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LAB REPORT Our Next meeting: September 9th, 2024
at IHOP in Conyers.

Interested in donating a trophy for your specific breed? Come to our meeting and sign up! Time is closing in for our next show in 2025!

AKC Delegate Yves Belmont represented the CKC at the AKC Delegate Meeting in Newark, NJ on 6/10-11/2024





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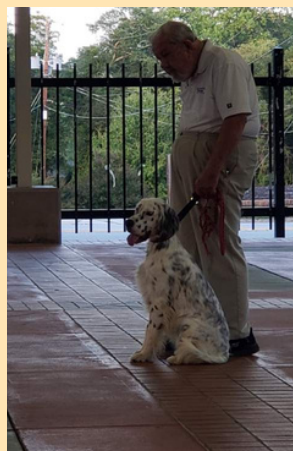
Conyer's Handling Classes and CGC/Intro to Rally classes have begun!



September 3rd was the first class and it was a great turnout.



Please join us next week to enjoy some time with your dog!





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Sanctioned B- OB Match News from the
Conyers Kennel Club

**Conyers Kennel Club is having their
annual AKC Sanctioned B - OB Fun
Match at Earl O'Neal Sports Complex
Soccer Field
November 2nd, 2024.**

**Please see the Events page on our website
for the Flyer and Entry Form!**

See ya there!



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Sanctioned B- OB Match News from the
Griffin Kennel Club

**Griffin Kennel Club is having their
annual AKC Sanctioned B - OB Fun
Match with Rally
at Griffin City Park Pavillion #2
October 12th, 2024.**

**Contact Match Chair Diane Faulkner for
more information:
dixiedachssw@gmail.com**

**Stay tuned for more
information!**





Braggs

CKC President Jan Moore and her 8 mo. old puppy “Bleu” won back to back 5pt majors at the Greenville KC Shows.





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**CKC Member
Stephanie Hawkins'
"Siobhan"
winning
Best of Breed at the
Carolina Kennel Club.**



Other important brags!

**CKC Member Beth Pederon's Cavalier "Kyrina" got her
Intermediate Rally Title**

CKC President Jan Moore's Golden "Filly" got 2- 3pt majors

**CKC Member Elizabeth Gearhart's Riggseely and Pookie got their
CGC titles**

CONGRATS EVERYONE!



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**Conyers Kennel Club donated to the Newton/Rockdale
Emergency Relief Food Bank!**

Thanks to all who donated!

**“Love and kindness are never wasted.
They always make a difference.”**

Helen James



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LEGS Coursing Club is now an American Sighthound Field Association affiliated club.

If you have sighthounds this is for you! You now have an ASFA approved club in your backyard!

Occasional ASFA will have instinct trials for non-sighthound friends too!

legscoursing.com



Canine Chronicle Article

Stop Burning Your Entry Fees

By Sandy Weaver

Have you ever decided to train your dog in the ring? Did you get upset when your dog didn't win, even though your dog was the better dog?

Here are two questions for you: Could the judge see the quality of your dog? Was that a fair thing to do to your dog?

Sometimes you have to take an untrained dog in the ring. Maybe the dog is lead trained and relatively good in strange surroundings, and you don't have training classes nearby, so you decide to enter a weekend of shows. Sometimes you get a dog you are charged with showing, are told by the owners that the dog knows the ropes and will behave, and it's a ringside pickup. Sometimes you don't know what you don't know, so you enter a show.

And in the ring, you see that maybe it was a bad idea.

- Some dogs are bomb-proof and willing to try anything. Dogs like that can react in one of two ways—they could be very good, very steady dogs and behave well, or they can be full-on wacko, having way too much fun on their end of the lead.
- Some dogs aren't so excited about trying new things and might be okay on the initial go-around, then get squirrely for the exam.
- Some dogs are having none of it and will end up being excused for one reason or the other. Hopefully, it's "unable to examine" that the judge writes in their book, meaning nothing goes on your green dog's "permanent record."

Of that array of possibilities, the only one that gives the judge a fighting chance to evaluate your dog fairly is the very first one—bomb-proof and steady. The other three possibilities put you, your dog, and the judge at a disadvantage. You, because you're in a position of having to try multiple things to help your dog cope while you're coping with ring nerves. Your dog, because they have NO idea what's going on or why a stranger is looking at them and trying to touch them. The judge, because they may see flashes of goodness and wish they could truly evaluate your dog. They can't, because either they can't see your dog move properly or they can't put their hands on it.

There are so many ways to prepare your dog for the show ring that unless you're picking up an unknown dog at ringside, there's really no excuse to take an untrained dog into the ring. Here are three ideas to try that cost nothing but your time and patience.

1. Take your dog to different places at least twice a week. Go to places like a park with a playground filled with kids having fun. Don't go into the playground area—find an area near it to work on attention and stacking. If someone wants to interact with your dog, ask if they'd be willing to play dog show judge. Stack your dog, ask the person to lightly touch your dog on the withers, mid-back, and rump. If your dog stands well, pay them well, release them from the stack, and let them interact with the person. If they take treats nicely, let the stranger give them a training treat.

2. Take your dog into pet-friendly stores like big-box pet supply stores, hardware stores, and garden centers. Those places are great

because they are very much like an indoor dog show. If your dog is overwhelmed by the loud sounds, carts, and intercom, don't ask them to work at first, just let them stand there and acclimate. If you're in a store with flatbed carts and your dog seems leery of them or even afraid of them, stand near one and put a few training treats on it. Don't ask the dog to do anything—let them explore at their own pace. When they get brave about the flatbed, it will pay them because you've put treats on it. Letting something that scares the dog pay the dog is the fastest way to help your dog get over being afraid of unfamiliar things. Once your dog is calm in the surroundings, if people want to meet them, use the process above to create a productive training opportunity.

3. Practice gaiting your dog at least three times a week—once in your own home area, once when you visit the park, and once inside the big-box store. These gaiting sessions should be short and fun, and end when the dog has done exactly what you want. Start slowly—don't run at first, just walk briskly with your dog at your side. Don't look at your dog; when you do, it encourages them to look at you. What you'll do is wait for them to be controlled and moving forward beside you with their head pointed straight forward, praise them as soon as you see that—stop and treat them. It's best if they're standing for the treat so they learn that standing still gets them paid.

In all of these scenarios, use high-value training treats. Small, moist, and smelly will help focus your dog on you and what they need to do to get one of those tiny bits of yumminess. You can use commercial training treats, cheese, roasted chicken—whatever your dog really likes. There are two great rules about treats to remember:

1. Size doesn't matter. Use tiny treats to avoid expanding your dog's waistline. Fat dogs can't move, no matter how well they're built, and dogs are happy to get a treat, even if it's a very small one.

2. The more stress the dog is likely to feel, the higher value treat you need to have for them. Each time you move to a new location or ask the dog to work in an environment that stresses them, be sure to have something they've never had before that they're likely to find delicious. For dogs that are really stressed in strange locations, have multiple kinds of bait, and switch it up often. Tiny moist cat treats make most dogs happy so if your dog won't take anything else, try those.

These simple-to-execute ideas will help your dog be comfortable in the show ring even if they've never been to a training class or puppy match. Before making dog show entries, make your dog a show dog. It's the low-cost, easy way to make the most of your entry fees.

Unless you have the bomb-proof, steady kind of dog, training in the show ring is exactly the same as setting your money on fire.

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