



# WAG-N-TALES

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## Bella's Story

Registered Name: Stl's The Bold And The Beautiful Bella

I loved Bella before I even met her...

Back in 2007, my husband and I had to have our rescue dog "Stormy" euthanized. It broke our hearts, we cried for weeks, and agonized over the decision we had made to lead her to the "Rainbow Bridge". After much soul searching and heart healing we decided to search for a purebred silver labrador. That is when I came across Silver Truffles Labradors. I called and talked to Rebecca, the owner of Silver Truffles. We clicked immediately, she does not kennel her dogs, she loves them, and her children spoil them, it was a match made in heaven-except for one thing. She had an available litter born December 6, 2007, but all the silvers were spoken for and all she had left was a black female, and a chocolate male. It was a disappointment for us, but at the last moment we decided to bring this brother and sister into our lives. And so it begins-Bella's Story.

We anxiously awaited the arrival of January 25th, the day we would drive to the Cleveland area to meet our new "babies". During that time Rebecca kept us posted on their development with emails and pictures, we could hardly wait. Finally the day arrived, it was a freezing cold day but a clear one as we started our journey into what would become the best journey of our lives.

We arrived early afternoon and were greeted by Rebecca and our pups' daddy "Bruschi", he was absolutely a sight to behold, gentle and regal. Then "they" appeared the little balls of joy we were there to retrieve. Our Chocolate boy whom we have named "Dakota" and my beloved "Bella". All was right with heaven and earth, after a lengthy and teary "goodbye" to Rebecca and "Bruschi" we headed home. By the time we



pulled out of the driveway we were hooked on our Labradors and hopelessly in love with them forever.

The next 2 months were exhausting as well as exhilarating. Crate training, potty training, manner training, but true to Rebecca's claims her dogs are easy to train, are gentle, and are everything that one could ever want in a Labrador. They learned quickly, went to puppy school and were the stars of their class. Everyone would ask us how we could train these young pups to be so good. Little did they know, that is just how they were, it is bred into them. On to obedience 1, no surprises here. They were the stars once again. Obedience 2

started and we knew that our babies would pass the AKC GOOD CITIZEN TEST with no problems, but then it started. Midway through class, Bella would not sit on command, and when she did sit, she had a hard time standing up; she acted as though she was in pain. I was puzzled, as her brother was not having any of these problems. Soon it became evident that she was experiencing pain. It was difficult to arise from a sitting position, she could not jump onto the bed, and she could not jump into our SUV. Even though she was in pain, she still tried with all her heart to please us. She managed to take the CANINE GOOD CITIZEN TEST, and pass it with ease. Both dogs received their AKC Certificates. We were so proud of her as well as Dakota. Because of their training and gentleness,

and having passed their Canine Good Citizen test, our dogs have been allowed to visit the nursing home in our area and have brought incredible joy and diversion to their residents. Through all the pain Bella still has the desire to help others and bring joy to their lives.

One day as we arrived at home, I asked my husband to watch Bella try to get up, he too became concerned that she was obviously having difficulty. The next day we were off to our Vet for a check up. At first the Vet thought that she had injured her spinal cord and gave her medication and confined

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# Brags

## Belgians Do It All

YABTC members with the pointy black dogs have had a busy month!

**On Wednesday April 29th** it was off to the Belgian Sheepdog **National Specialty** in Oconomowoc, WI for me, my mother (Michele Hoard) and Lorie Hopp. The dogs attending were Dante (Lorie's boy), Jagger and Zette (my two), Cherry (co-owned between my mother and myself, I show her in conformation). And I couldn't resist bringing Whimsy the Puppy along. We certainly had a van full!

After a almost 12 hour trip we all got a little bit of sleep before having to wake up and show in Rally the next day:

- Lorie & Dante: 1st place in Rally Novice A, First Rally Novice leg
- Nikki & Jagger: Rally **Advanced Title** with a Perfect score!
- Michele & Cherry: Rally Advanced Title
- Nikki & Sizzle: First Sizzle's first Rally Novice leg with a score of 94
- Nikki & Zette: First Rally Rally Novice leg with an 89 (should have been a 99 but I lost track of the number of steps on a "one step-two step-three step" exercise).

