



Loose Leads

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The newsletter for
Cleveland All-Breed
Training Club



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CABTC Membership Meeting Thursday May 16, 2019, 6:30PM

It's a Cinco de Mayo celebration! The club will provide taco meat & tortillas. Please bring toppings, side dishes and desserts. Gathering begins at 6:30 and the general meeting to follow at 7:00. Please email Margie at mcwunderle@yahoo.com with what you can bring.



Mr. Steve Chasse will be our guest speaker for our meeting. He is a representative from UpDog Challenge, <https://updogchallenge.com/>. UpDog Challenge is the largest and fastest growing disc dog organization in the world. There are 10 games currently offered. UpDog has focused on creating games that allow all levels of people and dogs to play by incorporating short tosses, by allowing the use of soft discs, rollers [discs that are rolled on their sides on the ground rather than thrown in the air], and, in many games - multiple discs, making the game of disc more accessible than it has been in the past. Another fun twist to UpDog is their crossover games that mix agility and disc which people find to be great fun and training for them and their dogs. Lastly, UpDog has made the sport more dynamic by incorporating online achievements and UPs so accomplishments can be seen at a glance.



Bragging Rights

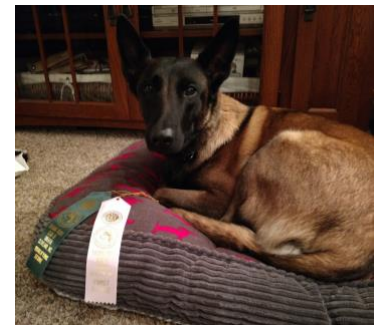
Congratulations to our members and their dogs on these recent accomplishments!



Deborah Foster-Koch writes:

My Sheltie "Tess" completed her Rally Master title on April 19th at the Siberian Husky Club of Greater Cleveland Trial. I could not be more proud of her!

Jagger (Malinois, owned by Kris Zielinski) got her second leg of Intermediate rally at the Siberian Husky trial held in April at CABTC. She won the class with a score of 99.



Presenting RACH Belmark Blue Knockout CDX PUTD RM3 RAE3 FDC SCN SIN CGC TKA

TEAM K.O. was on a roll and earned the preferred utility dog title (PUTD) on March 10 at CABTC and the rally champion title (RACH) on April 5 at Youngstown. The PUTD was a long time happening as many obedience competitors know. Out of the 20 triple Qs required for the rally champion title, K.O. earned 10 high combined awards, 11 high triple Q awards and numerous placements. Along the way he also earned his RM2 & RM3 and his RAE 2 & RAE3. The picture shows him with his rally ribbons and prize money envelopes on the day after he earned his title and competed "just because". Now onto preferred utility dog excellent.

Shelly Stein is thrilled to announce a new Championship title as well as a breed first for her Pomeranian, Jersey. He is the first of his breed to earn a Barn Hunt Championship title (RATCH), which he completed on March 31 at the Richland KC trial.





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Kathy Sutliff is proud to say that her Newfoundland, Cliquot, was once again recognized by their breed club as a Top 10 obedience team. They were presented with this beautiful rosette at the Newfie national specialty in Frankenmuth, Michigan last month.



Maureen Setter has new brags for her dogs. On April 7th Alley earned her NAFA 40K title (that's 40,000 points) at the Barkaholics flyball tournament in St Pete, FL. April 14th, Alley was ranked the 51st highest pointed flyball dog for the fiscal year (Oct thru Sept). She also earned her FAST Cat FCAT (1,000 points) on March 24 at the Suwannee Valley KC of Florida. Hard to believe but on May 8th she turned 7. The photo at right is of her Gif, a top-ranked dog in flyball and Fast CAT.



Linda MacDonald and SWITCH, AKC RACH – RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE! RACH Gaylan's Lights On At Hy-Bar, CDX RM2 RAE2 AXJ OA TKA CGCA CGCU CCA WC

Linda writes:

Switch had a fast journey in Rally, He earned his RN thru RE titles in February and started his quest for the championship in March and finished in May, in just 2 months. Switch is Mike's dog but Mike said I could have him for a couple months to play in Rally. He finished his RACH title on May 10, 2019 at the ABTC of Akron. He did it in style with 3 perfect scores of 100 and winning the HTQ (High Triple Q) & HC (High Combined) Awards. To date Switch, showing in 20 trials, has earned 12 HTQ Awards and 10 HC Awards. Showing in 60 classes, he earned First place in 33 classes and had 35 perfect scores of 100. Switch is always ready to play with enthusiasm in the Rally ring me. Hoping that Mike will share him again with me in the future.



