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# WAG 'N TAILS

A close-up, high-resolution photograph of a dog's face, likely a Weimaraner, with a focus on its striking blue eyes and dark coat with tan markings. The dog is looking slightly to the left of the frame.

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# THE LATEST BUILDING UPDATE

Hi WAG'sters & WAG'students,

The decision was made to stop negotiations with the Crystal Lake facility. This decision is due to financial concerns combined with potential up-front loss of members and students. CL is a beautiful facility and we would pursue it if we had more money in the bank, if the rent price were lower, or if more of the members and students supported it. We are listening to your concerns and based on the survey performed, fifty-one percent of the members and students stated they would move to the facility and forty-nine percent said they would not. We feel with that kind of loss it would take much more time to regenerate that income base than reasonably expected. The risk is just too high. We do appreciate all the effort that has gone into the negotiations and the amazing job Toni and the building committee have done.

We have revised the search criteria. The new criteria includes facilities 15,000 sq ft or larger and within 15-20 minutes or less of our current location (exact distance may depend on which direction - we will need to consider facilities in the 15-20

minutes range on a case by case basis). Again, if you see anything within our criteria, please submit the information to our building committee so they can look into it. Please do not contact any brokers on your own, just relay the information to our building committee and they can take it from there.

We are looking at a few other possibilities including the roller rink in McHenry, a Jeep dealership in McHenry, the auto mall across 12 just east of our street, Industrial Dr., in Spring Grove, and are also working with someone who is possibly interested in building us a building.

*So even though we are getting short on time, we are not short on possibilities and will keep moving forward with your help.*

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask any board member.

Thanks!

Patti Jo Yuswak



WI-IL Agility Group (WAG) President

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**WAG Health Clinic: March 20th**

**Roxanne will be sending out emails for overdue books & DVDs from the WAG library**

**SPECIAL BULLETIN:**



# BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

FEBRUARY 13TH, 2016

## Members FYI...

- ◆ Treasurer Report: 43,024.40 checking account. Shelly distributed copies of the check register, 2015 YTD income and expenses for 2015, YTD income and expenses for Jan 2016-Feb 10 2016, UKC Profit and Loss statement
- ◆ Fundraising: There was a suggestion to do a 50/50 raffle at the March AKC trial instead of a basket raffle. There was a suggestion is to do a big raffle item starting some time before the July AKC trial and continue through the trial and draw on Sunday.
- ◆ CPE: Judges have been contracted for all trials except for September. Applications are in for all but September. July has not yet been approved. Premiums have been approved for March and May. June has been submitted for approval and entries are coming in for March
- ◆ Training committee: Monique will start apprenticing with grad level 2 starting with the new session.
- ◆ UKC: Almost netted \$1,000 for the January trial, March premium is out.
- ◆ Fun match update: Jan 19th fun match \$163 gross minus expenses \$54 net profit of \$109. 35 dogs ran for a total of 82 runs. Next one is scheduled for February 27th afternoon run.
- ◆ Crates: Elaine Stuby reports that we are just about filled with crates and there one spot is open. Currently there are only 9 shared crates and 14-16 wag crates.

*If you'd like to see a complete summary of the minutes, reference them on the WAG website under the MEMBERS ONLY page.*

**Welcome To Our  
Newest Members!!**

Margaret Thiessen & Robin Taylor

# UPDATES FOR NATIONAL EVENTS

## THE LATEST QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR 2017

### AKC

2017 AKC National Agility Championship qualification runs from December 1, 2015 until November 30th, 2016.

- **REGULAR Requirements:** 7 double Qs. A combination of up to 3 Premier Standard legs and 3 Premier JWW legs may replace up to 3 double Qs. The Premier Standard and JWW legs do not need to be earned at the same trial. Every Premier Q earned during the qualifying period will be awarded 5 points towards the NAC point requirements. There is no limit on Premier points that may be used toward qualification. Also, you will need 550 MACH points.
- **PREFERRED Requirements:** Same requirement as Regular; however, the qualifying scores must be in the Preferred classes. Preferred dogs may run in either Preferred or Regular classes from December 1, 2015 until June 30th, 2016 without impacting Preferred eligibility for the NAC. From July 1, 2016 through November 30th, 2016, the dog must run in Preferred exclusively to enter Preferred at the NAC. Running other Regular classes (FAST and Time 3 Beat) will not affect a dog's eligibility to compete in Preferred at NAC.

### USDAA

Come out and try a new USDAA Nationals Event: TitleMania!

