

WAG'N TALES

PROVIDING A BIGGER PICTURE

A message from the President of WAG...

Hi WAG'sters!!!

As everyone knows, our time at our current building is limited. Scary and exciting, we will need to make a decision in the very near future as to where we'll be moving. Staying at our current location is not an option, although we may be able to negotiate a few more months there if needed before our 'new' location is ready since all the places we've been looking at do need at least some work.

First, some information about the locations:

These 2 we're looking at very hard right now:

- **Johnsburg:** 25,000-27,000 sq ft, 3.8 miles from current location, good condition (needs some cleanup), heat, no a/c, limited parking, currently no dogs allowed - owner will work with town to get a variance.
- **Antioch:** 18,000 sq feet (too narrow for AKC trial so owner will add 6,000 sq ft), 7.7 miles from current location, owner will put in heat, a/c, bathrooms, currently dirt flooring but owner will put in a cement floor (unless we go with turf, although will still need some flooring for crating, etc.), and a parking lot, approximately 10 minute drive time.

These 3 are still available, but lower in priority:

- **Woodstock:** 28,200 sq ft, 17.4 miles from current location, heat, no a/c, parking is being looked at by an architect to determine how much there is and how many more can be added, needs no clean-up.

- **Burlington:** 20,000-25,000 sq ft, 18.8 miles from current location, lots of parking, heat, no a/c, in another club's AKC territory so we would need to ask permission whenever we wanted to hold an AKC trial at our building.



Photos By Toto

- **Solon Mills:** 41, 586 sq ft (of which approximately 3,000 sq feet is taken by Big Bertha - a machine needed by the owner, which would run once per month for 2-3 hours), ample parking, 1.3 miles from current location. Needs a LOT of clean up (by landlord, not us), we need an up-to-date EPA report, no heat in back room, no a/c. We have given the landlord a very detailed 'laundry' list of what we want done, and he is agreeable. This is the only location where we could hold 2-ring AKC trials, thus allowing us to give up Libertyville Soccer Complex.

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SPECIAL BULLETIN:

General Membership Meeting: Friday, July 17th at 7:30pm

Board Meeting: Friday, August 14th at 7:30pm

No Classes during August 31st - September 4th for Labor Day

Session 4 Class Registration begins during **July 13th - July 27th**

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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All buildings are large enough to hold 2 classes or 2 ring rentals at the same time.

We are currently working with Johnsburg to see if we can get everything we need there, if not, we'll move on to the next. Still working on details, not totally giving up on any of them yet, but we have to move forward as our time is limited.

I will start to send out updates every week or so to keep the membership updated (even if it's to say that nothing has changed). Always feel free to ask questions! Sometimes we get so mired in the details that we get tunnel vision and don't remember that not everyone knows what's going on behind the scenes.

Another very important thing to keep in mind - when we do move, we will need A LOT of help! As the date gets closer, we will be putting together a Moving Committee and will be looking for volunteers. The core committee does not have to be big, in fact sometimes the bigger the committee, the less work that gets done, but the number of volunteers we will need to help with the actual move will be BIG! There will be things for everyone to do, even if they can't help out with the heavy stuff, every little thing someone can do will be helpful.

So, now we've made a lot of wonderful memories in our current building, it's time to move on to bigger and better and make wonderful memories in our new building. Remember, WAG is still WAG no matter where we physically are. It's what our membership puts into this club that makes it what it is. :)

Patti Jo Yuswak



WI-IL Agility Group (WAG) President

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WAG FLASH MOB

BOARD MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

BOARD APPROVALS...

June 12th, 2015

- ✦ At the TDAA trial on 4-11-15, a Roy's Run Raffle was held which brought in \$475. Shelly asked if WAG could donate \$25 to make it an even \$500. Board approved.
- ✦ Paul Engemann was offered and accepted the Webmaster position.
- ✦ Julie requested an exception for meeting attendance for Brenda Coffield since both the meetings that she was to attend were rescheduled which she couldn't attend. Board approved the exception.
- ✦ Cards will be worth \$20 – instructor and member cards – October 1st for events after October 1st.
- ✦ Jim moved that we raise the AKC entry fee to \$20 per run. Shelly seconded, motioned passes.

MEMBERS FYI...

