



The Newsletter of Youngstown All Breed Training Club

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FEBRUAR 2026

UPCOMING DATES AT YABTC



MARK YOUR NEW CALENDARS
Your yearly club dues are due on
July 1st of every Calendar Year.
Please mark your new 2025
Calendars. Thank You :)

February:

2 Board Meeting
22 Puppy Match

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



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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.

Loved by Marla Belzowski

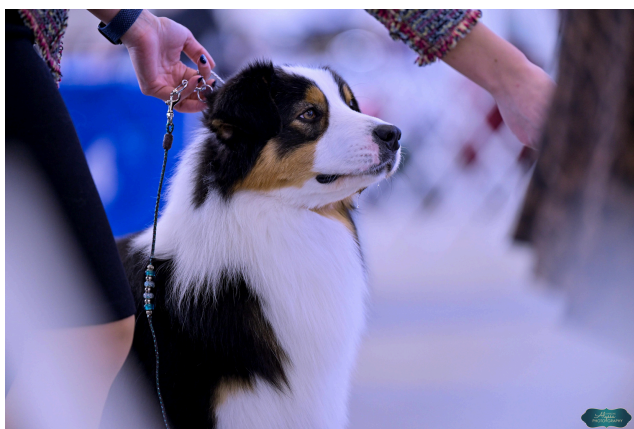


Earthstar's Tangled at LegendHold PT, RA - "Rapunzel"
03/07/2013 - 01/27/2026

Joe Vincenzo lost his Aussie, Rowan, earlier this month.

MACH Deja Vu's Rowan The Phoenix CDX RE MXB MJB T2B BCAT SWA

BRAGS



from Diana James:

There is a new Champion at Fallfire Ch Fallfire Single Shot (Jager) went to Indy Winter Classic shows and took a 4 & 5 pt major in 4 shows and then on to Novi where he picked up another 4 pt major to finish his championship, CH. Jager had 4 majors in all, finishing from the 12 to 18 class.

I am very excited about the future of this young dog.

Cleaning over the holidays

A great big thanks to those who took time to help clean, organize and maintain the building over the few weeks we were shut down!

Kim Colella and husband Paul, cleaned up the rat's nest in the upstairs storage space. They got rid of lots of trash and debris that had collected over ten years. They put together shelving which gave us more than twice the storage space!

Thanks to Karen Herceg, who cleaned all of the overhead air ducts in the office, kitchen and bathrooms, cleaned the bugs out of all the light fixtures, in the office, kitchen and bathrooms, and dust & dirt along the rubber seals on all of the door jambs. Lastly, she cleaned the entire area in the kitchen once occupied by the old freezer.



I vacuumed cobwebs and dog hair off of the walls, from floor up to the roof. On the floor, I washed the concrete with trisodium phosphate and rinsed with water & dried the strips with towels.

Skip Begeot repainted all of the concrete strips with gray epoxy paint.

Thanks to Tim Dillon and Brett Sprout cleaned dog hair and dirt off of the blades and motor housings of the Big Assed Fans, and they cleaned the entire housings for both of the overhead radiant heaters.

Thanks Tim, Brett, Karen and Skip!

Dale Burrier

TRAINING DIRECTOR'S CORNER



Hi all, Winter is here in full force! HD Construction has been plowing our parking lot and salting the paved H/C parking area. If "Bones" comes to plow (when we receive 2" or more), and you are there before him, he may come in and have you move your cars from one area to another. That way, he can plow the entire parking lot for us.

Bones does not remove snow from the sidewalks. That is the responsibility of the first members showing up for classes. If you don't think you can shovel and salt the walks, call me at 330-720-1440, so it can be taken care of.

I have noticed that the "Figure 8" cones have been set up incorrectly for training on different occasions, in the free ring, and in the open/utility ring. They are NOT to be centered at 8' apart! AKC regulations state that they are to be spaced 8' apart **from the base of the cones**, ensuring an 8' clear space for handler and dog to be able to freely maneuver between them.

AKC
Obedience
Regulations
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The sign and bar jumps should be checked throughout the class to ensure the pins, pegs, and/or cup holders (that hold the panels and/or bar in place) are securely seated after each jump change.

Figure 8 Cones: Two cones will be provided for the Figure 8 exercise in Beginner Novice, Novice, Preferred Novice, Open, Preferred Open, Graduate Novice, and Versatility classes. Each cone will be 17 to 37

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REGULATIONS

inches high and no more than 15 inches wide at the base. The cones will be placed 8 feet apart, measured from the base of each cone to ensure there is a full 8-foot walking space between the cones.

Section 35. Judges' Education. The knowledge gained from studying the *Obedience Regulations*, routinely reviewing the online judges education program, and putting this knowledge into practice will assist a judge in making sound judging decisions.

Obedience judges must complete the online AKC Obedience Judge's

New class! Watch for a "foundation class" for competitive obedience handlers and their young dogs. Jaynie Sabo, Karen Herceg and Patty Sparks are working on the curriculum for this 8-week course. It appears that it may be held in the Free Ring, Wednesdays at 6 pm, pending board approval.

Watch for a new class to be presented by Karen Wisler. "Agility Fitness" will be a canine conditioning class for agility's canine athletes. Learn how to properly stretch and warm-up you agility partner, avoid those needless injuries resulting from improper preparation!

