



# WAG-N-TALES

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## HIKE, HIKE, HIKE !

~ Shelley Kacenski

*PUNDERSON STATE PARK, Newbury, Ohio  
January 21, 2012*

With our ever-changing seasons, the winter approaches bringing a whole new array of events and sports. Whether it is snow skiing, snowboarding, snowmobiling, sled riding or dog sledding, we are all praying for the same thing....SNOW!

Unfortunately, this winter has not been very kind to the snow-lovers in Ohio. But, when it finally does decide to drop some of the white stuff, we get out there and enjoy it!

So this past weekend, the dog-sledders were out in full training force, and I decided to give it a whirl....I am still fairly new to the sport, having been involved with the beautiful Siberian Husky for 8 years, I have only attempted mushing a few times.

You see, not all Siberians will Pull. YES, believe it or not, even though they were bred to pull a light load at a moderate speed over a long distance, not all Siberians have the instinctive urge to do so. (Especially the spoiled rotten couch potatoes) <<gg>> But, when paired with experienced dogs, some Siberians take to



the feeling of "tugging" a whole lot better and will "follow the leader" so-to-speak.

So, with the help and experience of friends and fellow club members, (Siberian Husky Club of Greater Cleveland - (SHCGC), training dogs for pulling a sled is soooo much easier. Nearly 80% of my club members are mushers and serious racers that hit the race circuit from Jan-March. There are sled dog races from Michigan to Massachusetts and everywhere in between. The SHCGC holds what we call the "Sled

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Dog Classic" every year out at Punderson State Park in Newbury, Ohio. This year our Race is February 25-26, 2012!

Well this past weekend, we had a sledding demonstration for the local Cub Scouts out at Punderson and afterwards, a lot of our club members had brought their sleds and dogs and we all hung around and ran our dogs. These are pictures from last Saturday, I am shown here running a 4 dog team made up of a friend of mine dog's (running at lead) and my two girls (Sierra and Nevaeh) are at wheel ! They did great and it was soooo much fun!

We had a Blast out there this past weekend and hopefully there will be a few more snowy weekends to come ~ so as the mushers say.... HIKE, HIKE, HIKE !



## Bragg

CH Darkside Ric-O-Shay BN CGC TT (Rico) earned his Beginner Novice title in obedience and third place at the Lorain County KC show in Cleveland, Oh on 12/15/10.

~ Lori Wilkoff

### Curly Coats earn points in 2 States



At the Crown Classic Shows in Cleveland in December, Sue Davis' Spirit ( Darkside Ghost rider in the Sky) won WB and BOS on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Her brother Yippie (Ch Darkside Yippie-Ki-Yay) co-owned by Sue and Robbie Shape earned his AKC championship by going WD and BOW on Friday and Saturday.

At the Buffalo Kennel Club Show in Hamburg, NY on January 14, 2011 Sue Davis' Sal (Ch Laketower Laff In The Dark RE) earned the first leg of her beginner's novice title and 4th place. Her daughter Spirit (Darkside Ghost rider in the Sky) was WB and BOS for her second major.





Party (Taliesins Party in the Rain) earned her Beginner Novice obedience title under Judge Louise C. Botko at the Crown Classis (Medina Kennel Club) show in Cleveland on December 16, 2011. Party took Second Place in Beginner Novice A with a score of 195.5 and was also the highest scoring Collie in obedience competition that day.

YABTC members took the first three placements in Beginner Novice A at the Crown Classis (Medina Kennel Club) show in Cleveland on December 16, 2011. Kathy Laverty and Mollie (First Place), Chris Gesing and Party (Second Place), and Cheryl Christy and Sadie (Third Place).



## Welfare

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

Our thoughts are with:

- The family of Ida Mae Marsland, who passed away on December 23 in Greenfield, Missouri at the Dade County Nursing Home. She was 94. Ida Mae was one of the founding members of the Club
- Sharon Phillips, who lost Poppy, a Belgian Shepherd, she would have been 15 on January 28th.
- Nikki Puccini and her family, who lost Lexus, a 14 year old Shepherd.



