earn a VST) and “Archie” earned his title on his  
second try (completing his track in 14 minutes).

If you are interested in taking part in this seminar, please  
email Kathleen Huey at  
[kxhuey@yahoo.com](mailto:kxhuey@yahoo.com) or call (814) 364-1296 for a registration  
form.

This seminar will be posted on our web site  
[www.mndtc.org](http://www.mndtc.org) click 'events'



# Legislation

From: Mary Shaver - January 4, 2011 at 9:51am

Subject: **MARK YOUR CALENDARS! 2011 Ohio Lobby Day for Companion Animals!**

Dear Companion Animal Lovers ~

Please join advocates from across the state for the Ohio Companion Animal Lobby Day in Columbus on Wednesday, April 6 from 10-2 PM!

We will be hitting the halls of the state capitol to advocate for bills and ballot initiatives to address issues impacting the welfare of companion animals that are occurring right here in Ohio. The day will be action packed – a briefing, lobbying, and a press conference, all of which will provide the perfect opportunity for us to urge state legislators to recognize animal cruelty, dog auctions, puppy mills and breed-specific legislation as serious issues, and take action to effectively address them in Ohio. And - you don't need to be an expert in lobbying to take part!

There are many new legislators in Ohio as well as incumbents, who do not yet know that Ohio is only one of four states which do not have a subsequent-offense or first offense felony animal cruelty law and has enacted statewide breed-specific legislation. And many may not be aware that Ohio has the only dog auction east of the Mississippi which attracts buyers and sellers from 15 states, many of whom have long standing, repeated violations of the Animal Welfare Act or have been convicted of animal cruelty.

## THE DETAILS AND WHAT YOU CAN DO!

Face to face meetings are one of the best ways to ensure that legislators hear your message and take action - and you don't need to be an expert or have any experience in lobbying to take part! We will provide you with everything you need! For just a few hours of your time, you can make a tremendous difference. So please grab a friend and join us! All Ohio residents are invited!

Here are the basic details of the day (more details to be mailed under separate cover)

9:15 A: Registration and receive information and lobbying packets

10:00 A: Presentation on Ohio's Companion Animal Legislation and a Lobby 101

10:30 A: Begin meetings with our state legislators

12:30 P: Reception in the lobby day room (Senator host to be announced under separate cover); will include presentation of awards to individuals/groups who made a significant contribution towards helping Ohio's companion animals in 2010

1:30 P: Press Conference on Companion Animal legislation in the Capitol Rotunda

**PREVIEW OF LEGISLATION THAT DID NOT PASS IN THE 128TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WHICH WILL BE INCLUDED ON OHIO COMPANION ANIMAL LOBBY DAY!**

1. HB 55 - To amend sections 955.11, 959.99, 2152.19, 2903.213, 2903.214, 2919.26, 3113.31, 4732.141, and 4757.33 and to enact section 4731.284 of the Revised Code to revise the penalties and sentencing provisions regarding violations of the cruelty to animals statutes, to include the protection of companion animals in temporary protection orders, domestic violence protection orders, anti-stalking protection orders, and related protection orders, and to remove pit bulls from the definition of "vicious dog" in state law
2. HB 70 - To amend sections 959.131 and 959.99 of the Revised Code to specifically prohibit an owner of a kennel of dogs from committing cruel treatment of a companion animal by the animal's custodian or caretaker and to give a prosecutor who prosecutes an owner of a kennel of dogs who commits cruel treatment of a companion animal discretion in prosecuting the owner for the offense.
3. HB 79 - To amend section 955.11 of the Revised Code to remove pit bulls from the definition of "vicious dog" in state law.
4. HB 175 - To amend sections 109.73, 317.08, 959.131, 1717.01, 1717.04, 1717.06, and 1717.09 of the Revised Code to require a person to file proof of successful completion of training with the county recorder prior to being appointed as a humane society agent and to require the revocation of an appointment under certain circumstances.
5. HB 570 - To amend sections 955.04, 955.21, and 955.99 and to enact sections 956.01 to 956.11 and 956.99 of the Revised Code to establish standards of care for commercial dog breeding kennels and to establish requirements governing the sale of dogs.

~ Sent in to YABTC by  
**Vilma O'Neil & Shari Yuhas**

# WCOTC/YABTC December Agility Trial

The December agility trial, which was held December 3-5 at Four Seasons K9 Athlete Center in Washingtonville, was a great success. YABTC worked with Westmoreland County Obedience Training Club on Friday. Two dog/handler teams were awarded MACH Titles. One of them was the Westmoreland Trial Chair, Kathi Scherf and her Border Collie Risk. The other one was Denise Letterman and her Sheltie Hector.

I would like to thank all of my committee members who very faithfully did their jobs as always and even handled some minor problems for me. I would also like to thank all workers—both YABTC and WCOTC members and nonmembers. Perri did a great job as usual of providing food for the workers and exhibitors. She tried several new dishes this time around. Stacy Judge did a fantastic job of being trial secretary including the painful process of conducting a random draw. I would also like to thank the worker herders--Sandy Irish, Jo Ann Fedyski and Elaine Shively, who did a great job of organizing the workers for the trial.

