



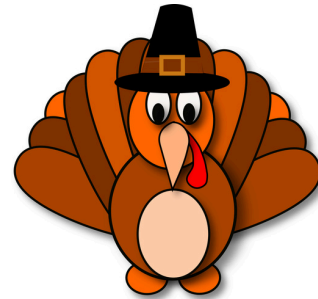
The Newsletter of Youngstown All Breed Training Club

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NOVEMBER 2025

UPCOMING DATES AT YABTC



AGILITY TRIAL

November:
3 Board Meeting
8 & 9 Scent Work Trial
17 General Membership/ Elections
28,29 & 30 Agility Trial

December
13 & 14 Rally Trial
28 Christmas Dinner -time TBA

3 days of Agility Trials are Nov 28, 29, & 30
We will be setting up for the trial on Wednesday,
November 26 at 3 P.M. due to Thanksgiving being
on November 27. If you are available to help set up
and/or work, please let our worker scheduler, Laura
Bell, know at camopup12@hotmail.com.
Agility Trial chair is Debbie Harper
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Diana James • fallfireaussies@gmail.com • Caren Vicich • rotsrock.vicich@gmail.com

WELFARE:

Kathy Taleos is our Welfare Chairperson who sends out cards to our members who have had a loss or needs a uplifting card. We appreciate all the cards she has sent out to members.

If you have any information, please send it to lablady1020@aol.com or let Kim Burrier know also so she can send the information to Kathy.

Marla Belzowski lost her Solar.

**Solar – LegendHold Solar Eclipse, RN
7/20/2012 – 10/15/2025**

**Solar crossed the rainbow bridge on October 15th to join her sister Gemini – LegendHold Lunar Eclipse PT, RN (Passed in July) and their brother Polaris – LegendHold Summer Solstice RN
She was the last of my summer solstice litter.**



John Cicero, 1950 - 2025

With heartfelt condolences we extend our deepest sympathies to Ann Cicero and family for the loss of John.

John retired from the USAFR as a chief master sergeant (E-9) in 1993, after 23 years of active service, 40 years total service.

John enjoyed coaching high school sports, raising, training and showing his golden retrievers, and spending time with his family.

He was a lifetime member of YABTC

Our hearts go out to you and your family.

BRAGS

Congratulations to Chris Gesing and Spirit for earning their MACH2 title which they earned under Judge Michael Hughson at the Conewango Valley Kennel Club Agility Trial held at Countryside Agility, on August 3, 2025.



Marla Belzowski LegendHold Collies has brags...

October 18 and 19

PT, UCH RO1 LegendHold Greatest Showman PT,RA,SWM,CGC,TKI,FITB finished three big titles at the Cleveland All-Breed Training Club's October Scent Work Trial.

He finished his Master Interior Element, Master Container Element with a nice 4th place, which gave him his overall Master ScentWork Title. We will start working on Detective and those Master Elites.

Destiny, UCH RO1 LegendHold Rewrite the Stars

RN,PT,ACT1,ACT1J,NAP,NJP,SWA,SBE,SCE,FITS had a nice weekend at the Cleveland All-Breed Training Club October Scent Trial too. She Finished her Container Excellent Element title and picked up her first Q in Master Buried.

Glory, LegendHold This is Me PT,RA,SWAE,SCE,SCB,SMB,FITB,CGC also got a Q in Excellent Exteriors

Vegas, LegendHold Cirque du Soleil HT,RN,SWN,FITB got back to work and picked up a Q in Advanced Exterior



BRAGS

From Denise Coulter:

Ripley had a great day at YABTC scent trial. She had 5 Q's out of 6. Earning a 1st place in Novice buried, a 2nd place in novice exterior, a 3rd place in novice interior, and then a 4th place again in Novice buried. I am so proud of her. She did absolutely wonderful. The only time we didn't Q was a handling error.



MARK YOUR CALENDER!

NOVEMBER AGILITY TRIAL

November 28,29 & 30th



Agility Help Needed!

Our next agility trial will be at YABTC on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday November 28-30. We will be setting up for the trial on Wednesday, November 26 at 3 P.M. due to Thanksgiving being on November 27. If you are available to help set up, please let me know.

If you are able to work at the trial, please let our worker scheduler, **Laura Bell**, know at camopup12@hotmail.com.

Food donations will also be needed-more information to follow. Our agility trial committee appreciates any of the above ways that you can help to make the trial successful!