**Friday May 1st** was conformation judging for regular classes:

- Nikki & Cherry: Reserve Winner's Bitch from the Bred-By class

**Saturday May 2nd** was **Best of Breed**:

- Lorie & Dante: Select Award (an Award of Merit that is given only at the BSCA National to a handful of dogs each year, this makes Dante a Select Champion)

The weekend following the National was the **Tallmadge** dog show. Teddie Joeright had Fax entered in conformation where Fax was **Best of Winner's** both days. I believe these are Fax's first points but I'm not 100% sure.

A couple weeks after that it was time for the **New Castle Show**.

I had Jagger and Cherry in conformation and Sizzle in Rally. Lorie Hopp had Dante, Lia and Rosie in Rally. This was also Mike & Charyn Compeau's first time showing in conformation with their dogs Nico and Lily.

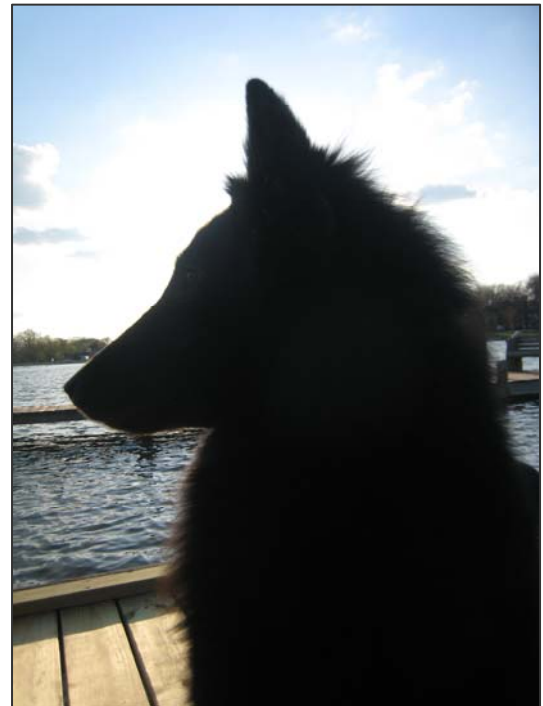
Conformation:

- Nikki & Cherry: **New Champion!**
- Nikki & Jagger: Winner's Dog Sunday for 2 point (now he just needs ONE more!)
- Mike & Nico: **Best of Winner's** on Saturday for a 3 point major from the 6-9 class

Rally:

- Lorie & Lia: First Rally Novice leg on Friday, second leg and 1st place with a score of 93 on Saturday
- Lorie & Dante: Second Rally Novice leg on Friday
- Lorie & Rosie: First Rally Novice leg on Friday with a 3rd place and second Rally Novice Leg on Saturday
- Nikki & Sizzle: Second Rally Novice leg with a score of 92 on Saturday

~ Sent in by Nikki Puccini



### New CGC Certificates

Test date: 05/05/2009

Instructor: Nikki Puccini

Evaluator: Mary Mignogna

Helen Bell	Truffles	Silver Labrador Retriever
Carolyn Betts	Deuce	Doberman Pinscher
Olivia Costantino	Rosie	Puggle
Courtney Croft	Bob	Papillion
Susan Kunkle	Logan	Irish Terrier
Laura Lindberg	Reeva	Cardigan Welsh Corgi
Randi Little	Bouncer	Keeshond
Deborah McLaughlin	Bunny	Bullmastiff
Deborah McLaughlin	Hunter	Rottweiler
Deborah McLaughlin	Gwen	Rottweiler
ulia Ng	Berkeley	Goldendoodle
Dianne Siefert	Logan	Shetland Sheepdog
Helen White	Percy	Teddy Roosevelt Terrier

## Inner Peace



If you can start the day without caffeine,

If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,

If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,

If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,

If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you anytime,

If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,

If you can conquer tension without medical help,

If you can relax without liquor,

If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

.....Then You Are Probably The Family Dog!  
And you thought I was going to get all spiritual.