The raffle baskets were assembled by Lynda Tushar. Thanks to all who donated items for the baskets. Popular raffle items were certificates for 2 free runs each at a future YABTC trial, gas cards and a dog bed. Especially popular were hand painted specific breed ornaments painted by Sharon Phillips. We made a record \$600 on the raffle.

The judge's dinner was held at Mason's Steak House in Washingtonville on Saturday evening. There were representatives from both YABTC and Westmoreland clubs who attended. Our judge Debby Funk was a very fair judge and seemed to be well-liked by the exhibitors.

YABTC's next trial is Saturday and Sunday, March 19 and 20 at Four Seasons. Sandy Irish is the Trial Chair and Stacy Judge is the Trial Secretary. Please provide your support to this trial.

**Debbie Harper**  
**December Agility Trial Chair**

# AKC Welcomes Three New Breeds

The American Kennel Club is pleased to announce that three new breeds became eligible for AKC registration on January 1, 2011, bringing the total number of registered breeds to 170.



The Entlebucher Mountain Dog was bred to move cows from pasture to pasture in the Swiss Alps. Medium-sized and strongly muscled, the Entle is a hard worker and can excel at canine sports.



The Norwegian Lundehund is the only AKC-registered breed whose original purpose was puffin hunting. Today the breed makes a loyal and playful family companion.



One of the world's oldest and rarest breeds, the Xoloitzcuintli are still considered "healers" in remote Mexican and Central American villages today. The breed's name is pronounced show-low-etz-queent-lee.

The AKC also welcomes the following breeds into the Miscellaneous Class: Bergamasco, Boerboel, Dogo Argentino, Portuguese Podengo Pequeno, Peruvian Inca Orchid, Pumi, Sloughi and Wirehaired Vizsla.

~ Sent in to YABTC by Dale Burrier

# Debbie Sacerich Seminar



This exercise teaches the pup self control. A treat is placed on each knee. It is covered by your hand. When the pup eventually takes a step back, it is rewarded with the treat [Marianne Dove and Mary Zalac with Debbie]



This exercise was called butts to the middle. It teaches the puppy to ignore distractions and focus on the handler



This exercise used 2 broad jump boards laid out in a chute. It taught the pup the back command [Sandy Irish]



This exercise taught the pup to not jump on people. A treat was held out over and behind the head of the dog as it was on its back 2 legs and when the dog sat or did a down, he received the treat. [Linda Kurfis]

Thank you Lotta Shafer for chairing this seminar

All Photos Courtesy David Beach



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 At (330) 482-1661

## February Schedule

Enroll for Obedience & Rally Classes  
 Call or E-mail 330 398-9270  
 Registrar@yabtc.com

	Type	Class	Time	Begins	Ends	Instructors
<b>Mon</b>	A	AG1 & 2	9:00	Jan 10	Feb 28	Carol Kershner, David Beach
	A	AG3 & Advanced	10:30	Jan 10	Feb 28	Carol Kershner, Lotta Shafer
	R	Rally.	6:30	Jan 24	Feb 28	Mary Mignogna <b>Cancel</b>
	F	Flyball	7:30	Jan 24	Mar	Frenzied Flyers Team
<b>Tues</b>	R	Rally Run Thrus	6:00	Feb 01		Mary Mignogna
	O	Obed. Run-Thrus	6:00	Feb 08 & 22		Kim Burrier
	C	Conformation	6:00	Feb 01	Feb 22	Lisa Walters & various
	O	Puppy	6:00	Jan 18	Mar 08	Sharon Phillips
	O	Beg 01	7:05	Jan 04	Mar 01	Barb Wilson
	O	<b>Novice</b>	7:05	Feb 01	Feb 22	Tammy Hunt
	O	Beg 02	8:10	Jan 04	Mar 01	Nikki Puccini
	O	Puppy	8:10	Feb 08	Mar 15	
<b>Wed</b>	O	<b>Pre-Novice</b>	6:00	Feb 02	Feb 23	<u>Sharon Phillips</u> and the Cindy Rhine
	O	Beg. 01	6:00	Jan 19	Mar 09	Becky Onuska
	O	<b>Open</b>	7:05	Feb 02	Feb 23	Tracey Deems
	O	Beg 1	7:05	Jan 12	Mar 02	Rae Reinhart
	O	<b>Utility</b>	8:10	Feb 02	Feb 23	Jeff Showman
	O	Beg 01	8:10	Feb 09	Mar 30	
<b>Thurs</b>	A	AG1	6:30	Jan 06	Feb 24	Deb H., Janet R., JoAnn F.
	A	<del>AG2</del>	<del>7:45</del>	<del>Jan 06</del>	<del>Feb 24</del>	<i>Combined with AG1</i>
<b>Friday</b>	A	AG3	6:30	Jan 07	Feb 25	Marlana Tice & Lotta
	A	Adv	7:45	Jan 07	Feb 25	Marlana Tice & Lotta
<b>Saturday</b>	A	Beg. Agility	10:30	Jan 08	Feb 26	Beki Blackson
	A	AG2	11:45	Jan 08	Feb 26	Sharon Phillips
	4H	4H		Alt. weeks		John Monte, Shari Yuhas
For instructor or free ring info, contact <a href="mailto:TrainingDirector@yabtc.com">TrainingDirector@yabtc.com</a> or go to our Facebook page						