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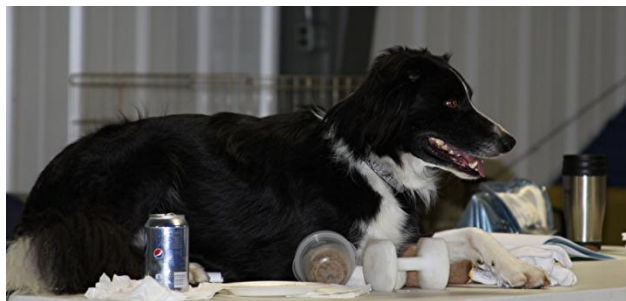
## Catherine Zinsky Seminar

~ Sharon Phillips

I was first introduced to Catherine Zinsky through her website Gettoready.com. Catherine generously offers this site and all the handouts free to those who would use them. She only asks that you not present them as your own. Quickly I realized how helpful these handouts would be in teaching at YABTC. Something people could take home with them and review, saving me time in class and inspiring (hopefully) people to explore options on their own. Many of my students would come back and say how much they enjoyed these handouts and the nights I hand them out I always have line of people wanting them.

With this being said what better person to give a seminar here at YABTC than somebody that we already know has had a positive influence on our students? I also thought that anybody so well organized would also put on a seminar that would move smoothly and keep everybody interested. I was right.

I believe almost everybody that attended the seminar made a point of telling me how much they enjoyed Catherine. From the people that so generously chauffeured her around, to the people that worked one on one with her at the seminar. By the end of the seminar



people were asking when we were having her back! Even a few people that could not attend were asking that!

Catherine's seminars are not your typical "this is how I teach the sit" programs. She gave us six topics to choose from, each topic takes one day to present. And she wasn't kidding we could not have covered more than one topic a day. Keeping it down to just two topics over two days she was able to work with many people one on one. I am happy to say most of the 19 working spots were taken by members of YABTC. We laughed, we listened, we learned. These are the topics covered in this seminar.

**6. "Teaching Specific Concepts"** (This would be an introduction to breaking down exercises into parts and teaching each individual part before putting the skills together. Requests for specific skills/exercises would be required prior to the seminar. The goal of this seminar would be to show trainers how to dissect and examine and analyze so that they can ultimately develop their own

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techniques based on these observations and learning techniques.)

**3. "Attitude + Attention = Teamwork"** (This will be directed at the trainer/handler: it is THEIR attention to training and detail, THEIR attention and focus on what is required and to their dog that I will concentrate on. There are 7 basic subjects that must be confronted and dealt with in order to succeed and ultimately attain teamwork.)

One person did travel over 8 hours to get here for it. We should have had a special prize for them!

Catherine loved the different breeds that were present at the seminar really enjoyed working with them. And we



enjoyed watching her with them! If you would like to see what went on at the seminar Jayne Sabo put together a wonderful video worthy of a professional! Please take time to watch it.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=64dfBJ2RSfc>

Will we have her back? That's up to you, the members. She has four other topics she could cover with us.

**1. "Becoming the Ring Master"** (This is for the unseasoned exhibitor and is directed at showing how an exhibitor can smooth out the rough spots and take charge of their performance. Much will be concentrated on Pre-ring strategy, Ring Pattern Analysis, Footwork, Handler Errors, and being in control of their destiny and ultimate success.)



**2. "The Art of Proofing for Ring Readiness"** (This talk is directed at proofing all fundamental skills and exercises for the three classes, Novice, Open, and Utility. I will explain proofing and its function, then present the three different levels of proofing and how they would be applied. Demonstrations and working teams would be utilized.)

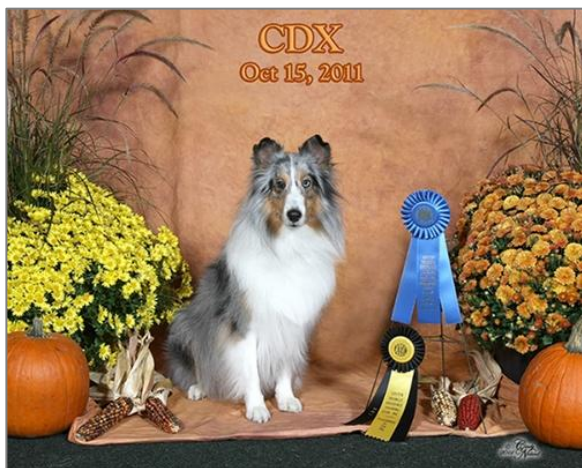
**3. "Conquering Ring Nerves"** (How to develop trust, confidence and concentration for competition.)