~ Sent in by  
Pat Ray



## Hi YABTC members and friends,

We are bringing back the Pet Patron and Pet Memorial Ads in our fall 2009 obedience catalog. You can place an ad for just \$1 per line.

### Examples for pet patron ads are:

- Good luck to all exhibitors! -- Sue and Fluffy
- In honor of Rover's CD earned Jan 2009 -- Tom Jones
- Thank you to all my instructors at YABTC! -- Ann

### Examples for pet memorials:

- In loving memory of CH Dog show's Spanky CD RE - 2/14/2009 -- Mark & Mindy Smith
- In tribute to my first obedience dog, Fido. Thank you for teaching me so much. -- Linda
- In memory of Dusty & Fluffy -- Judy Drotar

Be creative and have fun! Ads are \$1 per line and you can say as much or as little as you like. No photos please. Please contact Lori Baker at [stelorbuls@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stelorbuls@sbcglobal.net) or 330-881-1440 to place your ad. Deadline is September 21.

~ Lori Baker





her to 6 months of “cage rest”. I was devastated, my heart was breaking and every time I looked at my beloved Bella lying in her cage I cried. I prayed that she would get better but she seemed to worsen daily. No more romping with her brother, no more running through the fields, no more swimming in the streams. Her life as a happy Labrador Retriever was fading each day. Something had to be done. My Vet couldn’t help her, but suggested that I take her to Akron Veterinary Hospital so that Dr. Daye could examine her. I called the Hospital and within days, we were on our way to Akron.

Bella was excited to go for the car ride, and sporting her new bright blue leash emblazoned with the gold “canine good citizen” logo, we arrived at the hospital. The staff greeted us, we filled out papers, and then we met with Dr. Daye. He was immediately taken with Bella’s loving attitude and demeanor. He examined her, manipulated her, twisted her in directions that I didn’t think a dog could be twisted in, and all the while Bella looked at him with that loving and trusting gaze, as if to say “I know you are trying to help me”. Dr. Daye looked up at me and said, “I am almost positive this dog has severe hip dysplasia”, but we will have to anesthetize her in order to run a full series of x-rays.” The words barely left his lips, my heart sank, and the tears began to flow. He offered comfort, but it did not mask the fear that began to creep into my soul. He suggested we go have lunch and return in about an hour, by then he felt the anesthesia would be worn off and we would have our diagnosis. It was the longest hour of my life, my husband and I sobbed off and on throughout lunch and could not understand how this could happen to a perfectly healthy well-bred dog that wasn’t even a year old. We waited.

When we returned, Dr. Daye was there to greet us, Bella was with him and as groggy as she was she did her best to greet us. He smiled somberly and told us how remarkable Bella was, they never had to restrain her or muzzle her, and she was the perfect lady. And then he made his diagnosis. He directed us to his computer and loaded all of Bella’s x-ray images; even to my untrained eye it did not look good. As calmly as he could, he confirmed that Bella did indeed have severe hip dysplasia. The prognosis was 3 months to 3 years before she would be incapacitated and would probably have to join “Stormy” at the Rainbow Bridge. My husband and I looked at one another; I could see the tears in his eyes and we cried. “What can we do for her? Why does she have this?” We asked through choked

up sobs. “It happens”, was all Dr. Daye could say. Even in healthy parents with no background of dysplasia, some pups get this devastating disorder. He offered a shred of hope for our Bella. “If you exercise her heavily, and daily so that her rear leg muscles become stronger, put her on a diet to become as thin as she can sustain, and give her supplements of glucosamine and chondroitin, she may at least have some quality of life.” As we looked down at our beloved Bella, we vowed we would do what ever was necessary to help her with this disease. We lifted Bella into our SUV and as she slept, we drove home in total shock and despair. We cried.

By the time we arrived at home, my husband had formulated his game plan and I had formulated mine. He was determined that Bella would get her exercise, if there was a way to build her muscles, so that they could help hold her hips in place, he was going to do his best to accommodate her; so began the “runs” as we call them. Everyday, my husband packed up Bella, Dakota, Truffles, & Casey (our nine year old Weimaraner) and headed for the woods and streams. At first, Bella would walk a short distance and sit down. Encouraged by her pack mates and my husband, she would get up and start to walk again, one paw step at a time. It was difficult and exhausting for her, not to mention that it probably hurt immensely.