- USDAA announced "TitleMania" on June 16-19. This is a planned three and one half day event focused on recognizing and testing the diverse set of skills and strategies that are honed in USDAA's titling program. TitleMania will be held at the Spire Institute in Geneva, Ohio and is open to all competitors. Only requirement is having a USDAA or World Cynosport Rally registration. TitleMania is being offered in four levels - Starters, Advanced, Masters, and Masters Challenge for both Championship and Performance divisions. Veterans classes will also be offered.
- Regular title qualifications will be recognized, with special awards for best cumulative scores through three rounds of each class type - Gamblers, Jumpers, Snooker, and Standard.

### CPE

2017 CPE Nationals will be held  
May 19 - 21st in Elk Grove, California

- 2017 CPE Nationals has changed to require 30 qualifying legs. All other requirements have not changed.



# INTRODUCTION TO...

*Author: Jan Sund*

## Teacup Dogs Agility Association

### About TDAA

TDAA is a relatively new agility organization, having their first trial on May 19th of 2002. TDAA is a venue originally for dogs up to 17", but recently expanded to dogs measuring up to 20". Most people assume that the venue was created to make things easier for the little dogs, but it is actually the opposite. TDAA was designed to present the same challenges that face the "big dogs" in a convention trial. By making the obstacles smaller and narrower, the teacup dog is presented with a test of ability that isn't there with the full sized equipment. TDAA A-frames are only two feet wide, tunnels are 16", and the tire may be as small as 16", while bar jump bars are only 30" wide.

Challenges don't stop with the dog, as the handler is given less space to maneuver and direct her dog through the course. Typical spacing between obstacles is a mere 8-10', with the possibility that the spacing can be as short as 6 feet! Jump heights range from 2" for the smallest of small or veterans to a maximum of 16 inches. At most trials the 12" dogs are considered the BIG dogs!

Where as in most other venues, handlers may qualify in Novice and Open with an off course, refusal or in CPE a bar down, TDAA Q runs must be without faults, the exception being refusals are only called on contact obstacles. And where in most venues, times are rounded down, in TDAA the time is rounded up, so that 50 sct, is NQed at 50.01.

TDAA trials traditionally have a mixture of Standard and Game runs. Unlike CPE where the same 6 games are played at each trial, the number of possible games in TDAA are nearly endless. Each trial can present a new challenge of learning and performing different games that you have never played.

But with all the difficulties presented, TDAA trials are light hearted and friendly. Competitors are supportive of each other and happy to help a new exhibitor, and judges are most times easy going and willing to help with any questions or concerns.

### How Do I get Started

The TDAA is open to all dogs, without regard to breed or pedigree, measuring 20" or less, who are at least 12 months of age. No dog may participate with apparent injuries, lameness or bandages, blind dogs, bitches in season and dogs that are aggressive. A dog may compete under a judge who is a member of the same household. All dogs showing at a TDAA trial, whether in sanctioned competition or FEO must be registered with the TDAA.

### Local TDAA Trials

- 3/4 - 3/6 - Greater St. Louis Agility - Caseyville, IL
- 4/9 - 4/10 - WAG - Spring Grove, IL
- 6/25 - 6/26 - D.O.T.C - Warrensburg, IL



### What are the different jump heights?

- 2" height ~ dogs measuring 4" or less
- 4" height ~ dogs measuring 8" or less
- 8" height ~ dogs measuring 12" or less
- 12" height ~ dogs measuring 16" or less
- 16" height ~ dogs measuring 20" or less

### Titles:

- TBAD - 3 Beginner Standard Legs
- TIAD - 3 Intermediate Standard Legs
- TSAD - 5 Superior Standard Legs
- TGI - 3 Games scores in at least 2 unique games
- TGII - 3 Games scores in at least 3 unique games
- TGIII - 5 Games scores in at least 5 unique games
- TACH - 10 Superior Standard Legs Subsequent to the TSAD and 10 Games scores in at least 5 unique games subsequent to the TGIII

Other Titles Include: TACH2, TACH3, TAM, and TMAG. For descriptions of these titles, please review the TDAA Rules & Regulations.

### Does TDAA have a National Event?

Yes! TDAA holds a yearly National Trial called the Petit Prix, which is held in various locations around the country. The TDAA's Western Petit Prix shall be held from May 20th to the 22nd, 2016 in Castle Rock, Colorado.

### For More information:

If the challenges and good times of a TDAA trial appeal to you, come visit the WAG TDAA trial on April 9 & 10, 2016 and join the fun.

