



WAG-N-TALES

FEBRUARY 2026

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UPCOMING DATES AT YABTC

- March:
 - 2 Board Meeting
 - 16 General Membership Meeting
 - 13,14,15 Agility Show
- April:
 - 3,4,5 Obedience/Rally Trial
 - 6 Board Meeting
 - 17.18,19 Agility Show
- May:
 - 2, 3 Scentwork Trial
 - 4 Board Meeting
 - 17 ACT Event
 - 30,31 Fast Cat Trial



Lee Jackson Award: Recognizing Dedication and Service

The upcoming March Membership Meeting, we will take the opportunity to honor a dedicated member of YABTC with the prestigious Lee Jackson Award. This award is given to an individual who has selflessly contributed their time and talents to the organization without seeking recognition or reward. The recipient does not have to be an instructor—rather, they should be someone who consistently steps up to help and makes a meaningful impact through their actions. If you know a deserving member who embodies this spirit of generosity and commitment, we encourage you to submit their name along with a brief reason for their nomination. Let's come together to celebrate and appreciate those who make YABTC a stronger, better community!

MARK YOUR NEW CALENDARS
Your yearly club dues are due on
July 1st of every Calendar Year.
Please mark your new 2026
Calendars. Thank You :)

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Board Members are as follows:

Kathy Hopkins • yabtctraining@gmail.com • Karen Wisler • karenwisler@sbcglobal.net
Diana James • fallfireaussies@gmail.com • Brenda Ruth • zeusbalto@yahoo.com

The ACT “Agility Course Test” Event held at Youngstown All Breed on December 7th was a huge success! We had over 25 handler/dog teams enter 103 runs including a first time junior handler. There were 70 qualifying runs total.

We built 8 different courses for teams to demonstrate their agility handling skills to earn the possibility of 4 different ACT titles.

We had 3 different ACT evaluators take turns practicing their judging skills. It was all fun but definitely a long day! Special thanks to our evaluators Marilyn Kelly who was also the trial secretary and Gaynor Ibbotson. One of the most undesirable jobs is getting all the scoring in the computer which Deb Harper took on.

Thanks to all those who stepped up to set up, course build, scribe, sheet run, treasurer, tear down, and all the duties that help make the trial run smooth. You are all a great team and the reason we can continue to hold these events with our dogs.



YABTC Annual Fun Match

The 22 nd Annual Conformation Fun Match was held on February 22 nd. We had a great turnout with 81 entries for conformation, 24 adult handling entries, and 8 Junior handling entries. The judges were Diana James, Kim Haupt, and Andy McIlwaine. A shoutout to all YABTC members who stepped up to help with set-up and tear down, stewarding, registration, and the raffle table. We could not have had a successful event without all of you!

The following were winners at the match:

Best Junior Handler – Mary Kocab and her Saluki “Scarlet”

Best Adult Handler – Casey Paul and her Pembroke Corgi “Tuckus”

Best in Match 3-6 Month Puppy – Pat Luce and her Shay Pei “Puppy”

Best in Match 6-9 Month Puppy – Marla Belzowski and her Collie “Henny”

Best in Match 9-12 Month Puppy – Lisa Gynn and her Mastiff “Ralphie”

Best in Match Adult Dog – Patricia Ross and her Bulldog “Thea”

Thanks, Sue Davis and Shelley Kacenski





TRAINING DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Well, we survived the arctic freeze... before you know it, it'll be 90 degrees and we'll be battling bugs!

If you need to use items for your classes that are stored the carts in the storage rooms, you don't have to walk back and forth carrying items from the cart to your ring... roll the cart to your ring! They have wheels, and roll easily anywhere in the building.

The small blue tunnel – don't tie the straps together! They have Velcro, and wind the straps around twice, then stick together.

The new Competition Obedience Foundation class will start Wednesday March 18th, 6 pm, in the Free Ring. Contact Kathy Hopkins to enter, sharpen your handling skills and get that new puppy, or young dog, ready for high-scoring runs in obedience or rally!