What's Fun & Different about Obedience

I've been a member of CABTC for 25 years and taught obedience and agility classes for most of those years. I've competed in Obedience, Agility and Hunt Tests through the years and I'm always surprised to hear when people say obedience isn't fun or their dogs don't enjoy it.

I find this venue the best to create the ultimate bond with your canine partner. I can't find words to describe the feeling of your dog prancing next to your side, heads up, watching and imitating your every move. The special thing about this venue is that all breeds can be competitive at this sport, in 2018 the 1st runner up at the NOC (AKC National Obedience Championship) was a Pomeranian and 2nd runner up was a Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever.

Another nice thing about obedience is, you can train anywhere, anytime, without any fancy equipment. I train my dogs in my house, at school yards, churches and parks you don't need much space or time depending on what you want to work on.

People mention obedience isn't fun but I find it depends on the instructors and training methods you choose. If my dogs weren't happy and animated doing obedience I wouldn't be having fun either.

Obedience methods and training systems have changed and evolved over the years just like other venues. There are tons of games you can play with your dogs while teaching skills and build motivation and drive into the parts and pieces of an exercise so the dogs are having fun too.

CABTC was started as an obedience club and I would like to see our community grow. Please encourage new students even at lower levels to come and watch our run thus and trials so they can learn more about obedience. Consider signing up for a competitive obedience class yourself or reading a new obedience book.

At least when I attend an obedience trial I don't have to be on the grounds at 7:00 a.m. and most local shows are finished by 3:00 p.m. so you have the rest of the day to spend time on other things.

If you would like to see a regular obedience column in Loose leads please email me at RobinFargus@hotmail.com with topics that you would like to see covered.

Robin Fargus
CABTC Obedience Committee Member



We're In!

The new home of CABTC summer Agility Trials: CAPS Fieldhouse, Valley View, OH

CABTC has arrived at our beautiful new Summer Agility Trial home at CAPS.

The Board, the AG Committee, and me, (the off-site equipment wrangler) want to thank the wonderful, engaged, funny, willing helpers who made this Herculean task manageable.

THANK YOU to Members, who over three days , unpacked, packed, changed jump cup strips, measured, leveled, transported, loaded and off-loaded:

Cindy Chaytor, Fran Dacek

Jeff Ipser, Kathie Lester, Karen Lippmann, Joe Ricupero, Suzanne Stachurski

Margie & Bill Wunderle

AND, huge thanks to our amazing President, **Brad Smedley**, who gave of his time, muscle, company, and lift truck, - and was there from start to finish.

~ Thank you to **YABTC** for loaning us the white accordion gating for our trials at Niles last year and for getting us started at CAPS! You came through for us in a pinch!

~ Next, a special mention needs to go to **Denise Thomas** who is sharing her gating with us for use at our trials. The solid 8' gating is easy to assemble and take down and is sturdier than the accordion gates. Thank you, Denise!

We will now have solid gating for the front side of the rings, the entry/ exit chutes, the practice jumps and the worker crating area. Yea!!!

~ A huge THANK YOU goes to **Suzanne Stachurski, Cindy Chaytor, and Karen Sendek** who donated their time to wash ALL the gates so they are sparkling clean for our next trial on May 17-19. With all those helping hands, we were done in less than an hour!!!!

~ Thanks to **Mike Sweeney** (CAPS owner), and employee, **Dave**, who brought all the gates to us along with a soapy bucket of water! How nice was that?!

Please extend your thanks to all these wonderful people when you see them!

Submitted by Deb Kaufmann



Delegate's Corner

Submitted by our very own AKC delegate, Maureen Setter

At the **May AKC Board Meeting (May 13-14)** they will continue to discuss the 6 recommended agility recommendations that they began to discuss at their April Board Meeting. These are:

1. Allow alternating SOLID color weave poles
2. Allow 12" dogs to use a 5' A-frame (like the 4" & 8" dogs)
3. Allow dogs to have dye in their hair (exception: NO yellow dye below the elbows/hocks)
4. Allow head halters on the grounds & allow dogs to be taken in/out of the ring wearing a head halter
5. Allow a dog to be entered in different heights (heights that they are eligible for) at the same trial
6. Allow dogs to be entered in both Preferred & Regular classes on the same day.

Have heard that they removed from discussion item 2: lowering the a-frame. Also because of all the mixed comments from exhibitors regarding item 3: dye in hair – the Board needs further fact-finding before voting on this even though other agility organizations allow a dog's hair to be dyed. Also receiving negative comments is the use of head halters on the ground.