Debbie Harper (pearlharp@neo.rr.com) 330-307-9987
November Agility Chair

CLUB ELECTIONS

The November Membership Meeting is **ELECTION NIGHT!**

Please join us to vote on Officer and Board positions on Monday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Candidate Bios for the Election

Perri Graf (incumbent President)

Perri has been an active member of YABTC since 1987. Since 1992, she has served on the Board of Directors before becoming President of YABTC. Perri also has been a long time member of Penn-Ohio Newfoundland Club and the Newfoundland Club of America. She has actively participated in PONC and has served on their Board of Directors and is currently the Vice-President.

She has helped instruct and assisted in classes in Puppy Beginners and Rally classes and also is a CGC evaluator for AKC. She has been editor and publisher of the club's newsletter "Wags-n Tales" and has served as Match Secretary for obedience for the club. She has been instrumental in many of the seminars that YABTC has put on not only doing the promotion and registration but also feeding the seminar participants. Perri has served as past tabulations chair for the obedience trials, kitchen duties and continues to do judges hospitality. When no one else has stepped up to the plate, she has always taken on the job of parking attendant to help out during our trials. During the agility trials she has made sure that there is enough food and drinks for the participants. She has helped steward at matches and shows plus helped with the club's public education mission at local schools. She has shown and titled in obedience, rally and conformation and taken part in the agility classes. She is especially proud to have bred and owner handled several Newfoundlands to their championships and working towards other working titles.

Perri currently teaches at Howland High School in the Family and Consumer Science Program and has completed her masters in Instructional Technology through Kent State University. Jerry her husband and Nick, Shannon, and Mitchell have also helped at various functions of the club.

Kimberly A. Burrier (incumbent Vice President)

I have been a member of Youngstown All Breed Training Club since 2001. My husband Dale and I currently have five Airedale Terriers: Flyer (11yrs), Crash (9yrs), Nola (9yrs), Quest (6yrs) and Havoc (3yrs).

I have shown my dogs in Obedience, Rally Obedience, FastCAT, Fetch Dog, Conformation and AKC spaniel hunt tests. I have had four certified Therapy Dogs (TDI) and trained one named Corey in Agility. I have shown seven of our Airedales to their championships, and six to their grand championships.

I am the Obedience Chair, and I have taught every level of Obedience, from Puppy Kindergarten to Utility. I currently teach the "Grad Novice" class, and conduct obedience run-thru's on Tuesday nights.

I am the trophy chairperson for both of our Obedience Trials and December Rally Trial, each year and donate the "Novice A Bags" at each Obedience Trial, as a hospitality gesture to our new Obedience exhibitors. I coordinate awards/rosettes for our FCAT and Fetch events.

I am a member of the Airedale Terrier Club of America and have served on their Board of Directors. I currently serve on their Hunting and Field Committee, and as Co-Chair of their Obedience Committee. I am a member of the Steel Valley Airedale Terrier Association, and currently serve as President of the Airedale Terrier Club of Northern Ohio.

With Dale, we breed Airedale Terrier puppies that go on to accomplish many distinctions: we bred the first two Airedales to earn the parent club gun dog (GD) titles, we proudly bred the first Airedale to earn an OFA 'CHIC' number, and I am an AKC Breeder of Merit.

I have been employed as a receptionist at the Newton Falls Animal Hospital, Newton Falls, Ohio, for the past 23 years. I have served on the YABTC board for the past year, and it would be a privilege, and an honor, to serve on the board for the upcoming term!



Candidate Bios (con't)

Treasurer (formerly Board Member) – Caren Vicich

I am a lifetime member of YABTC. Due to the encouragement of many awesome YABTC village members over the years, I have ventured into many canine venues. I have owned rottweilers or 20+ years. My current Rottweiler kids, Ryker and Gordie and I are involved in obedience, agility, scent work, rally obedience, Fast Cat and conformation.

Some of the things I currently enjoy doing at YABTC are:

- Finance Committee Chairman
- Registrar for YABTC's agility classes
- Trial Secretary for our June Fast Cat event.
- Member of the obedience trial committee
- Teach rally obedience and Scent work
- Scent work Committee

My husband Gary and I live in Auburn Township in Geauga County. We have 2 children and 2 grandchildren. I am also a member of the American Rottweiler Club.