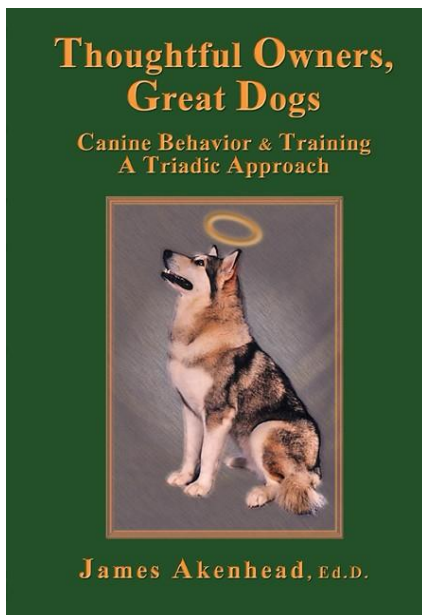
Poppy enjoyed good health up until the last week, she was a good dog.

~ Sharon Phillips



Our house will be a bit quieter and less fun. Our old shepherd girl Lexus passed away in her sleep. She was 14 years old and had a great, happy life doing mostly just whatever she wanted to do. The younger dogs adored her and she has such patience with the puppies, she was everyone's surrogate mom dog. She was being her bad self, up until the past few days stealing things out of the fridge and yelling at me to get her dinner ready faster. She was the last of my shepherds and will be missed by everyone here - people and pups.

~ **Nikki Puccini**



## January Program

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

DR. JIM AKENHEAD  
SIGNATURE K-9 BEHAVIOR AND TRAINING

The January club meeting was preceded by a program at 7 pm. This was given by Dr. Jim Akenhead of Signature K-9 Behavior and Training in Alliance, Ohio. Jim had written several books on the topics of animal behavior, one of which is "THOUGHTFUL OWNERS, GREAT DOGS", a triadic approach to canine behavior and training. Our Club purchased a copy of this book and it will go into our library for any club members to peruse.

Jim has owned and trained a variety of dogs with his wife, Dr. Charlene Akenhead. They bred Shepherds and Malamutes for 50 years. In 1995, Jim and his son formed Signature K9 Training and Behavior LLC. Today about 2/3 of his work is in private consultations and about half of their work is with difficult dogs. Jim deals with all behavior issues from dogs jumping up on people to ferocious dogs.

His talk on aggression was a condensed version and primarily focused on the reason a dog becomes aggressive, FEAR. Fear is the basis for most aggression. It can come from improper socialization, from a dog's genetic background, or from learning events involving humans, other animals or the environment.

A various number of other topics were touched upon included, being specific with your markers and cues in training, consistency, knowing when your aggressive dog has reached his/her threshold, rehearsing behaviors and the different levels of Aggression, just to name a few...

The one hour program also consisted of a power point presentation displaying cartoons that supported his next topic of discussion. There was a very nice turnout of club members and a handful of new members too. The program was informative and entertaining. Jim is also holding dog behavior certification classes through Youngstown State University. Flyers are at our club.

Respectfully submitted,  
~ **Shelley Kacenski**

# YABTC Presents

## Jane Killion Seminar

April 21 & 22

Flyers available online

## 2012 Obedience & Rally Run Thru Schedule

Sign in @ 6:00

\$5 first run, \$3 Second Run w/same dog

1st /Tuesday - Rally Run-Thru's

2nd Tuesday - Obedience Run-Thru's

Order: Utility/Open/ Novice

3rd Tuesday - Beginner Novice Run-Thru's

4th Tuesday - Obedience Run-Thru's

Order: Novice/Open/Utility

5th Tuesday, when they occur - Free Ring

## Agility Run Thru

Saturday, February 11

Sign-in 1:30 – 3:00

Runs start at 2:00

\$5 first run, \$ second run same dog.

## FYI

### Award Plaques & Plates

Award Plaques & plates not picked up at our annual dinner will be located in the office. Please pick yours up at your convenience.

### Spring Rally / Obedience trial:

- Stewards - if you would like to steward for Rally on Fri, April 6th, please contact Lori Baker @ [stelorbuls@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stelorbuls@sbcglobal.net) or if you would like to steward for Obedience on Sat, April 7th and/or Sun, April 8th, please contact Shelley Kacenski @ [snowangelsiberians@gmail.com](mailto:snowangelsiberians@gmail.com).
- Kitchen Committee - if you would like to be a part of or head up the Kitchen Committee, please contact Mary Mignogna @ [MiMarAkitas@gmail.com](mailto:MiMarAkitas@gmail.com). If you would like to donate food, beverages, or money, please also contact Mary. Sign up sheets will be hung at the Club in the next few weeks. Please feel free to add your items to the list.
- Raffle Items - if you would like to donate raffle items, please let Sharon Phillips know @ [sharon14870@yahoo.com](mailto:sharon14870@yahoo.com).
- Cleaning of the Club - if you would like to help clean the club for the trial, we will be starting at 5:30 on Thurs, April 5th. Pizza and pop will be provided.