My game plan was to search the internet and educate myself about this horrible thing called dysplasia. I read everything I could about it. I turned to dog bloggers for their experiences with this condition. I became obsessed with this thing called dysplasia. Several things began to stand out about this disease. Natural supplements, weight loss, and exercise were the most successful for most peoples’ dogs. I dug further, and a particular natural supplement received the highest accolades-” Winston’s Joint System” (dogshealth.com). I was desperate for my Bella, and contacted them. Winston’s was very helpful and efficient, Bella received her supply within days, and as they requested I was to report on her progress in thirty days.

As mentioned before, the Vets all agreed that she should take glucosamine and chondroitin to help build cartilage, and she also is given vitamin C, as well as 1200mg of fish oil per day. To this we added the Winston’s Joint System. Each day she became stronger. Was it our imagination or is she starting to run? Two weeks passed, then the thirty day mark. No, it was not our imagination, she is running. Excitedly I made the call (1-888-901-5557) to Winston’s. I could not believe the difference; my Bella was able to run. Winston’s was not surprised, they expected improvement, and they were excited for me as well as for Bella.(I am not giving a sales pitch here), I am only trying to help other dogs by passing on this information, if it worked for Bella, then maybe it can work for another dog.

It has now been 5 months. My husband fulfilled his exercise routine with the pack, Bella lost 7 pounds, has developed strong muscles. He never missed a day and never let her quit, through rain, sub zero temperatures, snow, sleet and ice, he

made her run. She swam in the icy creeks, she climbed the embankments, and she ran the paths, putting on about five miles a day. She developed muscles. She can now live the life of a retriever, swimming, running, retrieving, and hopping up onto the bed and into the SUV. She can keep up with the entire pack. We rejoiced.

We don't know how long this miracle will last, but we do know we will keep up her regimen of exercise and supplements. Bella was at the Vets recently and he is delighted, there is such an improvement in her he could not believe it was the same dog. We smiled.

Silver Truffles Labradors ([silverlabs.net](http://silverlabs.net)) owned by Rebecca Daniels, was instrumental in my telling Bella's Story. Rebecca was also devastated by Bella's dysplasia, and wanted to immediately replace Bella with a new pup. I couldn't do that to Bella, she can never be replaced. Rebecca then asked if I would tell the story of Bella so that she could put it on her website. I was shocked. I could not imagine why a breeder would want the world to know that she sold a pup that ended up with hip dysplasia. "I want everyone to know that even in the best of lines, disease can happen, but I also want everyone to know that it doesn't always mean a death sentence for the dog, and Bella proves that." I agreed.

Our dogs are our lives, our family, our true friends; they are soul mates who happen to wear fur. My husband and I can not imagine life without our pack, which by the way will be one soul mate stronger, as Bella's mother "Sable" will be coming to live with us in the near future. Rebecca feels it's time to retire her and give her the best labrador life she can have, and that's where we come in. We are anxiously awaiting her arrival; it is not a replacement to Bella in any way. It is in addition to. That will make a total of four Silver Truffles Labradors for us, and complete our "6 pack".

I truly believe that things happen for a reason. We had to send "Stormy" to the Rainbow Bridge, which set our course for an incredible journey with Rebecca and Silver Truffles Labradors, and the journey will continue until each of us meet at the "Rainbow Bridge" and we cross it together to begin another journey on the other side.

May paw prints tread softly into your heart and fill your soul--  
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Cookie Bell ([Ladynred143@aol.com](mailto:Ladynred143@aol.com))



## Health

### Garden Safety

For your pup's safety, fence off your spring garden from the rest of your dog's stomping ground. Otherwise, your gorgeous greenery may pose serious health risks for your pooch.

**Problem plants and flowers:** If consumed, many garden picks can be poison to your dog, including autumn crocus, azaleas, bird-of-paradise, buttercup, Christmas rose, daffodil, day lily, iris, oleander, foxglove, morning glory, mountain mahogany, lily of the valley, rhododendron, and periwinkle.