2025 is my third year as a Board Member on the YABTC Board. I hope to have the opportunity to continue that venture into the position of Treasurer and am appreciative of your consideration. We are blessed to have an awesome facility due to the hard work and care of so many awesome volunteer members. Without our membership we would not be here. After being involved for so many years, I can only encourage you to continue to be involved with the YABTC family. The smallest of tasks mean a lot to your club. Some of the items I would like to help our Board address are:

- YABTC's financial forecast, create a budget (finance committee), and continue to update policy through the policy committee. I hope to be an integral part of refinancing our mortgage.
- Facilitate better attendance at membership meetings. We need to encourage new members. Our membership is why our club continues to succeed. Improve communication (possibly improving our website)

I am honored to have served on the YABTC Board for the last three years and hope to have your consideration for 2026. Respectfully submitted, Caren Vicich

Debbie Harper - Incumbent Recording Secretary

My husband Don and I live in Cortland. We have two sons, three Granddaughters, and a Grandson.

We have owned Shelties for more than 40 years and currently have eight of them.

I earned a B.S. in Medical Technology from Bowling Green State University. I was employed as a Medical Technologist and an analyst in computer support for St. Elizabeth and eventually Bon Secours Mercy Health for 45 years and retired in January of 2023.

I joined YABTC in 1999 and am a Lifetime Member. I enjoy doing agility, scent work, and FAST CAT with my Shelties.

Other things that I enjoyed doing at YABTC are:

Serving as agility trial chair

Serving on the Agility Trial Committee and working at the agility trials

Serving on the Scent Work Trial Committee and working at the trials

Working at the Fast Cat trials

Nominations Chair and Committee

Lee Jackson Award Committee

Please consider re-electing me to the office of Recording Secretary.

Thank you, Debbie Harper



Corresponding Secretary - Kim Dillon, Incumbent

My name is Kim Dillon. I work at University Hospital as a Clinical Administrative Assistant. My area specializes in Pacemakers and Internal Cardiac Defibrillators. I have been there for twenty-three years.

I am married to Tim Dillon and together we have five children and five Grandchildren. We currently have three dogs, An Airedale Terrier (Turbo), a Toy Fox Terrier (Jedi), and a Vizsla (Rumble)

I have been active as a YABTC member for ten years. I enjoy training my dog and helping at the club. When I am not training my dog, or working, I enjoy spending time with my family.

Thank You, Kim Dillon

Kathy Hopkins - (Incumbent) Board Member

I have been an active member of YABTC since 2012 and an active Board member for several years.

I live in North Jackson with my husband Rick, 5 Aussies, 2 Arabian horses and various barn cats.

I am very involved with YABTC and at some point most have interacted with me.

I have been Registrar for Obedience, Rally, Tricks and Canine Conditioning classes since 2013 and have also assisted and taught classes in the past.

I also do kitchen duty for Obedience, Agility and Scentwork trials. I am a member of both ASCA and USASA, the breed clubs for Australian Shepherds.

My aussies have competed in Obedience, Rally and Conformation and have earned many titles.

I hope to have your consideration in electing me to the Board

Diana James:(incumbent) Board Member I have been a club member for over 20yrs . I breed, show Australian Shepherds and Border Collies. I am a member of both USASA & ASCA . I have run conformation run thrus, been in charge of Fun Match , organized conformation seminars, chaired and helped organized our December Rally trial in partnership with McKinley KC of which I am also a member. I have also been chief ring steward for our Spring & Fall obedience and Rally trials. And I am part of the cleaning crew helping keep the building tidy. As a board member I feel like I have had a positive impact on the continuing success of the club. Thank you

Karen Wisler:(incumbent) Board Member I have been a member of YABTC for many years. I enjoy teaching Puppy, Obedience 1, Obedience 2, Tricks and was instrumental in bringing Canine Conditioning and Fitness classes to YABTC. At the present I'm an AKC CGC evaluator, Farm dog evaluator, Temperament tester, Trick Dog evaluator, Fit dog instructor and evaluator and also a Fetch judge.

For Do More With Your Dog, I'm also a Trick dog evaluator, Canine Conditioning and Fitness Coach and a Stunt Dog judge. In addition to instructing, I'm also a member of the Finance committee and a Fast Cat Trial secretary.

I've also organized the Fit dog Club at YABTC and organized group walks for our members.

Thank you members for all the fun memories I've had while teaching and participating in YABTC's events and activities.