Achiever Dog – Even though at the end of one year, 33,000 dogs had earned the Achiever Dog certificate (including my 3) AKC Staff recommended dropping the program because it did not pay for itself.

ScentWork. Three pages of recommendations were approved by the Board. **Effective date is Oct 1** (not July 1 as previously reported). These included (but not all) reorganization of the Buried element, changes geared toward ensuring consistency between trials, modification of the daily judging limit, elimination of the hide steward position, adjustment to the High in Trial award. Here's a link to the 3 page summary <https://s3.amazonaws.com/cdn-origin-etr.akc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/17150512/Regulations-AKC-Scent-Work-Changes-Summary.pdf> **Sports & Events by the numbers** (comparing 2018 with 2017):

Up for the 2018:

- CGC Certificates up 21% in 2018
- Modern Performance events (ie: CAT, Fast CAT and Scent Work)
- Rally is up 14,100
- Agility entries are slightly up 13,000.
- Junior Entries are up 5.8% the largest increase in 12 years.

Flat for the 2018:

- Conformation entries were basically flat

Down for the 2018:

- Obedience entries continue to decline an average of 3.1% per year.
- Traditional Performance Events (field trials, hunting tests, herding, earthdog and lure coursing) continue to decline ~ 1.1% per year.

American Service Dog Access Coalition Service Dog Program (ASDAC). This group (of which AKC has a leadership role) has been formed because of the many "fake" or poorly-trained service dogs.

Emergency contact information. The agility entry form has a line for your emergency contact info. The Conformation/Obedience/Rally entry form does not. I suggested to the AKC that this form be modified to also include Emergency Contact info and they took my suggestion and are looking into it. This is also valuable info: have two entries for ICE on your cell phone. One is ICE Spouse and one is ICE Friend so that there is an emergency contact person in case both of you should be involved in the same accident.

Also make sure that your AKC contact information is correct: Sign into the AKC website, then either click on 'sign-in' or your name which will come up on the upper right hand corner. Click here and then go to "My Account" and then "Contact Management". From there you can edit your personal information including addresses, phone numbers & email address. I did this the other day and found they had my primary address was wrong.

I'm sure I've left something out, but will leave that for the next issue of Loose Leads.

A note from Inga Hooper, our judge for the Novice/Open agility trial held at CABTC on April 21.

Thank
you



Dear Julie & Kathie,

Thank you again for hiring me for your recent Novice/Open trial. I enjoyed working with such dedicated club members. Kathie made me feel at ease by answering all my questions before the trial and providing chauffeuring services during my visit, and Julie worked tirelessly addressing any concerns as soon as they arose.

Thank you, also, for the gift bag. My dogs are enjoying the toys and treats.

Please pass along my gratitude to the members of CABTC who entered the trial and worked so hard to make everything run smoothly.

I hope you will continue to hire newbie judges in years to come but, if you ever find yourselves looking for a judge, I will accept the assignment in a heartbeat.

Sincerely,
Inga Hooper

At the June agility trial we will be having a fundraiser for the Cuyahoga Kennel. The following is a Wish List of items needed;

- Dog toys
- Hand sanitizer
- Kongs
- Purina Jumbones (large)
- Canine Carry outs
- Leashes
- Small collars
- Small breed wet dog food
- Dish soap
- Small dog beds
- Pupperoni dog treats
- Dog deodorizing spray

Due to the generous donation from Rachel Ray, that supplied, the shelter with dog food for a year, we do not need food items outside of what is listed above..

Please contact Karen Sendek at Bearchaser5@aol.com or 440-946-7733 for more information.

ATTENTION ALL CABTC MEMBERS

The members and friends of CABTC have kindly sponsored prize donations for the CABTC Fall Obedience and Rally Trials since at least 2013. In that time frame over \$7,500 has been distributed as prize donations at our Fall trials.

The CABTC Obedience and Rally Trial committee would like to thank all of our generous donors for their support.

For the past few years the trial committee has determined that adding prizes to our trials has not increased our trial entries by a measurable number. For that reason, the Obedience and Rally Trial committee has decided to suspend the collection of donations from CABTC members and friends for the Fall 2019 Trials.

These awards listed below will continue to be a part of our obedience and rally trials:

Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Classes – Saturday and Sunday

Highest Scoring Dog with Combined Scores from Open B and Utility A or B – Saturday and Sunday

Highest Combined Scores from Rally Master, Rally Excellent B & Rally

Advanced B – Saturday Trial #1, Saturday Trial #2 and Sunday

Highest Combined Scores from Rally Excellent B & Rally Advanced B –

Saturday Trial #1, Saturday Trial #2 and Sunday

Thank you again to our members who have been so generous in the past.