More information can be found at: <http://k9tdaa.com/>

# UNDERSTANDING THE BENEFITS OF HIGH VALUE REWARDS

Author: *Roxanne Tapaninen & Monique Engemann*

As handlers and trainers of our agility partners, we expected the highest level of performance and success that we are able to achieve. Each team has their own measures of success, but how we get there is mostly the same. We work to find the highest value our canine partner enjoys so that they feel a sense of accomplishment as well.

“The dog decides what is reinforcing.” Positive reinforcement trainers frequently say that to their human students. What they mean is that people can easily be mistaken about whether something constitutes reinforcement. For instance, we may think praising or petting our dogs are reinforcers, but if they do not cause behavior to increase or maintain, they are not.

Dogs don't sit down and make cognitive “decisions” about reinforcers; that's just a semantic shortcut. But their subsequent behavior is what tells us whether something is a reinforcer or not. If you give your dog a piece of chicken each time she sits and she sits more, yep, that chicken is reinforcing. If instead you give her a few gentle taps on the head when she sits and she doesn't sit more, or only sits a little more, then that tap is not a reinforcer, or is a very weak one. She might even sit less, in which case the head tap is punishing.

It's not only newbies who need this reminder. It's very easy to get it stuck in one's head that something ought to be a good reinforcer. Sometimes it takes a while for our powers of observation to kick in and tell us, for example, that no, popcorn is just not reinforcing for this particular dog.

The way we tell whether something is reinforcing is to look for an increase in the relevant behavior. Try different treats (e.g. Chicken, Beef, Pork, Liver Sausage, etc.) or activities such as Tug, Fetch, or Chase. If your dog will go out of their way to repeatedly sit for a piece of cheese and not become distracted, then this might be their reinforcer! However, if presented with a dog playing next to them and they consider that of higher value, you may want to consider rethinking your treat choices.

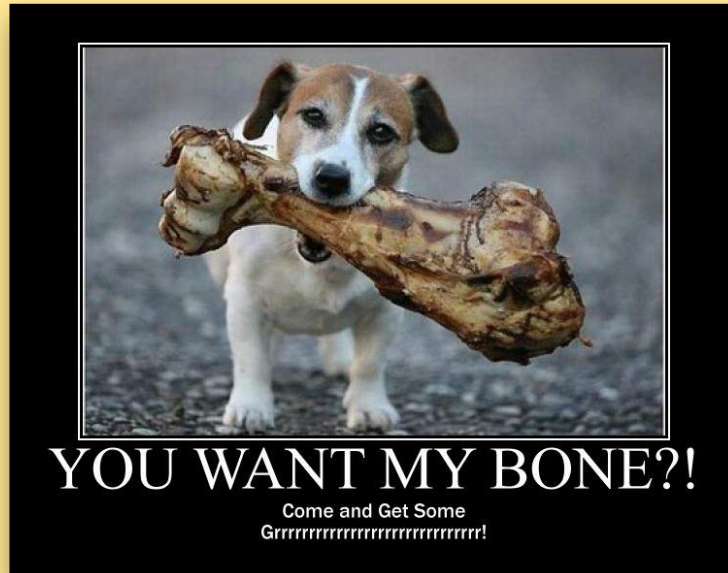
Also determine the type of activity you're performing. Are you asking for a fast target at the bottom of the teeter? I'd consider the liver sausage! Or are you asking for a fast and drivey race over a sequence of jumps? Possibly

look at a toy such as a ball or tug toy to pull that excitement.

Keep in mind your end goals, and look to see if the reinforcement you are currently using are truly paying with quick quality responses. ***A little food for thought:*** If you were in your year end review at your job, would you want the \$8,000 bonus payout? Or would a pat on the head be just as good?

Additional Articles and Resources:

- [High-value treats: What are they?](#)
- [Rate of Reinforcement](#)
- [What is Positive Reinforcement?](#)



- [Avoiding The Quick - A Crash Course In Trimming Your Dog's Nails](#)
  - This guide provides great photos and diagrams
- [A Stress-Free Way For Trimming Your Dog's Toenails](#)
  - Additional diagrams and guidance
- [How Important is Cutting Your Dog's Nails Really? \(Video\)](#)
  - Presented by Dr Leslie Woodcock and Susan Garrett
- [PVC Scratch Tube for Dog Nail Maintenance \(Video\)](#)
  - A VERY quick video of an alternative method to nail clippers

STRESS FREE NAIL TRIMS

# RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

JANUARY 16TH, 2016

*Author: Loret Bartol*

Monique and I got together and decided to try something new for WAG and it was a HIT! We did a two hour workshop for two separate groups on January 16, 2016.