# Trumbull County kennel improves by leaps and bounds

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WARREN

Trumbull County Dog Warden Tony Frandanisa shows affection to a blind dog in one of the new outside cages at the Trumbull County Dog Kennel. The facility has improved its outdoor cages over the past year, and now it hopes to provide a fenced outdoor area where dogs can run and exercise.



By nearly any measurement, the Trumbull County Dog Kennel on Anderson Avenue in Howland has undergone a turnaround in the last four years. In the fall of 2007, the kennel was a mess — the building was a mess, the percentage of dogs being euthanized was around 85 percent, and dog-rescue organizations flooded the county commissioners with complaints. The county commissioners started with physical improvements — new roof, repairs to the building's block walls, construction of additional areas outside to house dogs. Then they addressed work rules and encouraged a new relationship between kennel workers and the volunteer organizations that desired to have a greater role at the kennel. Thirteen months ago, commissioners hired Gwen Logan to be chief executive dog warden, a part-time position. It was the first time the facility had a nonunion manager at the helm. County Commissioner Frank Fuda said Logan has continued the improvement process. "It's really turned around. They're doing a great job," Fuda said. Among the improvements over the past year is the cleanliness of the facility, Fuda said.

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## February Schedule\*

Enroll for Obedience & Rally Classes  
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	Type	Class	Time	Begins	Ends	Instructors
<b>Mon</b>	A	AG1 & 2	9:00	Jan 09	Feb 27	Carol Kershner, David Beach
	A	AG3 & Adv	10:15	Jan 09	Feb 27	Lotta Shaffer
	A	AG3 & Adv	10:15	Jan 09	Feb 27	Lotta Shaffer
<b>Tues</b>	R	Rally Run Thrus	6:00	Feb 07		Mary Mignogna
	O	Obed. Run-Thrus	6:00	Feb 14 & 28		Kim Burrier
	O	<b>Puppy</b>	6:00	Feb 07	Mar 13	Becky Onuska
	C	<b>Conformation</b>	6:00	Feb 07	Feb 28	Lisa Walters & various
	O	Beg1	7:05	Jan 03	Feb 14	Rae Reinhart
	O	<b>Novice</b>	7:05	Feb 07	Feb 28	Tammy Hunt
	O	Beg 1	8:10	Jan 31	Mar 20	
	O	Beg 2	8:10	Jan 10	Feb 28	Rhonda Wood
<b>Wed</b>	O	<b>Pre-Novice</b>	6:00	Feb 08	Feb 29	Cindy Rhine
	O	Beg 1	6:00	Feb 29	Apr 18	
	O	Beg 2	6:00	Feb 01	Mar 21	
	O	Puppy	6:00	Jan 04	Feb 08	Kim Burrier & Becky Onuska
	O	Beg 1	7:05	Feb 01	Mar 21	Bill Allen
	O	Beg 1	7:05	Jan 11	Feb 29	Bill Allen
	O	<b>Open</b>	7:05	Feb 08	Feb 29	Tracey Deems
	O	<b>Utility</b>	8:10	Feb 08	Feb 29	
<b>Thurs</b>	A	AG2	5:30	Jan 05	Feb 23	Rae Reinhart
	A	AG3	6:30	Jan 05	Feb 23	Rae Reinhart & Jennifer Milliner
	A	ADV	7:45	Jan 05	Feb 23	Lotta Shafer
<b>Friday</b>	A	AG1	5:30	Jan 05	Feb 24	Sharon Phillips
	A	AG1	6:30	Jan 06	Feb 24	Debbie Harper & Janet Robertson
	A	AG2	7:45	Jan 06	Feb 24	Sandy Irish
<b>Saturday</b>	A/O	Relationships	12:30	Jan 07	Feb 25	Lotta & Glenda (Free Shaping)
<b>Sunday</b>	A	<b>Fun Runs</b>	10:00	Feb 04 - 25		Stacey Rosenberg
	4H	4H		Alt. weeks		Shari Yuhas

For instructor or free ring info, contact [TrainingDirector@yabtc.com](mailto:TrainingDirector@yabtc.com) or go to our Facebook page.

Cleveland All Breed Training Club Agility Run Thrus: February 11 & March 17,



*Registration starts at 9:00 am for heights 4" to 16", 20' to 26" noon and ends at 3:00 pm*