Candidate Bios (con't)

Running for Board Member

Greetings YABTC Members: I'm Marla Belzowski and I'm running for a board position for our 2026 year season.

I've been a member of YABTC since 2001 with a brief hiatus between 2008 and 2010 when I was working out of state for two years.

By day, I am a Principle R&D Engineer at Nestle R&D in Solon. I design a lot of big and expensive industrial equipment and other "stuff" and work long hours at times.

Any free moment I have, I'm working with my dogs or on my house and yard.

I've been training and showing dogs for almost 40 years. I have mostly Collies (rough and smooth) which I show and do some limited breeding under the Kennel Name: LegendHold Collies. I'm a Breeder of Merit for Collies a Collie Club of America Quarter Century Member. But I've had mixed breeds, rescue collies, Borzoi, and a German Shepherd in the past. I love working with different dogs to understand what makes them tick.

Over the years my collies have totaled up over almost 300 titles in all venues, Obedience, Rally, Herding, Conformation, Fast Cat, Agility, Scent Work, Trick Dog, Canine Good Citizen and other "fun" conditioning sports. I've shown in multiple venues such as AKC, UKC, ASCA, AHBA, International Herding Breed Association (IHBA) and even the Canadian KC.

I've taught Obedience, Rally, Scent Work, Agility, Herding as well as CGC and General manners classes for many other clubs (Purdue University Dog Training Club (founder), Chattanooga Dog Training Club, Columbus Dog Training Club, & Akron Dog Training Club) over the years.

I enjoy trying new training techniques as well as trying new dog sports and I know the "behind the scenes work" that must be done to keep a club running as well as host shows.

I've helped YABTC inaugurate our new building with a showcase of breeds event back in 2014, secured our lovely kitchen Freezer, was Newsletter editor for over 10 years, helped get our Scent work container and our Scent work walls designed. I try to volunteer where I can at our shows and help stock our Kitchen. As a member of the board, I'm looking to keep updated on club needs and help our Club Leadership team move the club forward in getting upgrades to our facility, such as adding nice looking and functional safety fencing, FastCat up and running, updating our security cameras, and hopefully more in the future.

Respectfully submitted – Marla Belzowski

Kathy Baca has been a member of the Youngstown All Breed Training Club since 2013. Kathy earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at Youngstown State University, Majoring in English and a Teaching Certificate in Secondary Education. Upon graduation, a retail company (Sears, Roebuck & Co.) convinced her to join their management team rather than go into teaching. After 40 years of moving up the corporate ladder of Merchandising, Operations Manager (with a focus on expense management), District Manager and finally, Store Manager of 2 stores (New Castle, Pa. and the Eastwood Mall in Niles, Ohio), Kathy decided to retire and pursue other interests (especially to spend more time training her 2 new Cocker Spaniels - Isabella & Bouche). As a youth, she trained her own Morgan filly (Red). In 1988, Kathy took her first Cocker Spaniel (Chanel) to YABTC (then at the Armory in Austintown) to take Obedience Training; as her Veterinarian suggested that Cocker Spaniels were the worst dogs without training!

Since becoming a member, Kathy has been active in working in the kitchen for numerous events, and taking over the Hospitality Role during monthly membership meetings. She is also involved in regularly assisting many instructors in various training classes, while offering encouragement and guidance to new dog owners. When needed, she helps with assisting the Registrar with class registration.

In 2025 she was awarded the prestigious Lee Jackson Award for her role at the YABTC.

Kathy would like to serve as a member of the board of YABTC. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Hi, my name is Brenda Ruth. I have been a proud member of the club for 5 years. I have 5 dog members of my family. Muggle, Kiwi, Olive, Duncan and Spock. My dogs and I have been deeply involved in club activities. I have taught and helped teach several classes, including Puppy, Beginner 1 and 2, along with Rally and Scent Work. I have helped out at many Trials, worked in the kitchen, and I'm also on the Scent Work Committee. I would like to be a board member and help lead our club into a successful future. Your vote would be greatly appreciated. Thank you



Youngstown
All-Breed Training Club presents:



Intro to Conformation Class and Run – Thrus

January 11, 2026 through February 15, 2026

Our Beginner's Class is a 6-week course with your dog on Sundays from 1:00pm - 2:30pm weekly. Cost is \$120 per person, & this includes one entry to the YABTC Puppy Match, to be held February 22nd.