**Vegetable-patch pitfalls:** Onions, chives, and garlic, which pets find quite tasty, contain compounds that can cause anemia. The leafy green parts of potato plants also can be toxic.

**Frightening fruits:** The seeds or pits in apples, plums, cherries, peaches, and apricots contain cyanide, which can cause seizures.

**Chemical concerns:** A 3- to 4-foot wire-mesh fence should keep your pooch from munching on your garden favorites. But if you think there's even a slight chance that your pup could jump over or dig under the fence, treat your plants, flowers, vegetables, and vines with products that are pet-safe. All-natural fertilizers and organic weed killers are available at many nurseries. And along with keeping your best friend out of harm's way, you'll be protecting the environment

## Welfare

If you have any welfare information to report, please contact **Kathy Taleos** at [LabLady1020@aol.com](mailto:LabLady1020@aol.com).

### We would like to send our condolences to

- DeAnne & Paul Hunt, who lost their Akita, Kilei on June 17. She would have been 12 on July 4th.

~ Sent in to YABTC's Wag-N-Tales by Perri Graf

# The praying Hands

Back in the fifteenth century, in a tiny village near Nuremberg, lived a family with eighteen children. Eighteen! In order merely to keep food on the table for this mob, the father and head of the household, a goldsmith by profession, worked almost eighteen hours a day at his trade and any other paying chore he could find in the neighborhood.



Despite their seemingly hopeless condition, two of Albrecht Durer the Elder's children had a dream. They both wanted to pursue their talent for art, but they knew full well that their father would never be financially able to send either of them to Nuremberg to study at the Academy.

After many long discussions at night in their crowded bed, the two boys finally worked out a pact. They would toss a coin. The loser would go down into the nearby mines and, with his earnings, support his brother while he attended the academy. Then, when that brother who won the toss completed his studies, in four years, he would support the other brother at the academy, either with sales of his artwork or, if necessary, also by laboring in the mines.

They tossed a coin on a Sunday morning after church. Albrecht Durer won the toss and went off to Nuremberg. Albert went down into the dangerous mines and, for the next four years, financed his brother, whose work at the academy was almost an immediate sensation. Albrecht's etchings, his woodcuts, and his oils were far better than those of most of his professors, and by the time he graduated, he was beginning to earn considerable fees for his commissioned works.

When the young artist returned to his village, the Durer family held a festive dinner on their lawn to celebrate Albrecht's triumphant homecoming. After a long and memorable meal, punctuated with music and laughter, Albrecht rose from his honored position at the head of the table to drink a toast to his beloved brother for the years of sacrifice that had enabled Albrecht to fulfill his ambition. His closing words were, "And now, Albert, blessed brother of mine, now it is your turn. Now you can go to Nuremberg to pursue your dream, and I will take care of you."

All heads turned in eager expectation to the far end of the table where Albert sat, tears streaming down his pale face, shaking his lowered head from side to side while he sobbed and repeated, over and over, "No ...no ...no ...no."

Finally, Albert rose and wiped the tears from his cheeks. He glanced down the long table at the faces he loved, and then, holding his hands close to his right cheek, he said softly, "No, brother. I cannot go to Nuremberg. It is too late for me. Look

... look what four years in the mines have done to my hands! The bones in every finger have been smashed at least once, and lately I have been suffering from arthritis so badly in my right hand that I cannot even hold a glass to return your toast, much less make delicate lines on parchment or canvas with a pen or a brush. No, brother ... for me it is too late."

More than 450 years have passed. By now, Albrecht Durer's hundreds of masterful portraits, pen and silver-point sketches, watercolors, charcoals, woodcuts, and copper engravings hang in every great museum in the world, but the odds are great that you, like most people, are familiar with only one of Albrecht Durer's works. More than merely being familiar with it, you very well may have a reproduction hanging in your home or office.