When I posted about the workshop it filled within 24 hours – just amazing! We ended up having a wait list!

Our focus – **RELATIONSHIP BUILDING & HOW TO BRING THAT INTO AGILITY**

Prior to the day of the workshop Monique emailed the individuals with a sheet to fill in the events of the “day in the life of the dog.” She wanted them to really think about what their dogs day was all about and how much structure and relationship is actually involved in their day. Did their dogs



have complete rein over their household? Or, did they have rules and structure providing the support needed to build trust and structure.

We started out each group by discussing why we do agility – what does it bring into our lives – I told my story and then each individual had their own story to tell. It was interesting to hear the different stories.



The first hour Monique shared with each group the routine she does with her dogs. She brought out Lia (her young aussie) to demo some very good structured living that Lia goes through on a daily basis. She showed some shadow handling skills and then instructed each individual on how to do this and explained the importance of this exercise.

Additionally, she added some examples of how to best motivate an unmotivated dog, as well as keep focus with one more highly stimulated - specially during a trial!

The second hour I took the teams over to the course side. We did some handling skills that made it necessary to have a very strong working relationship with the dog – accelerating at full speed and creating a deceleration for a tight turn off of a tunnel – completely engaged – each team was totally successful. We worked on playing with the dog and really created high arousal and just running with the dog – totally engaged.

At the end of each session all teams were very successful. It was said that it was not enough time – they wanted more! We talked about doing a next level for those that attended – details need to be worked out yet.

If anyone is interested in attending a similar workshop in the future, please contact myself or Monique for more details!

## WHY DOES THE COLORS DOGS SEE...

## MATTER TO DOG SPORTS?

You may be thinking that while knowing a dog's color spectrum may be an interesting piece of trivia, it really doesn't matter from a dog training perspective. After all, we aren't training dogs to drive, so it doesn't matter if they can see red stop signs or green lights. However, with the upswing in fast-paced canine sports, the dog's color vision becomes a very important piece of knowledge that can help keep the dogs safe. [CLICK HERE](#) For More Information!

# A WEEKEND WITH...

## JOHN NYS

*Author: Monique Engemann*

Let me start off by saying that I don't think I could have had more fun, and yet learned so much as I did during this seminar! If you haven't met this man, what have you been waiting for?! This was by far one of the best experiences I have had since starting my career in dog sports.

John has been involved in training for over 25 years - he started working with horses and then moved on to the dog world. He has competed locally, nationally, and internationally. His main venues of choice are AKC and USDAA. He mainly competes with his shelties and border collie - so he definitely has an understanding of how to handle a large and medium dog.

The main focus of the seminar was on relationship with your dog. The courses were of the Masters / International level, and John spoke through the steps for how he trains specific drills in order to properly execute on the agility course. Additionally, he explained how and why he determines the type of handling techniques he chooses to apply when competing - in a nut shell, he times EVERYTHING! The fastest maneuver for a specific sequence is the handling technique he typically uses.

John ensures that he teaching complete discrimination of every obstacle - placing a jump standard in front of a tunnel and works the dog around the standard. Once the dog understands to ignore the tunnel and only move around the standard, he then works on taking the tunnel under the same circumstance. That way, the dog can understand a clear difference between the two obstacles.

He also teaches his dogs left and right commands. He understands that when asking for speed and independence he also needs a way to indicate to his dog when his body position is unable to clearly do so. He

also develops a "back side" verbal cue as well, as this is the wave of the future. Courses will be developed where a backside will require a verbal in some situations. Especially when running a fast dog.

John's biggest pet peeve that he stressed every handler should accomplish is a strong foundation and a clear set of criteria. One thing we as handlers want to do, specifically during a trial, is to "allow" our dogs the opportunity to fail, but without a repercussion for doing so. John's belief is if the dog does not perform correctly, they should not be able to continue. So, if your dog is missing it's contact in a trial - guess what, take them off! Build a strong foundation and a strong understand under high drive, high energy, every time.

Lastly, the other big take away for me was when John said he will train his dogs hard, but the week or two before a major competition, he will allow them a break. So for you weekend warriors... keep in mind that not only do you, but your dog also needs some time to decompress. Even the best of the best need a few days to relax and distress from the excitement.