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.

Why Warm up Your Dog ?

by Karen Wisler

There are many benefits to engaging in a routine Warm up and Cool down with your dog whether he be a performance dog or your pet who just loves to play fetch. By warming up your dog prior to an activity, it can increase the temperature of your dog's muscles and joints. Because a higher temperature allows the muscles and joints to stretch and move better within their range of motion, that can reduce the susceptibility to injuries.

Warming up your dog also increases the heart rate and breathing rate which helps increase blood circulation and blood flow to his muscles, tendons and ligaments. Not only does this help with oxygenation and the absorption of nutrients to those areas, but the increase in the muscle and joint temperature allows the maximum range of motion and the increase of the glide of muscle fibers and joints. The rate of muscle contractions are also increased. The increase in muscle and joint temperature also has a decreasing effect on muscle strain.

Nerve impulse transmission and proprioception are also increased with a routine Warm up. Your dog's joint position awareness was found to be significantly higher after a Warm up, meaning less missteps during competition.

Before dogs participate in any activity that will require physical exertion and an elevated heart rate, a Warm up should be performed. Some of the common activities that we participate in with our dogs are:

- Tossing a ball/playing fetch
- Hiking
- Swimming
- Endurance work
- Sprint work
- Attending any performance class

When you have finished your competition, trial or training session, an activity immediately after exercise such as a light trot or walking for 5-10 minutes will help your dog recover faster, relax and settle down.

Canine Conditioning and Fitness Classes are available:

Friday, February 13 at 11:00

Wednesday, April 29 at 5:00

Contact Kathy Hopkins @ yabcttraining@gmail.com to enroll.



Volunteers Needed

YABTC's Annual Puppy Match on Sunday, February 22, 2026 and we need volunteers.

We need the following:



3 Stewards



4-5 People to help set up on Saturday evening at 6PM

1 person to man the raffle table



2-3 to help with clean-up starting at 1PM on Sunday

If you can help, please contact Sue Davis at laffinsal@gmail.com or call her at 330-501-5914



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.

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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
JAN7	WED	7:05
MAR4	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
FEB 13 FRI 11:00 AM
APRIL 29 WED 5:00
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 Shioman
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

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

PLEASE NOTE →

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.

Youngstown All Breed Training Club 22nd Annual Conformation Fun Match Sunday, February 22, 2026

13210 Mahoning Avenue
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www.yabtc.com



PREENTRIES \$10 postmarked by Feb 15
DAY OF ENTRIES \$15 Registration: 8:00 – 9:00
a.m. Judging starts at 9 : 30 a.m. Building o
pens at 7:30 a.m.

JUDGES
Perri Graf, Kim Haupt &
Andrea McIlwaine
HANDLING WILL BE JUDGED FIRST

MATCH CLASSES divided by age and sex

- Novice Puppy 3-6 months
- Junior Puppy 6-9 months
- Senior Puppy 9-12 months
- Adult over 12 months

HANDLING CLASSES divided by age

- Juniors UNDER 8 yrs
- Juniors 8-12 yrs
- Juniors 13-17 yrs
- Adults 18 yrs and over

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE CHECK MARK IF YOU ARE ENTERING THE MATCH OR HANDLING OR BOTH

Your Name: _____ ARM BAND _____ (we assign)

Address: _____

EMAIL: _____ Phone/Cell: _____

Breed: _____ Sex: _____

Dog's Call Name: _____ Dog's date of birth: _____

\$10 PUPPY MATCH – CIRCLE GROUP AND AGE OF DOG ENTERING MATCH

- HERDING SPORTING WORKING NON SPORTING TERRIER HOUND TOY**
3-6 months 6-9 months 9-12 months 12 months and older

\$10 HANDLING COMPETITION – CIRCLE AGE OF HANDLER

- JUNIORS under 8 yrs JUNIORS 8-12 yrs JUNIORS 13-17 yrs ADULTS 18 yrs or older**

MAIL PRE-ENTRIES TO: SHELLEY KACENSKI, C/O YABTC MATCH, 4634 FITZGERALD AVENUE, YOUNGSTOWN, OH 44515
For more information email: snowangelsiberians@gmail.com
PRE ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 15TH

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

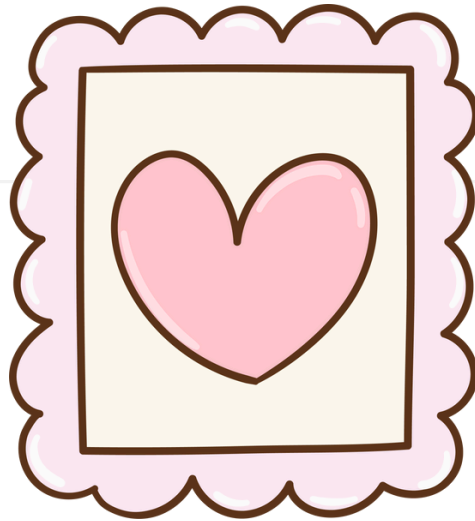
- Limited Working Spots
- Auditing Spots – One Day or Two Day available

Seminar Location
Cleveland All-Breed Training Club
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