One day, to pay homage to Albert for all that he had sacrificed, Albrecht Durer painstakingly drew his brother's abused hands with palms together and thin fingers stretched skyward. He called his powerful drawing simply "Hands," but the entire world almost immediately opened their hearts to his great masterpiece and renamed his tribute of love "The Praying Hands."

The next time you see a copy of that touching creation, take a second look. Let it be your reminder, if you still need one, that no one - no one - ever makes it alone!

*~Source Unknown~*

**~ Sent in to YABTC by Pat Duncko**

I would like to thank everyone who helped at YABTC and GSCAs' June Agility Trial. As a first-time trial chair I really appreciate all the help. Everyone was great. You all made everything seem doable even as I was feeling overwhelmed by it all. (A special thank-you to Pat Duncko--she knows why.)

Also, the worker-herders-Rae Reinhart-Friday; Elaine Shively-Sunday; and myself-Saturday want to Thank all their workers. We couldn't do this without you. Don't forget, we have another agility trial in August. Again, THANK-YOU ALL!!

**~ JoAnn Fedyski**



# In the Vicinity

## Mixed Breeds Can Compete, Too!!

Check out Four Seasons K9 for:

- June 27-28, 2009 ASCA Agility
- July 24-26, 2009 USDAA Agility
- August 1-2, 2009 ASCA Agility
- August 7-9, 2009 CPE Agility
- August 22-23, 2009 TDAA Agility

<http://www.k9athletecenter.com/trials.htm>

## Pharmacological Treatment for Troubled Canines

(New Developments)

presented by: Dr. Karen Overall  
Cleveland, OH

Sunday, July 12, 2009

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\$95.00 (Sunday only) \$107.00 (with optional lunch)

For any inquiries, contact: email: [events@petworkshops.com](mailto:events@petworkshops.com)

## All Breed Training Club of Akron

### Obedience Run Thrus

ABTCA's Obedience Run-Throughs are normally held on the second, fourth, and any fifth Monday of each month, starting at 6:00 pm. The schedule for January through July 2009 is on our [Run-thru flyer](#)

We do Novice, Open and Utility levels. The cost is \$5 for the first run-through, \$3 for each additional run-through of the *same* dog. Any fifth Monday is a 'do-your-own-thing' training time; formal run-throughs are not done, other than the group exercises. The cost on the fifth Monday is \$5 per dog.

### Rally Run Thrus

Rally run-throughs are normally held on the third Monday of each month, starting at 6:30 pm.

The cost is \$5 per dog (unlimited runs).

## Next General Meeting is a Picnic

The next member meeting is **Friday, July 17**. There will be a potluck inside the Club's building. Please arrive at 6:00. Bring a salad, a vegetable, or a dessert, along with your table service and a beverage. The Club will provide fried chicken. Eating will commence at 6:30. The Dorothy Keck Memorial Good Sportsmanship Award presentation will be given, and the general meeting will follow. There will also be a raffle. If you would like to bring in a new item, we will sell raffle tickets, with all proceeds going to the Club

## (NEW) "Summer Run For Fun"

(\$2 for the opportunity to do 2 runs)

- June 12 & 26
- July 10 & 24
- August 7 & 21

*If you have an idea for a game contact Lotta. She will design the course and you will give a verbal explanation and pass out instructions to those present. For an idea of a game, try this link*

*(<http://www.k9tdaa.com/TDAAJudgesBriefings.htm>)*

The \$2 fees will accumulate through the summer and prizes will be given out at the end of the "Summer Run For Fun" series.

## FYI

### Obedience Seminar

Connie Cleveland will give an obedience seminar in September 2009. Details of this event can be obtained from flyers in the building and on our Web site.

### Cluster Stewards

Judy Drotar will organize the worker schedule for the obedience & rally workers for Thursday, Friday, and Sunday during the Steel Valley Cluster. If you can work, contact her.

### 2009 Dues

The 2009 dues were due on **July 01**.

- If you are an **instructor, or just joined** in January, March, or May of 2009, you are entitled to a **discount** if you wish to take advantage of it. A worksheet is provided on the reverse side of the renewal application.
- If you are a **lifetime** member, we need your completed renewal form for the Club records.
- If you are experiencing financial hardship, and would like to make installment payments, please submit your renewal form by July 01. The Club is willing to work with anyone's situation, up to and including waiving your dues.