Note Instructors: Did you know the club will pay for part of your fees for educational seminars? You may be reimbursed for up to half of your seminar fee, with the yearly total to not exceed \$300. You must have board approval BEFORE you attend the seminar, so submit your request early. You must now submit your request on a new form, which we will use to track your reimbursement. The new form is included in this newsletter.

Marker Words. Use them, you'll be a better handler in whatever dog sport you participate in. Here is a link to Michael Ellis' video regarding training with markers. He describes training the "active dog" (one who works for you for the next reward) vs. the "reactive dog" (one who works for you to avoid punishment). Which do you want to have?

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If you see a video advertisement instead of Michael, click on it, let it play, then skip the following commercial.

Please let me know if you have a question, problem, idea! You can always approach me at the club, or you may contact me by email: airecraft@aol.com or dbairedale@aol.com You may also reach me at 330-720-1440, which is my mobile phone.



2025 YABTC AWARDS FORM

(Titles earned 01/01 thru 12/31/2025—**must be received by 03/27/2026**)

Owner's Name: _____ Breeder: Yes No (check one)

Dog's Call Name: _____ Breed: _____ Variety: _____

NEW AWARDS FORM SUBMITTAL PROCESS

1. Complete this form.
2. Attach **COPIES** of the AKC and non-AKC Certificates for the titles earned. (Forms submitted with Original Certificates will be left in the Awards Folder, and the titles earned will not be recorded)
3. Obedience Title Earners – Write the top three (3) scores on the Title Certificate.
4. If you have Old-Style plates that need engraved, they **must also be received by 03/27/2026**.

The Club provides the first plaque and engraves plates for titles awarded by AKC. Plaques and engraved plates are not provided for titles awarded by other organizations, even if recognized by AKC and added to your dog's AKC record. All titles, AKC and non-AKC, are included on the Photo Wall.

Congratulations to all on your 2025 titles!

PLAQUE DATA (please check appropriate statement)

I need a New Plaque for this dog

I have a **New Style Plaque for this dog and need plates engraved**

I have an **Old Style Plaque for this dog and need plates engraved (**plates must be received by 03/27/2026**)**

Please donate my Plaque cost to the "Canine" Charity of my choice (one time donation per dog**)**

_____ (Charity Name)

_____ (Charity Street Address)

_____ (Charity City, State & Zip)

PHOTOS TO BE DISPLAYED AT THE CLUB WITH YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

<p>**EMAIL** awards@yabtc.com</p> <p>Be sure to put "YABTC Awards" in the Subject Line</p>	<p>**DROP OFF AT CLUB**</p> <p>Complete this form and put certificates and photos in the Awards Folder located outside the Office. Enclose an ORIGINAL or two good quality photos (3x5 to 8x10) for the Awards Wall. Do not submit copied pictures as they do not scan well. Your envelope should include your dog's "call" name and your last name. Photos will be returned once scanned.</p>	<p>**MAIL**</p> <p>Chris Gesing 295 W Garfield Rd Columbiana, OH 44408</p>
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YOUNGSTOWN ALL BREED TRAINING CLUB, INC.

13210 Mahoning Ave, PO Box, North Jackson OH 44451 0397

2026 OBEDIENCE CLASS SCHEDULE

PRE-REGISTRATION AND COPIES OF PROOF OF VACCINATIONS ARE REQUIRED PRIOR TO THE START OF CLASS TO HOLD YOUR

PUPPY KINDERGARTEN CLASS (FOR PUPPIES 10 – 32 WEEKS OLD).

Puppies must have the first two-shot series by the second class.

Puppy Class is \$100.00 for 6 Weeks. The course will consist of 1-hour sessions each week that will teach you how to build a working relationship with your puppy. A Bordetella Vaccine is highly recommended

JAN 14	WED	5:00
JAN 20	TUES	6:00
MAR 17	TUES	1:00
MAR 17	TUES	6:00
MAY 12	TUES	7:05
MAY 13	WED	7:05

SPOT. A Bordetella Vaccine is highly recommended.
CASH, CHECKS, MASTER CARD, VISA & DISCOVER CARD ARE ACCEPTED. ALL PHONES

HAVE ANSWERING MACHINE FOR MESSAGES.