(Discount for YABTC members is \$60)

This class will go through everything from the basics, such as grooming tips/filling out entry forms etc., to actual ring time working on moving and stacking.

As the situation is continually being monitored for safe classes / certain protocols may be required.

Registration is a MUST !! // (Space is extremely limited so call NOW!!)

**Come and join us at the Youngstown All-Breed Training Club –
13210 Mahoning Avenue ♦ P.O. Box 397 ♦ North Jackson, Ohio ♦ 44451**

(Location - West of Bailey Road, Across from the North Jackson water tower.)

**Register now by calling: 330-538-3903 – Leave message for Susan
(answering machine is for Fithian Travel) or by email: Cherokee538@att.net
(Please include: “Confo Class” in the subject line)**



Fall Trial Food!



We will be serving food at several of our fall trials this year.

We need to restock our kitchen.

Items always in need: Frozen Chicken Breasts, Frozen hashbrowns, BBQ Sauce, Pork Butt (for pulled pork), Lg Crockpot bags, Frozen Pies, Cookies, or contact Perri at nitestarnewfs@gmail.com, for more suggestions on what supplies are needed.

We are always looking for desserts also.

December 2025

Free Ring Schedule



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 ACT Trial
8 Scent Work 2:30-9:00 pm	9	10	11	12 Cleaning for Rally Trials	13 Rally Trials YABTC-MKC	14 Rally Trials YABTC-MKC
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Cleaning- Maintenance	23 Cleaning- Maintenance	24 Cleaning- Maintenance	25 Christmas	26 Cleaning- Maintenance	27 Cleaning- Maintenance	28
29	30	31	1 New Years	2	3	4
5	6	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.				

Agility Classes for 2025

SCHEDULE OF AGILITY CLASSES 2025 - SESSION 5

Thursday, September 18, 2025*– Monday, December 7, 2025

Class	Day	Time	Start	End	Instructors Assistants
JWW Advanced	Thursday	11:00 AM	Sept.18	Dec. 4	Lotta Shafer & Karen Herceg
JWW Intermediate	Thursday	Noon	Sept.18	Dec. 4	Pam Benus JoAnn Myers
Intermediate	Thursday	5:30 PM	Sept.18	Dec. 4	Marilyn Sackett
Advanced	Thursday	7 PM	Sept.18	Dec. 4	Cheryl Alden
Intermediate	Friday	12:30 PM	Sept.19	Dec. 5	Jay Wooten
Intermediate	Friday	2:30 PM	Sept.19	Dec. 5	Stacie Rosenberg
Intermediate	Friday	5:00 PM	Sept.19	Dec. 5	Kathy Durrell Marilyn Kelly
Intermediate	Friday	6:30 PM	Sept.19	Dec. 5	Chris Gesing
Intermediate/Sr Dogs	Saturday	9:00 AM	Sept 20	Dec 6	JoAnn Fedyski
Intermediate	Saturday	Noon	Sept 20	Dec 6	Marilyn Sackett
Intermediate	Saturday	2:00 PM	Sept 20	Dec 6	Jay Wooten
Handling Skills	Saturday	5:00 PM	Sept 20	Dec 6	Marcy Marley
Intermediate	Sunday	6:00 PM	Sept 21	Dec 7	Yvette Shipman (Scent Trial in 8/16 & 17)
Intermediate	Monday	9:00 AM	Sept 22	Dec 8	Laura Bell
Intermediate	Monday	10:00 AM	Sept 22	Dec 8	Karen Mikulin
Advanced	Monday	11:00 AM	Sept 22	Dec 8	Gwyn Thouvenot
Handling Skills	Monday	3:00 PM	Sept 22	Dec 8	Janet Robertson & Denise Allison
Intermediate	Monday	4:30 PM	Sept 22	Dec 8	Denise Allison
Intermediate	Monday	6:30 PM	Sept 22	Dec 8	Tim Dillon & Leuan Lewis

NOTE: The 6:30 Monday class has no class on 11/17/25 due to the YABTC Membership Meeting

No classes the following weeks:

10/2-10/6 due to agility trial 10/23 – 10/27 due to Obedience Trial 11/6 – 11/10 due to Scent Work Trial
11/17- 12/1 due to Agility Trial

2025 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 5, **Thursday September 18, 2025 or the first day of Session 5** for your class, to hold a dog/handler team's class spot.*



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