Renewal forms are located on our home page: [yabtc.com](http://yabtc.com)

# American Temperament Test

On June 13th the American Temperament Test was given at Lake Farm Park in Kirtland, OH during their Working Dogs Weekend. The American Temperament Test Society, Inc. (ATTS) is a national not-for-profit organization for the promotion of uniform temperament evaluation of purebred and spayed/neutered mixed-breed dogs. According to the ATTS website, ATT was established to:



- Provide for a uniform national program of temperament testing of purebred and spayed/neutered mixed-breed dogs.
- Conduct seminars to disseminate information to dog owners, dog breeders and evaluators (testers) concerning dog psychology, motivation, reaction and other aspects of temperament testing.
- Recognize and award certificates to dogs that pass the requirements of the temperament evaluation.
- Work for the betterment of all breeds of dogs.
- Select, train, prepare and register temperament evaluators.

ATTS is the only non-profit organization that gives the TT (Temperament Tested) title for a dog. The TT, our logo and test procedures are copyrighted. The test is for all breeds and it is uniform throughout the country.

ATTS was founded by Alfons Ertel in 1977. The first test was held in September 1977; ATTS has held more than 960



tests as of December 31, 2003. The number of dogs tested as of December 2007 is 28,010 with 22,847 dogs earning a TT title. The average overall pass rate is 81.6 percent; the pass rate may vary for different breeds. The breed's temperament, training, health and age of the dog is taken into account. Minimum age for dogs to take the test is 18 months.

The test takes about 12 minutes to complete. The dog is on a loose six-foot (6') lead and three ATTS trained evaluators score the dog. Majority rules. Failure on any part of the test is recognized when a dog shows panic, strong avoidance without recovery or unprovoked aggression.

The test is comprised of ten different stations. At each station dogs are tested in a variety of ways, from greeting a friendly stranger, reacting to strange noises such as gun shots, walking on unusual footing, and to reacting to an aggressive stranger. Several members of YABTC had their dogs tested at Lake Farm Park. I believe all YABTC dogs passed.

Because of breed-specific dog legislation and negative publicity associated with many breeds of dogs, temperament testing has assumed an important role for today's dog fancier. The ATTS Temperament Test provides breeders a means for evaluating temperament and gives pet owners insight into their dog's behavior. It can have an impact on breeding programs and in educating owners about their dog's behavioral strengths and weaknesses as well as providing a positive influence on dog legislation.



~ Sent in by Sue Davis

Sue's dogs Sal (Ch Laketower Laff in the Dark RN CGC TDI TT) and Gear (Ch Choccashaws Dawn Comes Quickly WC CGC TT) passed the test.

Mary Mignogna's Baron passed the test

Janet Kamp and her sister Edith, also passed the test with one of their Dobermans





Enroll for Agility Classes  
 Contact Nancy Ventresco  
 At (330) 482-1661

## August Class Schedule

Enroll for Obedience & Rally Classes  
 Call or E-mail 330 398-9270  
 Registrar@yabtc.com