BEGINNERS I OBEDIENCE CLASS The 8- week course consists 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 \$140.00 for 8 weeks.

JAN 6	WED	7:05
JAN 7	WED	7:05
MAR 4	TUES	5:00
MAR10	WED	6:00
APR29	TUES	6:00
MAY5	TUES	1:00

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 \$140.00 for 8 weeks.

JAN 13	TUES	6:00
JAN 13	TUES	1:00
MAR 10	TUES	7:05
MAR 11	WED	7:05
MAY 12	TUES	6:00

YABTC Agility

Classes are offered in Agility from the starting point through advanced competition classes. We train the handlers to train their dogs, using positive, reward-based techniques, with a step-by-step approach, where everyone is allowed to progress at their own pace.

Once we start to introduce obstacles, dogs are required to work off leash. Along with Basics for Agility, Intro I & II, Intermediate and Advanced, we also offer Jumpers with Weaves and Handling Skills classes. Dogs should be healthy and not obese.

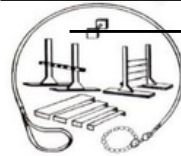
Our classes are held weekly for one hour and run 8 weeks, unless otherwise noted.

Please contact Agility Registrar for more information about current Class schedule

Contact:

**agilityclass@yabtc.com/
330 717-9059**

**FOR OBEDIENCE & RALLY INFORMATION
(330) 398 – 9270/
Registrar@YABTC.com**



Specialty Classes Offered:

TrickDog: JAN 28- WED @ 6:00

Cost of 6-week course is \$100

Canine Conditioning Class:

Cost of 8-week course \$140

**FRI 11:00 AM
WED 5:00**

FEB 13

APRIL 29

Visit Us At WWW. YABTC.COM

BEGINNERS RALLY CLASS

PREREQUISITE:

Beg. II class or permission of instructor. Pre- Registration is required. An intro to the sport of Rally. Signs used in AKC Rally Novice are covered as well as the rules, entering shows, courses, & many other items. Vaccinations must be current & must be presented by the first class. A Bordetella Vaccine is highly recommended. Cost of class is \$100 for 6 weeks

FEB 11	WED	6:00
MAR 11	WED	2:00

ADVANCE RALLY CLASS: Advance

Class is for handlers and dogs that have learned the Rally Novice signs and want to continue on to Rally Intermediate & Advanced. Signs used in AKC Rally Intermediate & advance are covered as well as a quick overview of the Novice signs, Rally rules, courses, and many other items. Cost is \$100 for the 6 weeks:

MAR 25	WED	6:00
APR 29	WED	2:00

MASTER CLASS: Rally Master Class is

for handler and dogs that have a rally advance title or has a leg (1) towards their advanced title. Signs used in AKC rally Excellent & Master are covered as well as a quick overview of Novice thru Advanced signs, rally rules, courses and many other items. Dogs must be able to work off lead. The cost of the class is \$100 for the 6 weeks:

JUNE 17	WED	2:00
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Scan this QR Code to send an email to the Obedience Registrar.

