

Happy New Year everyone!

We are constantly reviewing our Agility programs to improve and to offer what the Agility community has requested. We invited all the past and present instructors to a review. The ones that could not attend have been kept apprised of the results of the meeting and have been encouraged to contribute to the review via E-mail.

On Dec 28th, a small group of the agility instructors met to discuss the new and the old in teaching agility and evaluate the current curriculum. Thank You to those who participated! Since the instructors present were mainly from the Intro and Beginner classes along with the Agility 3 and Advanced classes that is where the focus was placed.

Changes in Intro to Agility requirement

So far the general thought is that in the future we will eliminate the recommended requirement of Obedience classes to go into the Intro to Agility class and replace it with a class on the order of the Relationship class. How this is going to be structured is still up for more discussion, but at the latest for the second half of 2013 we will no longer allow students into the Intro class with "dogs gone wild". For right now we are encouraging students to participate in the Relationship classes before doing intro. This session (Jan/Feb) there is a Tricks class offered on Saturdays at noon and a Relationship class at 1:30. Both of these classes are geared towards getting dogs and handlers to work together as a team, while practicing new methods of training and learning.

Requirement for Advanced Agility, Agility 3, Agility 1 & 2

For the next session (March/ April) students will have to "qualify" in order to advance to a higher agility class.

The Advanced class is for students competing on the highest levels in agility. This is a place to work on problems or skills needed for competition in excellent or masters class and students are expected to bring trial experiences to class. The experiences or problems are different for each dog/handler team, so students should be able to analyze and contribute with solutions.

The Agility 3 class is for students competing in the Open or Intermediate divisions, still practicing skills learned in Agility 2.

If you are competing on either of these levels, you are qualified for these classes, but if you are not trialing (for whatever reason), you will need to qualify in front of 3 instructors that will determine eligibility. Please contact me or the instructor for the particular class you would like to join, and we will find a date for testing of skills.

The criteria for Agility 1 and 2 will remain the same, with a dog doing all obstacles except straight up and down weaves to go into Agility 1. Dogs should not show extreme fear for any of the obstacles, since this will more than likely prevent them from enjoying agility at all in the future. The requirement for entry into Agility 2 is that the dog has also mastered to independently do 6 weaves.

Seminars

We discussed who we can invite to give agility seminar in 2013. A couple of names were suggested, but we could use more. Things to consider is the cost of bringing the person in and how much "pull" they have to bring in people from other clubs. If you have suggestions, please let us know.

Volunteer search

And finally, again, we are searching for volunteers for different positions to make this club run as greatly as possible. If you or someone you know, is interested in helping out, there are many jobs up for grabs. Not only instructing, but also for helping with the trials. Nancy Ventresco would like to give up the "Ribbon-Job". We have a place to store ribbons if you are able to keep track of ordering ribbons for upcoming trials and keeping them organized. If you interested in doing the raffles, we have a spot for you also. Anybody with good computer skills along with great organizational skills might want to learn the trial-secretary job. If you are interested in scribing, scoring or being a timer at the trials, we could use you. Bar setters and nice people to work the gates are always welcome. For the next year we will have several 2 ring trials and we would like to make them as successful as we possibly can. But we can't do it without help. Remember that these trials are a huge part of the income for YABTC so that we can continue to offer great dog training at affordable prices. If we have to pay for all these services, training cost would be hugely increased, so here is your chance to "Pay it Forward" for what others have done for you! Remember, every instructor you have had in our club was a dedicated person that gave up their own time without getting paid, just to help other members.

The next meeting will be in February, so if you are interested in attending, please let me know!

THANKS AGAIN TO EVERYONE THAT HAVE HELPED,
AND PLEASE HAVE A SAFE AND SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR!

~ Lotta Shafer

Youngstown All Breed Training Club



9th Annual Conformation Fun Match



<<Pre-Registration Match Entry \$5.00>>
<<Pre-Registration Handling \$3.00>>
Day of Match Entry \$7.00
Junior and Adult Handling \$5.00
Litter Fee (3 or more from same litter) \$15



WHEN: Sunday, March 3, 2013

Building will open at 8:00 am
Registration 8:30-10:00 am
Judging starts at 10:30 am

WHERE: Youngstown All Breed Training Club, 11801 Mahoning Avenue, North Jackson, Ohio 44451

BEST JR PUPPY, BEST SR PUPPY and BEST ADULT

Classes Divided by Age and Sex

JR Puppy 3-6 month, SR Puppy 6-9 month, SR Puppy 9-12 month, Adult over 12 months

*Limited Grooming Space ~ No Chalking ~ Vendors ~ Basket Raffle ~ 50 / 50 Drawing ~
Food will be available for purchase*

Assignments

Working Group – Mimi Kim

Herding Group – Sharon Blackstock

Sporting Group – Jim Blackstock

*There will be 3 rings and Working, Herding and Sporting will be judged first
Remainder of groups will be judged when a ring becomes available*

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YABTC FUN MATCH “PRE-ENTRY” FORM – March 3, 2013 Armband # _____

YOUR NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ **CITY:** _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

EMAIL: _____ **Phone/Cell:** _____

Dog’s Reg. Name _____ **Call Name:** _____

Breed _____ **Sex** _____ **Dog’s Birth Date:** _____

GROUP: HERDING WORKING SPORTING NON-SPORTING TERRIER HOUND TOY

CLASS: (\$5) [] JR Puppy 3-6 mo [] SR Puppy 6-9 mo [] SR Puppy 9-12 mo [] ADULT over 12 months

HANDLING: (\$3) [] JUNIOR 8-12 YRS [] SENIOR 13-17 YRS [] ADULT 18 YRS & UP

For more information please email Shelley at snowangelsiberians@gmail.com and include YABTC Fun Match in the subject.