- ✦ Toni called Ron Weidner if we could extend our lease through the winter. Ron is talking to his partners about getting an extension.
- ✦ Toni reviewed the spreadsheet to the board and attending members of the four current buildings we have looked at: Woodstock, Burlington, Solon Mills and Johnsburg.
- ✦ Nadia presented info about the barn in Antioch which is estimated 18,000. If WAG did a long term list he would put in improvements. A list of improvements would need to be presented to the owner. Nadia will contact the owner and set up another viewing of the barn and property on Saturday and/or Sunday, June 20 and 21st.
- ✦ Toni is recommending we no longer pursue Woodstock, Burlington and Solon Mills and send a letter of intent to Johnsburg and pursue the barn in Antioch.
- ✦ Toni will contact the Village of Johnsburg Building and Planning Department to find out if a dog business would be allowed.
- ✦ Board approved Toni's request to provide luncheon and tour of our facility to non-dog realtor.
- ✦ A non-member contacted Patti Jo about a possible investor to purchase a building that we can lease back from him. Investor decided not to pursue.
- ✦ November trial - Jim is secretary, Mary and Patti Jo are trial chairs.
- ✦ July CPE is open and entries have been coming in. Will have five classes. September premium is done.
- ✦ Mary informed board on May 19 that she plans to have the new Google calendar up and running by June 1. Email will be sent to membership informing them of this target date. PENDING
- ✦ The board asked the membership chair to form a temporary membership committee to review entire membership policy which the chair accepted and will form a committee with 3-4 members.
- ✦ Diane brought to the board's attention that class admins have not been keeping up with making sure students pay for their class. Patti Jo will contact Sherry Anderson to re-enforce class admin job description.
- ✦ October UKC trial is set providing we have a building. Joy is working on a schedule for the fun match which will go over TDAA, UKC and CPE.
- ✦ New Flooring - research needs to be done on Turf pros/cons cost on new and used. Jim will send an email to Kris, and board members will suggest others by Sunday evening. Jim reports that our current mats are no longer being configured to what we have. In order to have money to pay for new flooring and additional equipment, several different ideas were discussed including raising membership fees, 50/50 raffles at trials, basket raffles at trials and additional fun matches. Monique will head up a committee to hold a basket raffle at the July trial. She will send out an email to the membership for committee members and for donation.

If you'd like to see a complete summary of the minutes, reference them on the WAG website located, [HERE](#).

****NOTE: Use the same password as the Members Only Page on the WAGAGILITY.COM website to access the word document****

**WELCOME TO OUR
NEWEST MEMBER!!**

BRENDA COFFIELD

LORETTA MUELLER

CREATING MOTIVATION AND TRANSITIONING FROM CLASS TO COMPETITION

Author: Sandy Rapey

I'd like to start by saying that I'm fairly new to the sport, compared to many I train with and under. Some of what I learned at this seminar held on May 2nd might be old news to some of you, but I felt enlightened and excited and dare I say, I've seen some nice results since.

First we **identified what our issues** are with our dogs. In my case, Zoey will touch and hold her contacts perfectly in class but will not consistently hold her contacts in a trial. Zoey had begun launching over them. So I began yelling 'TOUCH!' and whispering other idle threats to her while on the A-frame, teeter or dog walk, hoping that she would 'touch' and hold that touch. Yeah, my tactics did not work.



Generalization: Loretta told us about the importance of training in different locations to ensure our dog generalizes the training. She recommends taking a piece of equipment to a different location once a week and preferably taking your dog to at least 15 different places to train, (and strive for 25 or 35!!) This increases your dog's awareness and understanding of the different commands, such as 'touch' (or 'sit', 'down', 'wait', 'stay'.) It can mean 'touch' the yellow board at WAG, it can mean 'touch' the yellow board in my front yard, in my back yard, in my neighbor's yard, at the dog park, and most importantly, at different agility locations. If we practice in different locations, if we generalize the term or command, our dogs should be able understand what we expect when we go to different locations to trial. So load up a jump or a contact board in your car and find new places to train.

Remember this famous concept: 'train like you trial' and 'trial like you train'. She put it this way: a trial (run)

is only a test. I never thought of it this way. I marked it in the memory bank because this perspective inspires confidence. **We** know what to do, and **we've** studied hard (trained). If **we** fall short, we will just study harder for the next test (train more). No one will die if **we** don't Q!!

Be understanding: Loretta brought up the fact that our dogs have to deal with a lot in a trial: different footing, different equipment, different locations, different smells and sometimes different US!