	Type	Class	Time	Begins	Ends	Instructors
<b>Mon</b>	A	AG1 & 2	9:00	Aug 10	Sep 28	Carol Kershner
	A	AG3 & Advanced	10:15	Au6 10	Sep 28	Carol Kershner, Lotta Shafer
	A	Beg	6:30	Aug 10	Sep 28	
	O	Beg2	7:05	Jun. 15	Aug. 03	
<b>Tues</b>	R	Rally Run Thrus	6:00	Aug 04		Mary Mignogna
	O	Obed. Run-Thrus	6:00	Aug 11 & 25		Kim Burrier
	C	Conformation	6:00	Aug 04	Aug 25	
	O	Puppy	6:00	Jul 14	Aug 18	
	O	Novice	7:05	Aug 04	Aug 25	Tammy Hunt
	O	Beg1	8:10	Aug 04	Sep 22	
	O	Beg1	8:10	Jun 23	Aug 11	
<b>Wed</b>	O	Open	6:00	Aug 05	Aug 26	Elaine Malone
	O	Puppy	6:00	Jul 08	Aug 12	
	O	Beg1	6:00	Aug 26	Oct 14	
	O	Pre-Novice	7:05	Aug 05	Aug 26	Sharon Phillips
	O	Doodle	7:05	Aug 05	Sep 09	
	O	Beg2	7:05	Jul 01	Aug 19	
	O	Puppy	8:10	Aug 12	Sep 16	
	O	Adv Rally	8:10	July 15	Aug 19	
	O	Utility	8:10	Aug 05	Aug 26	
<b>Thurs</b>	A	AG1 & 2	6:30	Aug 06	Sep 24	
	A	AG3 & Advanced	7:45	Aug 06	Sep 24	Jay Wootten
<b>Friday</b>	A	Mixed Use	6:30	Aug 07	Aug 28	<u>Lotta Shafer</u>
<b>Sun</b>	A	Fun Runs	10:30	Aug 02	Aug 30	John Monte
	4H	4H	4:00	Alt. weeks		John Monte, Shari Yuhas
For free ring info, contact <a href="mailto:TrainingDirector@yabtc.com">TrainingDirector@yabtc.com</a>						

### Members' Rates

**For Obedience & Rally:** Beginning classes (*Puppy, Beg1, and Rally 1*) are half the published rate. Beg2 & Advanced classes are free. (*CGC test: \$5*). Please arrive 15 minutes early for rally class to set up your crate. Pre-Novice thru Utility classes do not require pre-registration. To enroll in any other obedience or rally classes, call 330 398-9270 or E-mail [Registrar@yabtc.com](mailto:Registrar@yabtc.com).

**For Agility:** All classes require pre-registration. Intro, Beginner & Ag1 are half the published rate. Ag 2, Ag3, & Advanced classes are free. If you only enroll 1 dog, you cannot participate with more than 1 dog in that class. Please arrive 1/4 hour prior to class to set-up crates. To enroll in an agility class, call 330 482-1661

### YABTC Run Thrus

\$5 for first run; \$3 for second run (w/same dog)

#### Agility

- Saturday, August 01

Sign in begins at 3:30

Small dogs (4—16 inch) starting at 4 P.M.

Large dogs (20—26 inch) to follow

Contact: Sandy Irish or Deb Harper

*Run thrus will be held at the South end of the Canfield*

*Fairgrounds. We still need someone to haul the Club's trailer to & fro.*

#### Rally

When Tues

- August 04

Sign-Ups 6:00 - First Dog at: 6:30

#### Obedience

- August 11 & 25

Sign-Ups 6:00 - First Dog: at 6:30

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## **The American Kennel Club wants to get the word out about these summer safety tips:**

Heatstroke can be the serious and often fatal result of a dog's prolonged exposure to excessive heat. Below are the signs of heatstroke and the actions you should take if your dog is overcome.

### **Symptoms**

Early Stages:

Heavy panting.

Rapid breathing.

Excessive drooling.

Bright red gums and tongue.

Advanced Stages:

White or blue gums.

Uncontrollable urination or defecation.

Labored, noisy breathing.

Standing 4-square, posting or spreading out in an attempt to maintain balance.

Shock.

Lethargy, unwillingness to move.

### **What to do**

If your dog begins to exhibit signs of heatstroke, you should immediately try to cool the dog down:

Apply rubbing alcohol to the dog's paw pads.

Apply ice packs to the groin area.

Hose down with water.

Allow the dog to lick ice chips or drink a small amount of water.

Offer Pedialyte to restore electrolytes.

-- Source: American Kennel Club

~ Sent in by **Mary Mignogna**

**The newsletter deadline is the 25<sup>th</sup>.** Send all of your news, photos, and brags to [Newsletter@yabtc.com](mailto:Newsletter@yabtc.com), or, leave your information in the mailbox at the Club. Please let us know if you experience any problems with the Web site, or if anything needs to be added. Contact [Webmaster@yabtc.com](mailto:Webmaster@yabtc.com).