JAN-JUNE 2026	RING	START:	END:	TIME:	DAY:	INSTRUCTOR:	ASSISTANT(S):
PUPPY: 6 WEEKS	#						
	1	1-14	2-18	5:00	Wed.	Jayne Sabo	N. Starkey/SLindsey
	1	1-20	2-24	6:00	Tues.	Barb Lundin	Samantha Foy
	1	3-17	4-21	1:00	Tues.	Dale Burrier	Kim Burrier
	1	3-17	4-21	6:00	Tues.	Diana James	Patty Sparks
	2	5-12	6-16	7:05	Tues.	Tammy Hunt	S. Kilpatrick
	1	5-13	6-17	7:05	Wed.	Skip Begeot	Tracy Polak
BEG. 1 -8 WEEKS							
	2	1-6	2-24	7:05	Tues.	Kathy Adamle	Kathy Bacca
	2	1-7	2-25	7:05	Wed.	Skip Begeot	Michael Holleran
	1	3-4	4-22	5:00	Wed.	Jayne Sabo	Jill Pariza
	4	3-10	4-28	6:00	Tues.	Rose Cabot	Jill Pariza
	1	4-29	6-17	6:00	Wed.	Karen Wisler	Kim Burrier
	1	5-5	6-23	1:00	Tues.	Dale Burrier	
BEG. 2-8 WEEKS							
	1	1-13	3-3	1:00	Tues.	Dale Burrier	Kim Burrier
CANCELLED	4	1-13	3-3	6:00	Tues.	CANCELLED	CANCELLED
	2	3-10	4-28	7:05	Tues.	Barb Lundin	Michael Holleran
	2	3-11	4-29	7:05	Wed.		M.Holleran/D Bell
	4	5-12	6-30	6:00	Tues.	Rose Cabot	C. Sescourka
BEG. RALLY	4	2-11	3-18	6:00	Wed.	Kim Loveless	Brenda Ruth
6WEEKS		3-11	4-15	2:00	Wed	Barb Lundin	Nancy Grant
ADV. RALLY	4	3-25	4-29	6:00	Wed.	Kim Loveless	Brenda Ruth
6WEEKS		4-29	6-3	2:00	Wed.		Karen Maxwell
MASTERS RALLY		6-17	7-22	2:00	Wed.		Karen Maxwell
6WEEKS							
TRICK-6 WEEKS	1	1-28	3-4	6:00	Wed.		
C.C.- 8 WEEKS	1	4-29	6-17	5:00	Wed.	Karen Wisler	Don Wisler
	FR	2-13	4-3	11:00	Fri.	Karen Wisler	Don Wisler



Agility Classes for 2026

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SCHEDULE OF AGILITY CLASSES 2026 - SESSION 2

Thursday, March 5, 2026– Monday, May 25, 2026

Class	Day	Time	Start	End	Instructors Assistants
JWW Advanced JWW	Thursday	11:00 AM	Mar 5	May 21	Lotta Shafer & Karen Herceg
Intermediate	Thursday	Noon	Mar 5	May 21	Pam Benus JoAnn Myers
Intermediate	Thursday	5:30 PM	Mar 5	May 21	Marilyn Sackett Cheryl Alden
Intermediate	Thursday	7 PM	Mar 5	May 21	Jay Wooten
Intermediate	Friday	12:30 PM	Mar 6	May 22	Stacie Rosenberg
Intermediate	Friday	2:30 PM	Mar 6	May 22	Kathy Durrell Marilyn Kelly
Intermediate	Friday	5:00 PM	Mar 6	May 22	Chris Gesing
Intermediate	Friday	6:30 PM	Mar 6	May 22	JoAnn Fedyski
Intermediate/Sr Dogs	Saturday	9:00 AM	Mar 7	May 23	Marilyn Sackett
Intermediate	Saturday	11:30 AM	Mar 7	May 23	Jay Wooten
Intermediate	Saturday	2:00 PM	Mar 7	May 23	Marcy Marley
Handling Skills	Saturday	5:00 PM	Mar 7	May 23	Yvette Shipman
Intermediate	Sunday	6:00 PM	Mar 8	May 24	Laura Bell
Intermediate	Monday	9:00 AM	Mar 9	May 25	Karen Mikulin
Intermediate	Monday	10:00 AM	Mar 9	May 25	Gwyn Thouvenot
Advanced	Monday	11:00 AM	Mar 9	May 25	Janet Robertson & Denise
Handling Skills	Monday	2:00 PM	Mar 9	May 25	Allison, Roseann Sharrone Asst Denise Allison Gwyn Thouvenot
Basics	Monday	3:30 PM	Mar 9	May 25	Denise Allison
Intermediate	Monday	4:30 PM	Mar 9	May 25	Tim Dillon & Leuan Lewis
Intermediate	Monday	6:30 PM	Mar 9	May 25	