Controlling emotions: Loretta said there is no place for emotions, **BESIDES HAPPINESS**, in agility! **We** are the **only support system** for our dogs during training and trialing. We've all seen the miserable looking handler, and the dog that is trying so hard, but the run flops. It's not the dog's fault. If you're not happy to be out playing with your dog, you might want to reconsider the run(s) for that day. Problems in your life, (relationships, work, stress) are most likely not caused by your dog, nor should your dog be the one who has to bear your emotional baggage. Your emotions, stress, tension and frustrations will all transfer to your dog, be it good or bad.

VIDEO ALL OUR RUNS!! I've heard that before, but Loretta said it again. And again. The only way we can sit back and critique our own work, or have someone else critique it, is to record and review it.

Be the best handler you can be for you dog and **watch for 'performance'**, be consistent. Don't worry about Q'ing. If you are being the best you can be, and focusing on performance, Q's will come. In my case, quit trying to run fast or get a 1st place ribbon. Work on contacts. Did she touch them? Did she hold them? Did I cue them properly and on time. That will be the performance that I need to watch for, focus on and get excited about!

As handlers we have to **block out and recover from negatives**. Negatives can come from our inner voices or from other handlers, whether they intend their comments to be negative or not. WE have to try and remain 'normal'. 'Normal' is how we train. We don't have or need people coming up to us after a run at training trying to critique our run (besides instructors). If you have to, leave the arena, go outside by yourself with your dog and celebrate. Let the tugging and joyful playfulness of your dog be the reason why both of you want to train and compete in agility!

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LORETTA MUELLER

CREATING MOTIVATION AND TRANSITIONING FROM CLASS TO COMPETITION

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Life is short! There are no guarantees that we will ever have another run besides the run we have right now. Dogs can become injured, they get sick, and unfortunately, our dogs die. With that in mind, we need to remember that **we are here for the fun of being with our dogs** and everything else is really secondary.

Recovering from negatives might be as easy as thinking ‘what if this was my last run with her/him?’ Or watching the video recording and looking at all the things that went RIGHT instead of focusing on where things didn’t go well.

Being sincere in giving treats: Loretta talked about being sincere and genuine when handing out treats. She said dogs will gladly take the treats, but they know if it’s a sincere reward. Lavish sincere praise, even when our runs aren’t perfect. Remember, look for performance, not perfection.

LCC: Land Connect Cue: Loretta pointed out to me that Zoey looks at me and asks : ‘what’s next?’ Zoey will **ask 1 time only**. If I fail to answer, she runs her own course or runs off to visit. I need to keep intense energy with my commands, not cheerleading or nagging, but each command should be full of energy and get rid of the ‘go go go go go’ stuff. On my first obstacle, for example a jump, I instruct her to ‘jump’. Upon her landing, I connect with her and quickly cue the next obstacle. Repeat. Repeat. Repeat. It was another eye opener for me. I’ve been walking and trying to memorize the courses. I get to that start line (all stressed out) and run like the dickens, yelling out commands and waving my hands here and there and hope that she is with me. Many times she is not. Why? Disconnection. **Land, connect, cue. Simple.**

Another suggestion given to those who have dogs that like to run off and visit: run faster. The faster you run, the less time your dog has to look around, run off or visit.

When we are having problems or challenges with our dogs, is it because of emotional issues or their skill set? Loretta showed us that many times we just need to instill some confidence in our dogs to help them succeed. Being kind when working through a tough obstacle in training, for example, the teeter. We watched how several handlers encouraged their dogs to take the teeter, and after a fail, rewarded the dog with pats, and loving words, (not with one uttered negative word) and each re-attempt, the dog

gained more and more confidence and then very quickly, succeeded. It was incredible to watch and you can imagine the relief the dogs felt when there was no admonishment when they were trying to conquer these (scary) obstacles.

BEFORE YOU PULL A DOG FROM A RUN: Loretta said that you must train (and train and train and train some more) and exhaust every and all other options on whatever the issue is (Contacts, weaves, start lines) and proof the heck out of them in every possible manner, and train in as many locations as you can **BEFORE** you start ‘the pulling a dog from a run concept’. She laid out the following steps so that your dog will develop an understanding of why he/she is taken off the course and put into its crate. Loretta suggested we implement a word, such as ‘bummer’ when the dog does something wrong at home. This could be some/any behavior that we want to discourage. Say ‘bummer’ and the dog goes into its crate for a short time out, 30 seconds to 2 minutes. Continue this for the next couple weeks until the dog understands ‘bummer’ means I made a wrong choice and now I go to my crate. **This is the essential foundation that we need to instill BEFORE we pull a dog from a trial run.** We watched Renee and Skyy use this technique quite successfully.