**4. "Learning how to Trouble Shoot Problems"** (self-explanatory...)





## Braggs



On October 15th at the Golden Triangle Obedience Training Club Trial in Cheswick, PA, Dicey earned her CDX title with a first place. She even went back the next day and qualified, getting second place just as a back-up. She is now officially "Imperial's High Roller, CDX, RE, AX, AXJ".

Dicey is my first obedience dog so I am especially proud of her and very thankful for all the wonderful instructors at the club that helped us get this far.

~ Janet Robertson

## 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:

- Janet Klapac lost her father, Marshall Winkler, age 91, on December 3. His obituary was in the paper on Wednesday, December 7.
- Janet Klapac's husband, John, tore the muscles in his upper arm, shoulder and neck; and he has an appointment with a surgeon at the end of the month.
- Jeff & Shawnee Showman lost their Standard Poodle, Gable, very suddenly on December 6.

*There is a new Christmas Angel this year.  
Carte Blanche Frankly My Dear CD, BN, RN  
"Gable"  
7/15/05 -- 12/6/11*

## FYI

### January Program (7:00) and Meeting (8:00) Program

Dr. James Akenhead of Signature K-9 Behavior & Training will be our Speaker for January. Dr. Jim is certified by 4 independent organizations as a Professional Trainer and Behavior Consultant. He is the author of Thoughtful Owners, Great Dogs which is available at Amazon.com and most on line booksellers. Jim has also served as Director of an international trainers association with members in 33 countries and he has served two terms on the board of directors of the International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants. About 50% of his work at Signature K-9 comes from veterinarian referrals and deals with Aggression and Fear. Aggression will be the topic for the evening. He will explore where aggression comes from; how and when it shows up; how to spot it; and how to diffuse it. At the end of his talk, he will take questions from the audience.

### 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

### FlyBall

If you are interested in taking a Flyball class, please contact Judy Drotar. [Registrar@yabtc.com](mailto:Registrar@yabtc.com) We need at least 5 students to hold a class.

### 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.

## YABTC Presents

### Jane Killion Seminar

April 21 & 22

Details to follow as they become available.



# Friendlier confines planned for county dog pound

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"WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE A FACILITY THAT ALL THE ANIMAL [WELFARE] GROUPS IN THE AREA ARE COMFORTABLE WITH." - John McNally IV, Mahoning County commissioner

By [Peter H. Milliken](#)

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## AKRON

County and animal welfare officials will plan the fundraising and building design for expansion of the Mahoning County dog pound, using what they've learned from a visit to the state-of-the art Summit County animal-control facility.

On Friday, all three Mahoning County commissioners, county Dog Warden Matt Ditchey, philanthropist Mary Lariccia and executives of various county animal welfare agencies toured the new \$3 million Akron facility, which opened last year.

"We have to make sure that we're doing the right thing. We just can't throw something up," said Commissioner Chairman John A. McNally IV. Ensuring adequate ventilation and sufficient space for dogs, pound staff and volunteers will be top priorities for the Youngstown facility, he said.

Whatever architectural firm designs Mahoning County's expansion should be experienced in animal-shelter design

or work in partnership with a firm with such experience, McNally said.

The Akron facility was planned with the assistance of Animal Arts, a Boulder, Col., firm that has designed more than 600 animal-care facilities around the nation.

"We want to make sure that we have a facility that all the animal [welfare] groups in the area are comfortable with," McNally said.

"They have a very nice flow" to the animal-handling process from intake to evaluation, vaccination and adoption at the Akron facility, Ditchey observed. "It's a common-sense approach to this that seems to work very well for them," Ditchey added.

Akron's renovations began in December 2009 inside a former warehouse at 250 Opportunity Parkway, and 60 cats and 50 dogs were moved there from the former North Street location in August 2010. Today, the new facility houses 70 cats and 68 dogs.

The new Akron facility, funded by bond proceeds, features an administrative office, an intake area, an adoption zone, outdoor visiting space, quarantine quarters, a veterinary clinic and staff locker rooms. With dimensions of 4-by-6 feet, the kennels are entirely indoors, but there are two large outdoor fenced-in dog exercise areas.