NOTE: The 6:30 Monday class has no class on 5/18/26 due to the YABTC Membership Meeting

PLEASE NOTE

- No Agility Classes 3/12/26 - 3/16/26 Agility Trial
- No Agility Classes 4/02/26 - 4/05/26 Obedience Trial
- No Agility Classes 4/16/26 - 4/19/26 Agility Trial
- No Agility Classes 4/30/26 - 5/4/26 Scentwork Trial

2026 AGILITY FEES FOR CLUB MEMBERS

Intermediate, Advanced, and Handling classes: \$48 for 8-week session
Basics, Intro 1 and Intro 2 class: \$68 for eight-week session

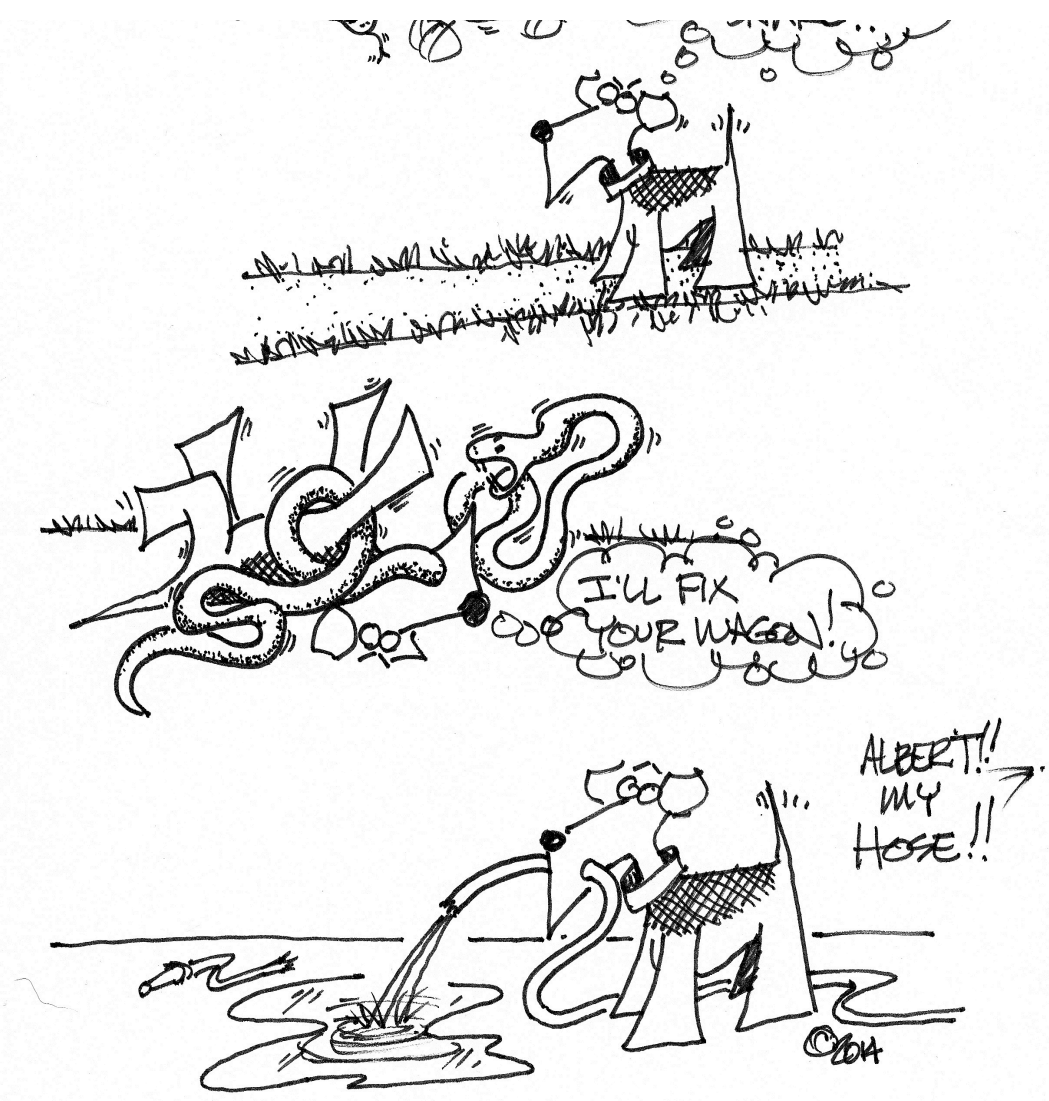
Payment is required for session 2, your first class of session 2, to hold a dog/handler team's class spot.