Since this seminar, I’ve competed in several trials and joined a local agility league. I notice I’m way less stressed. I remind myself of the ‘Land, Connect, Cue’ every walk through and I strive to implement this into our runs. I tell her to ‘touch’, I don’t yell it in a mean, demanding tone. I remind myself that this is only a really fun test. I’m having more fun & hope she is too!! We have done pretty well at the trials and most importantly, she’s touching her contacts and more often than not, holding them. We are a work in progress.

I would **highly recommend** attending a Loretta Mueller seminar if you have the opportunity. In addition to my experience, Loretta has an ability to work with all different breeds of dogs because she believes there is never a “one size fits all” method in training. She is very good at working with each dog and handler as an individual team to help them succeed. She believes it isn’t just about the handling of the courses, but the entire picture that makes a great agility team!

NATIONAL AGILITY EVENTS

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO COMPETE AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL?

Ever wonder what it would be like to compete at the national level? What does it take to qualify? In hopes to educate, and perhaps spur interest in taking on agility at a higher level, here are some of the venues and requirements to qualify for "Nationals."

AKC NATIONAL AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Regular Class: Qualifying Period December 1st of previous year to November 30th of current year (IE: 12/1/2014 - 11/30/2015)

- Below must be earned during the qualified period described above:
 - 5 Double Qs
 - 20 Qualifying Legs in Master STD and/or Master JWW (the 5 double Qs will count as part of the 20 legs)
 - 600 MACH points

Preferred Class: Qualifying Period December 1st of previous year to November 30th of current year (IE: 12/1/2014 - 11/30/2015)

- Below must be earned during the qualified period described above:
 - 5 Double Qs
 - 20 Qualifying Legs in Master STD Preferred and/or Master JWW Preferred (the 5 double Qs will count as part of the 20 legs)
 - 600 PACH points

CPE NATIONAL AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIP

- Must be competing in levels 4, 5, and/or C in **ALL** classes by December 31st of current year.
- Must have 40 qualifying scores from January 1st of current year until December 31st of current year in the height category that they will be entered in for Nationals.
- *Enthusiast exception:* can skip up to ONE class per

level (must be the same class for each level), and meet the 40 required legs earned in enthusiast per the above dates

- *Specialist exception:* can skip up to TWO classes per level (must be the same class(es) for each level), and meet the 40 required legs earned in specialist per the above dates

TDAA PETIT PRIX

- All dogs must be registered with the TDAA in order to compete. A dog shall be deemed eligible to compete in the Petit Prix if he has competed at a TDAA trial in the previous year [from June 1st of previous year] or if the handler is a member of the TDAA in good standing.
- All dogs, without regard to competition level, or titles earned, shall compete on the same courses. All games and courses are eligible for dogs to earn qualifying legs towards TDAA titles. All courses will be judged under the TDAA Superior rules for performance.

UKC

Qualifying Period January 1st to December 31st of previous year (IE: 1/1/2014 - 12/31/2014 would be invited to the 2015 UKC Premier All-Star Agility Event)

- Eligible if in the top 50 dogs of the specific class(es) competing (AGI, AGII, AGIII, or GRACH) entitled UKC Agility All-Stars
 - AGI, AGII, and AGIII are awarded for scores of 196 or greater on a graduating scale based on score.
 - GRACH are awarded for scores of 196 or higher in each of the AGI-B, AGII-B and AGIII classes in the same trial with a combined score of 594 or higher on a graduating scale based on combined score.

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RAIN RAIN GO AWAY ...

Does the rain got your dog down? Here are some fun activities and recommendations you can do in your home with your pup, even if you're unable to go outside to play...

- [Agility Fun on a Rainy Day](#)
- [Rainy Day Fun for Your Dog](#)
- [6 Rainy Day Activities For Dogs](#)
- [Rainy Day Training Tips](#)

NATIONAL AGILITY EVENTS

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO COMPETE AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL?

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US OPEN (UKI)

Qualifying Period from October 20 of previous year to October 1st of current year (IE: 10/20/2014 - 10/1/2015)

- Below must be earned during the qualified period described above:
 - Qualifying scores must be gained in the height you will run at the US Open and must be the same Dog/Handler team that gained the qualifying score

Qualify to run the Games Challenge

- 2 Qualifying runs in any UKI game class (i.e. Snooker, Gamblers, Snakes & Ladders, Power & Speed)

Qualify to run the Master Series Final

- 2 Qualifying runs in the Master Series Agility
- 2 Qualifying runs in the Masters Series Jumping

OR

- By Winning the Master Series at a local event (This is called winning a "BYE")
- If you do not qualify at a local Masters Heat, there will be a last chance heat at the UKI US Open 2015.