The Summit County building also boasts several energy and environmental conservation features: a central kennel-cleaning system that reduces water consumption by almost 80 percent; pervious concrete to reduce storm-water runoff; daylight and occupancy sensors to limit energy consumption; and efficient water fixtures and air-handling units.

McNally and Ditchey said they were impressed by the cleanliness of the Akron facility.

Both said Akron's system of separate entrances for animal drop-offs and animal adoptions should be used in designing Mahoning County's dog-pound expansion.

"There's a level of emotion different for somebody who's adopting an animal vs. someone who may be forced to, for whatever reason, drop off an animal," McNally explained. "You probably want to keep those in separate locations, just for the betterment of everybody."

Ditchey hopes ground can be broken in 2012 for the expansion of the Mahoning County dog pound, 589 Industrial Road, that will provide more space for dogs and people.

Rather than the current system, in which dogs are confined in cages, dogs would be housed in kennels after the expansion.

Preliminary drawings for a \$715,000 expansion in Youngstown show 55 new individual kennels, most of them being 3 1/2 to 4 feet wide, 14 feet long and 6 feet high with a cover. In those drawings, half of the 14 feet would be indoors and half outdoors.

Among the features of the expansion, which would go on the north and south sides of the 1970s-vintage Youngstown pound, would be a new service counter area to facilitate dog adoptions and dog-license purchases; a conference room; a handicapped-accessible restroom; an isolation room for dogs that may be ill; a euthanasia room; storage space; a dog bathing area; a separate area for mother dogs and their puppies; and two enclosed outdoor play areas for the dogs.

Lariccia has pledged to give \$100,000 toward the Mahoning County dog pound expansion if the county commissioners will commit \$400,000 in public money toward the project.

Ditchey said he hopes to fund the Mahoning County expansion through a combination of local public money, private donations and grants from the state or federal governments or from animal welfare organizations.

Ditchey said the project could be funded in part from Mahoning County's dog and kennel fund, which is derived from fines for dog law violations and from dog license and adoption fees.

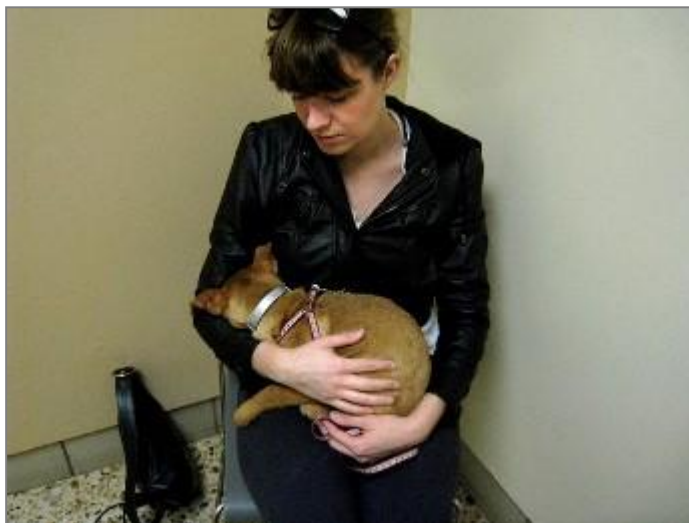
That fund, which is dedicated solely for the use of the dog warden's office, contains more than \$900,000, according to the county auditor's office.

An Ohio Attorney General's opinion has said Ohio law permits county commissioners to use the county dog and kennel fund to pay for dog-pound expansion and renovation.

Ditchey also said he would be open to a bond issue or a real-estate tax levy to fund the expansion, but a decision on those options is up to the commissioners.

## 7 Things That Drive Vets Crazy

by [Paw Nation Staff](#)



It's a tough subject to tackle. After all, veterinarians do plenty of annoying things, too. But this particular post is all about you - well, not you, but the annoying yous among you. Not that most of you deserve this, but some of you just might! So without any further hedging, let me launch into the most annoying things pet owners do.

### 1. Answer Their Calls

Need I say more? Is there anything more annoying and disrespectful than answering a phone call while your vet is delivering her state-of-your-pet's-health address? OK, it might be worse if you dug out your phone to initiate a call midexam, but only by a smidge. They're both just plain rude.

### 2. Bring Their Kids

I dearly love children (mine mostly, but yours can also be cool), but very young or badly behaved children are an unnecessary liability in a veterinary environment. It's hard enough to keep pets safe - much less kids. So unless your

children are old enough and/or chill enough to hang out in a vet setting, they should probably stay home.