April 2026

Free Ring Schedule



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30 Scent Work 2:30-9 pm	31	1 Obed Foundation Class 6-7 pm	2 Cleaning for Obedience/Rally trials	3 Obedience/Rally trials	4 Obedience/Rally trials	5 Obedience trial
6	7	8 Obed Foundation Class 6-7 pm	9 Scent Work 2:30-9 pm	10 Canine Conditioning 10:30 am-12:30 pm	11	12 Scent Work 5:30-6:30 pm
13 Scent Work 2:30-9 pm	14	15 Obed Foundation Class 6-7 pm	16 Cleaning for Agility trials	17 Agility Trial	18 Agility Trial	19 Agility Trial
20	21	22 Obed Foundation Class 6-7 pm Grad Nov 7-8 pm	23 Scent Work 2:30-9 pm	24	25	26 Scent Work 5:30-6:30 pm
27 Scent Work 2:30-9 pm	28	29 Obed Foundation Class 6-7 pm Grad Nov 7-8 pm	30 Scent Work 2:30-9 pm	1 Scent Work Trial Set Up Southeast	2	3
4 Scent Work 2:30-9 pm	5	Notes On days with no entries, the free ring is available, during the times the building is open for other activities. Times shown for each day are restricted to class time. Free ring is available before or after, if building open.				





YABTC Seminar Reimbursement Request

Fill Out the form below and attach a copy of the Seminar Flyer

Name of Seminar _____

Date of Seminar _____

Seminar Description-
What classes would it
be used for?

Seminar Cost: _____

Submitted by: _____

Currently Instructs: _____

Email: _____

Date approved by the
Board: _____

Amount Approved by
the Board: _____

I attended the above seminar on _____. I have attached my proof of attendance. Attached is what I learned and how I would use that knowledge in the classes I teach.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Treasurer use only

Check number _____ Amount _____ Date _____

Budget category Seminar Reimbursements

Cleveland All-Breed Training Club
is proud to present
Connie Cleveland-Nolan
Theory and Problem-Solving Obedience Seminar
April 11-12, 2026

Connie Cleveland-Nolan is an internationally acclaimed dog trainer with over 30 years of experience coaching obedience competitors at all levels. Her career includes training 13 Obedience Trial Champions (OTCH), 2 Field Champions (FC), 5 Amateur Field Champions (AFC), and even a UDT Maltese and CDX Shih Tzu—a testament to her versatility and expertise across breeds and disciplines.

For 33 years, Connie taught weekly obedience classes to more than 100 students, and today she continues to mentor handlers through her online platform, Obedience Road www.obedienceroad.com offering webinars, digital training products, and personalized coaching. Her resources cover everything from puppy foundations to ring preparation, proofing, and advanced problem-solving.

Connie is the author of the book *Dogs Are Problem Solvers, Handlers Should Be* and the DVD series *How Dogs Learn: The Connie Cleveland Method*. She's also a regular contributor to *Front & Finish* and *Golden Retriever News*, sharing insights that have shaped the sport of competitive obedience.

Priority Registration for CABTC Members ONLY: November 13 to 15, 2025

Non-Member Registration begins Sunday, November 16, 2025

Online and Mail-In Registration Options Available
For more information and to sign-up for the seminar
Visit our website www.cabtc.org

- Limited Working Spots
- Auditing Spots – One Day or Two Day available

Seminar Location
Cleveland All-Breed Training Club
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