Qualify to run the UKI National Championship Final

- 5 Qualifying runs in Agility of any level except Nursery
 - 5 Qualifying runs in Jumpers of any level
- ▶ UKI Allows NFC (Not For Competition) runs - this allows younger/inexperienced dogs to try

participating and become acquainted with a large event.

- ▶ [Video of US Open SpeedStakes](#)

CYNOSPORTS WORLD GAMES(USDA)

Qualifying Period from September 2nd 2014 through September 7th 2015. Each year, the rules are re-evaluated and updated. For this current year, here is a generic summary of the requirements:

- 2 Qualifying scores in Grand Prix / Performance Grand Prix
- 2 Qualifying scores in Steeplechase / Performance Speed Jumping

If you plan on running Team for this event, you also need the following qualification:

- 2 Qualifying scores in Dog Agility Masters Team / Performance Versatility Pairs
- A "BYE" will be awarded to all medalists in the respective tournament Regional Championship finals, provided they have met the qualifying score requirements. (Again, a BYE - which allows you immediate qualification - is given to those meeting a criteria outside of the typical requirements)
- 25% of the titling qualifications earned during the tournament Qualifying Period must also be from the same Program (Performance versus Champion) as the the majority of qualifications earned in tournaments within that Program.
- [Video of Quarter Finals Steeplechase](#)

ADDITIONAL LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION

AKC [2016 AKC NAC Additional Details](#)

UKC [2015 Premier Event Additional Details](#)

CPE [2016 CPE National Additional Details](#)

UKI [2015 US Open Additional Details](#)

TDAA [2015 Petit Prix Additional Details](#)

USDA [2015 Cynosports Additional Details](#)

AN INTRODUCTION TO...

Author: Paul Engemann

About ASCA

In 1995, after five years of development, ASCA incorporated Agility competition into its competitive programs. ASCA Agility is open to all breeds. It's not just for Australian Shepherds! Similar to most of the popular venues, ASCA offers three main classes:

- **Regular** - Includes jumps, tunnels, weaves, & contacts
- **Jumpers** - Includes jumps & tunnels
- **Gamblers** - A point accumulation game with a distance challenge.

Trials are accompanied by two rounds of each class with minor adjustments (A total of six runs per day). In most instances, the course is simply reversed. Gamblers is the only class that will typically be rebuilt for the second round.

How Do I Get Started?

All healthy, trained dogs over eighteen (18) months of age are eligible to compete for qualifying scores in ASCA Agility Trials. Don't have a dog registered through ASCA and would like to compete for ASCA Agility titles? In order to have ASCA trial points tracked and to receive titling certificates, each non-ASCA registered dog will be required to have an ASCA Tracking Number. This is a one-time fee of \$10/dog. However, a tracking number is not necessary to compete. It is only needed if you would like to work towards ASCA titles.

What are the different Divisions?

There are three levels at which to progress through: Novice, Open, and Elite. ASCA has regular jump heights at 8", 12", 16", 20" and 24". Additionally, they have opened a

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program which offers the opportunity for dogs to jump one jump height lower with additional course time, for qualifying scores and titling certificates. This program is called ACE (Agility Competition Enthusiast). New to ASCA, in January 2015 the Senior Dog Division for dogs 10 years and older will be added.

Other Fun Facts about ASCA

- ▶ Training is allowed (NFC) - however, no toys or treats
- ▶ Similar classes as AKC, USDAA, & CPE
- ▶ Online registration and entries available
- ▶ You don't have to start in Novice! (Legs earned at higher levels will be credited towards lower levels.)

LOCAL ASCA TRIALS

9/5 - 9/6 - Race Agility --- Campton Hills, IL

12/12 - 12/13 - ARFASC --- Campton Hills, IL

Interested? Want to know more?

Use the links below to provide more details about how to register and to start competing at a local ASCA trial near you!

ASCA Website: www.asca.org

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED...

WHEN IS THE RIGHT TIME TO SPAY OR NEUTER?

If you just recently welcomed home a new puppy, you might have wondered when is truly the right time to spay or neuter... What are the potential benefits versus risks of waiting? What has the research shown? Are there alternatives and safer ways of spaying? Here are some recommended links to help you on your journey to making the best decision..