One exception: If your pet has an emergency and you have no one to care for your kids, you are most definitely excused. We'll understand. Call ahead and we may even assign an employee to keep tabs on them so you can concentrate on what's wrong with your pet.

### **3. Let Their Dogs Run Amok**

This is not the dog park. And, for the record, retractable leads should remain in the shortest, locked position for the duration of your visit. After watching an innocent human get taken down in the lobby by an overlong retractable line, I decided there should be a law against these in vet hospitals.

### **4. Carry Their Cat**

I've never been able to fathom why some owners insist upon bringing their cats to the vet hospital without carriers. Some will use harnesses, which won't help them when faced with a truly motivated dog. And, honestly, I'd never blame a dog for attacking a cat in a veterinary hospital environment. After all, these cats are probably giving off cornered prey vibes that some dogs can't ignore.

Cats are more comfortable in uncertain environments when they're enclosed.

### **5. Deny, Deny, Deny**

It drives us crazy. These clients effectively employ us to be their experts, then they put up roadblock after roadblock: No, my pet is not fat. No, my pet's teeth are not rotting. No, he's too old for surgery. No, her claws are not too long. It's exasperating!

I can understand why you might (and should!) question your veterinarian about health care issues that are important to you, but why come to the vet if you're unwilling to have an open

dialogue about what your pet needs and doesn't need?

### **6. Refuse to Pay**

It happens more often than you'd think. Pet owners agree to hospitalization and procedures - and later refuse to pay. Sometimes they say that they forgot their checkbooks. Other times they claim to have misunderstood the payment policy, even though there's a sign in almost every veterinary hospital in the United States that explains payment is expected when services are rendered. I even had a client cancel her Amex payment after we saved her anemic cat's life with a blood transfusion.

### **7. Don't Follow Through**

There's no shame in admitting that you can't medicate your difficult cat or trim your unruly dog's toenails. Veterinarians are pet owners, too. We absolutely understand why you might not be able to manage these not-so-simple tasks.

But you've got to let us know if you can't, don't or won't do what we say. After all, we have plenty of alternatives to offer. And there are few things more frustrating to a veterinarian than failing to treat a patient who could have been helped if only the vet were able to employ some ingenuity.

Want to give your veterinarian the best holiday gift ever? Resolve to be a more honest, open, conscientious, cat box-carrying, child care-finding, cell phone-shirking client. For my part, I promise to offer you a New Year's post on my personal mea culpa. It's a fair trade, don't you think? That is, as long as I do as I say and follow through.

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## January Schedule\*

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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
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<b>Tues</b>	R	Rally Run Thrus	6:00	Jan 03		Mary Mignogna
	O	Obed. Run-Thrus	6:00	Jan 10, 17, & 24		Kim Burrier
	C	<b>Conformation</b>	6:00	Jan 03	Jan 31	Lisa Walters & various
	O	Beg1	7:05	Jan 03	Feb 14	
	O	<b>Novice</b>	7:05	Jan 03	Jan 31	Tammy Hunt
	O	Beg 1	8:10	Jan 31	Mar 20	
	O	Beg 2	8:10	Jan 10	Feb 28	
<b>Wed</b>	O	<b>Pre-Novice</b>	6:00	Jan 04	Jan 25	Cindy Rhine
	O	Puppy	6:00	Jan 04	Feb 08	
	O	Beg 1	7:05	Jan 11	Feb 29	
	O	<b>Open</b>	7:05	Jan 04	Jan 25	Tracey Deems
	O	<b>Utility</b>	8:10	Jan 04	Jan 25	Jeff Showman
<b>Thurs</b>	A	AG3	6:30	Jan 05	Feb 23	
	A	ADV	7:45	Jan 05	Feb 23	
<b>Friday</b>	A	AG1	6:30	Jan 06	Feb 24	
	A	AG2	7:45	Jan 06	Feb 24	
<b>Sunday</b>	A	<b>Fun Runs</b>	9:00	Jan 08 - 29		Stacey Rosenberg
	4H	4H		Alt. weeks		Shari Yuhas
For instructor or free ring info, contact <a href="mailto:TrainingDirector@yabtc.com">TrainingDirector@yabtc.com</a> or go to our Facebook page.						

### Out with the Old in with the New

There will be new gating when you return for class in January. We purchased 600 feet of new ring gating to be used for rally/obedience/agility trials that are held indoors. The old gating will be sold for \$5 per section.