- ◆ AKC Canine Health Foundation: [Health Implications in Early Spay and Neuter in Dogs](#)
- ◆ The Whole Dog Journal: [A New and Safer Way to Spay Your Puppy](#)
- ◆ Facebook group: [Ovary Sparing Spay and Vasectomy Info Group on Facebook](#)



READY TO JOIN THE RAT RACE?

Author: Jan Sund

There is a new dog sport that is rapidly growing in the canine world - **Barn Hunt**! It is a game which is based on the job that dogs performed in keeping farms and homes clear of vermin.

A Bit About Barn Hunt

The dog searches for a rat concealed in a PVC tube hidden among stacked bales of straw. To make things more interesting, there is also an empty tube and a tube containing dirty litter [no rat] hidden in the bales. The tubes can be at ground level or hidden up top of bales. While there is only one rat to be found and a total of 3 tubes in Novice, this can jump with each level to Master where there can be 10 tubes with the unknown number of rats up to 5.

How Do You Earn Titles in Barn Hunt?

To qualify for titles, the dog must complete 3 criteria in no particular order.

1. Find the correct number of rat contained tubes for their level [one for Novice, two for Open, etc.] within an allotted time period.
2. The dog must also complete a climb, which is jumping up or using a ramp to the top of a bale.
3. Go through a tunnel made from straw bales. Tunnels get increasingly more difficult as the dog progresses through the levels.

Although Barn Hunt is an independent sport, titles are also recognized by both the American Kennel Club (AKC) and United Kennel Club (UKC)!

What are the different Divisions?

The introductory level is called Instinct [RATI], where 3 tubes are placed out in the open and the dog needs to identify the only one that contains the rat. This is a pass/fail and no placements are given. Progressive titles are Novice [RATN], Open [RATO], Senior [RATS] and Master [RATM]. Following that, a good ratter can achieve RATCH and RATCHX.

Interested? Want to know more?

Dogs wishing to compete must be registered with Barn Hunt Association. [www.barnhunt.com] And if you are interested in jumping into the barn hunt world; lessons, fun matches and trials are available in our area.

- [Flint Creek Dogs](#) in Antioch offers lessons, fun matches and trials.
- [Hide and Squeak Hunt Club](#) in Yorkville offers lessons and play days.

IN NO CASE IS THE RAT EVER HARMED. THE RATS ARE TREATED HUMANELY AND ARE OFTEN HOUSEHOLD PETS WHEN NOT DOING THEIR JOB AT A BARN HUNT TRIAL.



AND THE SPOTLIGHT IS ON...

FAST LANE WITH TEAM PAYNE

HANDLER: JUDY PAYNE

This month's interview is with Judy Payne. I met with her, and her husband, Jim (WAG Director), and their gorgeous Shetland Sheepdogs: Abby, G, Jingle & Riot.

SANDY RAPEY (SR): How do these 4 dogs come to be with you?

JUDY: We got Abby in 2000 and Jim began training and competing with her in agility in 2002 after a friend suggested it to them. Shortly after we got Abby, we decided to adopt a rescue, looking for a younger, female dog as a companion for Abby. Mid-process, and after seeing Willie at a rescue, our adoption paperwork got changed to reflect that we really wanted an older male dog!! We brought Willie home when he was 7 years old. (**Willie was 14 y.o. when he died in 2008. Although he never competed in agility, he was a treasured member of this family. According to Judy, Willie's 'registered' title: LOVABLE.)

Jim was training and competing with Abby (MACH 7 PACH 3 Abigail Hope PAX 3) and wanted a bi-black Sheltie. Enter Shady. Jim trained and competed with Shady. Also very beautiful and obviously quite accomplished, her registered name is MACH12 PACH Kandu Shades of Midnite PAX OF T2B.

Shortly after acquiring Shady in 2003, I was asked to go to a rescue in Rockford that had a Sheltie puppy that they had labeled 'aggressive'. Although I was only going to look at it and assess it... 'Little St. Nick' came home with me on Dec 22, 2003. I trained and competed with Nick and prior to his departure over the Rainbow Bridge, we had earned a total of 5 MACHs!! Official name: MACH5 Little St Nick T2B. It's somehow ironic and sad that Little St. Nick left us on Christmas Eve, 2013.

On March 21, 2007, Jim received a text message with a picture from Shady's breeder "Here's your new puppy!"

(SR): So this was unsolicited? Can you say no to her?

JUDY & JIM: *Laughing* Who can say no to a puppy??

(SR): Good point.

(SR): Enter 'G'

JUDY: The breeder said he was a bad ass puppy that needed a bad ass name'. So his registered name is MACH 6 Kan Du's B A Gangster T2B. B A is short for bad ass!!

In 2010 a friend knew of a puppy that we 'might be' interested in. I tell her and Jim 'no, we are not interested'. I tell them 'no' several more times. Then Jim suggests, you know.....if we'd get him in December, we could name him Kris Kringle!! *laughs!!* 'Well now that he has a name, **we've got to go get him!!**' Enter Kris Kringle, most commonly known as Jingle. I train and compete with this clown.

(SR): Is he large for a Sheltie? He's a beautiful sable and I do believe he knows it as I watch him strut his stuff around the park.

JUDY: Yes, he's big. I've had some challenges with this guy, and am learning all sorts of patience, but little by little, Jingle is Q'ing his way to higher AKC titles. So far Jingle has the following titles: NA, NAJ, OA, OAJ, AX, and AXJ. We jokingly say his Indian name is 'He Who Must Spin', because of all the spinning he does while running a course. Jingle's registered name: Starfalls's Kris Kringle AX AXJ.

The same 'friend' that mentioned Jingle informs Jim and Judy about a litter of puppies that are coming. Both Jim and Judy know they don't want any more dogs, but astonishingly enough they go see the puppies. Every week. They aren't going to get one. Just looking. Just looking. Ok, maybe just one more....*more laughter!!



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JUDY: So I finally asked the breeder, 'ok, so....IF I get a puppy for Jim's birthday present, which one should I get?' Enter Riot. Riot is a small, beautiful Sheltie who Jim competes and trains with. Riot at age 2 already has 2 Double Q's. Her registered name is 'Starfall's Civil Disorder AX AXJ'.

(SR): What is some of the best advice you've ever been given (in regards to agility) that you could pass on to others?

JUDY: 'Your dog never makes a mistake in the ring' *then looks at Jingle and laughs at the irony*. Don't use disappointing tones in your voice...Nick taught me that. He would shut down if I showed disappointment and would go visiting the ring crew. Once I learned not to show disappointment we became a great team.

(SR): What has Jingle taught you?

JUDY: Have Fun!! And another piece of advice: Try to never have just one dog. Losing your companion and coming home to an empty house is just unbearable.

AND THE SPOTLIGHT IS ON...

DOG: JINGLE PAYNE

Because Jingle is so fast, I thought it appropriate to do my version of a 'speed round' when I interviewed him. Here's how it went:

SR: Walks OR Belly Rubs?

JINGLE: Walks

SR: Brushing OR Baths?

JINGLE: Brushing

SR: Bones OR Shoes?

JINGLE: Bones

SR: Shoes OR Slippers

JINGLE: Slippers

SR: Balls OR Frisbee?

JINGLE: Frisbee

SR: Ice Cream OR Gelato?

JINGLE: Ice Cream

SR: Tree OR Fire Hydrant?

JINGLE: Tree

SR: Kibbles OR Bits?

JINGLE: Kibbles

SR: Car Rides OR Dinner?

JINGLE: Dinner

SR: Standard OR Jumpers?

JINGLE: Standard

SR: Weave Poles OR A-Frame?

JINGLE: Weave Poles

SR: Beatles OR Elvis?

JINGLE: Beatles

SR: Spring OR Fall?

JINGLE: Fall

SR: Beef OR Chicken?

JINGLE: What's a Chicken?



If he had fit in my purse, I would've smuggled him home with me!!

(Shady has recently gone over the Rainbow Bridge, and although this recent loss is tremendously heart breaking, Jim & Judy still made time for me to do this interview! Thank you and God bless you, Team Payne!)

DO YOU WANT TO BE IN THE SPOTLIGHT?

If you or your dog would like to be in the spotlight, please contact **Sandy Rapey @ Sandy_Keller@msn.com** to be featured in our next issue!

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WHERE WAG COMES TO BRAG...

NEW AGILITY TITLES FROM MAY 2015 THROUGH JULY 2015

[AKC TITLES]

Owen & Mary VanderBloomen

AXJ earned in March 2015 @ WAG

[CPE TITLES]

Ian & Patti Jo Yuswak

CL3-S & CL3-F earned in May 2015 @ WAG

Indy & Shelley Ventura

CL2 earned in May 2015 @ WAG

Spyce & Mary Ann Pecen

CL4-H earned in June 2015 @ WAG

Shiner & Julie Janke

C-ATCH 3 earned in June 2015 @ Happy Feet

Sierra & Monique Engemann

C-ATCH 3 earned in June 2015 @ WAG

Sylvie & Paul Engemann

CL-2R earned in July 2015 @ RACE

Lia & Monique Engemann

CL1 earned in July 2015 @ RACE

[TDAA TITLES]

Indy & Shelley Ventura

TBAD earned in April 2015 @ WAG

OTHER TITLES & BRAGS MAY 2015 THROUGH JULY 2015

Indy & Kristi De Legge

1st EX JWW leg 1st Place in April 2015 @ CarDunAl AKC Trial

2nd EX JWW leg 1st Place in June 2015 @ German Shepherd DTC AKC Trial

Sydney & Mary VanderBloomen

Master JWW leg and a Double Q in May 2015

@ Glenbard DTC AKC Trial

Belle & Roxanne Tapaninen

NACSW Elite title and HIT for Nosework in

June 2015 @ Bellevue, Michigan

Triple & Jan Sund

First Level 5 Leg in June 2015 @ Happy Feet

CPE Trial

JULY 17TH

Membership Meeting @ 7:30PM

JULY 18TH

Come out to the [July Fun Match](#)

DOOR OPEN AT 8:30am

RUNS START AT 9:00am

GATE ENTRIES CLOSE 11:00am

JULY 25TH

[WAG CPE Trial](#) - July 25th - 26th

WAG, Spring Grove, IL

Judge: Michael Conroy

AUGUST 10TH

[Session 4](#) of Classes Begin

AUGUST 14TH

[Board Meeting](#) @ 7:30PM

AUGUST 22ND

Come out to the [August Fun Match](#)

DOOR OPEN AT 8:30am

RUNS START AT 9:00am

GATE ENTRIES CLOSE 11:00am

SEPTEMBER 12TH

Come out to the [September Fun Match](#)

DOOR OPEN AT 8:30am

RUNS START AT 9:00am

GATE ENTRIES CLOSE 11:00am

SEPTEMBER 19TH

[WAG CPE Trial](#) - Sept 19th - 20th

WAG, Spring Grove, IL

Judge: Cheryl Cieslinski

DO YOU HAVE A BRAG?

If you have a title, brag, announcement, milestone, etc. that you'd like to share with the membership, please contact [Jan Sund @ sundown@mc.net](#) to be featured in our next issue!

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ADDITIONAL OTHER TITLES & BRAGS MAY 2015 THROUGH JULY 2015

Carly & Jan Sund

RATN earned in May 2015 @ Happy Feet Barn Hunt Trial

Coury & Jan Sund

CGC earned in June 2015 @ NOCI

Ian & Patti Jo Yuswak

CGC earned in June 2015 @ NOCI

Shay & Mikki Razor

RE earned in July 2015 @ DeKalb Trial - {tied for 2nd place, but was awarded 3rd due to time}

2nd trial: Earned their first leg towards RAE with scores of 96 and 2nd place in both Advance & Excellent.

Keeper & Pat Casey

1st Place [score of 194] Veteran's Obedience at Northshore DTC and Keeper was the oldest dog at the trial 13 years 2 months and 2 weeks

Ace & Pat Casey

1st Place [score 195] Pre-Open at North Shore DTC

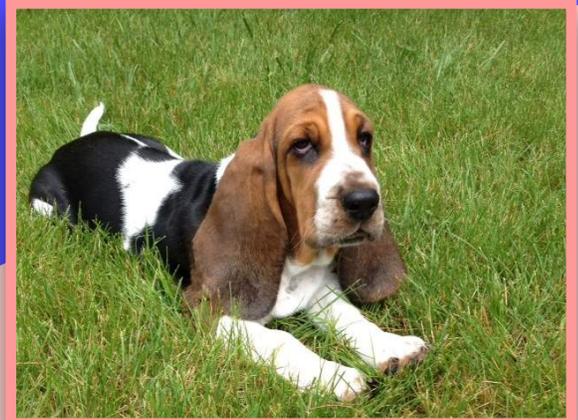
WAITING AT THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

In Loving Memory of Kandu's Shades of Midnight (Shady) 12/2/2002 - 5/26/2015

Owned & Loved by Judy & Jim Payne

WAG PUPPY ANNOUNCEMENTS BRINGING THE AWWW FACTOR

Jan Sund has welcomed home a new puppy, a Border Collie, Imagine Sir Galahad [call name "Valor"].



Janis McKoski has also welcomed home a new puppy, a Basset Hound, named Luna.

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