Overall, highly recommended to attend one of his future seminars! And maybe, he'll be at WAG in the future ;-)

Want to know more about John or to see when his next seminars are in this area? Check out his website at: <http://agilityrush.com/>



## WAG COOKIE SWAP

Do you have a cookie recipe your dog truly just adores? Want to share it with everyone? We will be hosting a spotlight on cookie recipes in the next few issues of WAG 'N TAILS. Please provide us your pup's favorite recipes and we will add them for others to try and enjoy! :) Here's some great recipes to get you started!

- **5 Simple Dog Treats**
- **Dog Treats by Bullwinkle**
- **3-Ingredient Peanut Butter Pumpkin Treats**

*Author: Sandy Rapey*

## THIS KID'S GOT CLASS!!!

If you've been around the agility rings in the last 5 years, you've most likely seen young Katie Doane running a variety of her dogs and doing quite well as a Junior Handler. If you've been around the agility rings in the last 25 years, you've most likely met her mother, Lisa, who started and continues to support Katie's agility addiction. It was my pleasure to interview this classy, confident young lady this month!

Katie (currently 12 y.o.) began her agility career at age 7 when she began taking classes at WAG, which Lisa co-founded. Katie had the good fortune of learning with Comet, who was trained and previously trialed by Lisa. When I asked about Comet's titles, Katie provided me with an impressive list, obtained only by herself as the handler: NAP NJP OAP CTL, several CPE Level 4 titles, multiple UKC ACH points, in obedience AKC BN.

In 4-H, Katie and Comet earned the 2016 Grand Champion Advanced Agility and Grand Champion Graduate Novice titles; 2015 Reserve Champion Advanced Agility, Grand Champion Novice Obedience and High in Trial.



## HOLY SMOKY TREATS!!

And this is just one of the dogs Katie handles. She has also run Vixen, now 11 years old, who Lisa had also trained. Katie began training at WAG with Stacey, earning titles in multiple venues. Stacey is currently the proud mother of 5 adorable puppies—see Lisa's Facebook page!!

Katie is training Austen (a 3 year old Springer Spaniel) and Jeff (the family's 2 year old Golden Retriever who was slated to be euthanized shortly after birth). Austen has trialed in AKC agility and obedience. Jeff has been trialing in CPE, UKC and 4-H.

Katie, like many pre-teens, is involved in school, 4-H, band, and a competitive school based program, 'Destination Imagination'. She's excelling in many of these areas of interest, but what caught my eye is her youthful joy when she runs and trains her dogs. It's something that I missed out on as a child, learning about dog training and agility many years beyond the age of 11.

When running, Katie is focused, fast, and yelling out those commands to her faithful partners. Comet likes to yell right back, and it seems as if they might be having some 'team yelling competition' between themselves. Its obvious Comet adores Katie, and at 13 years old, he is her senior by 2 years (or 14 dog years). Being her senior, perhaps Comet feels justified in yelling back.

Also quite notable when this team runs, is the joyfulness in Comet. He might be old in years, but he's young at heart and its obvious he still loves to run and jump and play!!

Katie enjoys CPE most because the games have variety and it's not as serious as AKC trials. I asked her for a most memorable moment, which ironically occurred at an AKC trial. At 7 ½ years old, Katie ran her first AKC trial with Comet in Libertyville, and earned a Q her first run. It was one of her favorite memories, with the entire group of exhibitors cheering as she finished the run.

So I wondered, what are her goals for 2016? Katie said she would like to get Austen to the Excellent level and Jeff to the Open level in AKC. Then, with the authentic sweetness that she possesses, she added, 'and for the dogs to have more fun than they did in 2015'.

Quite honestly, I think every competitor should list this as their goal as well (myself included!)

## GOOD LUCK IN 2016, KATIE!

*Author: Sandy Rapey*

## MEET COMET!!

When I interviewed Comet, I had to acknowledge he has been around the agility rings much longer than I have been (and many of us have been!!)

**SR:** Comet, tell me about your training and trialing.

**Comet:** I started training with Lisa and we were a great team. She taught me all sorts of things, like sit, down, stay. I loved it. We went to different places together and she always made me feel very special even though there were other dogs that lived with us.

**SR:** What is your favorite venue to compete it? Agility, obedience, AKC/CPE??

**Comet:** I know all the obedience rules and so I'm kinda bored with that. I can do it with my eyes closed. I'm a good dog, so if you tell me something, I do it. I prefer the agility stuff, because I still love to run and romp, and the courses are always different. I'm not sure why. Its not jump jump tunnel every time, so its challenging for me to keep Katie on the right course. She has no idea, but I know how to count. I mean, really, I've been doing this since before she was a glimmer in daddy's eye!!

**SR:** Tell me about meeting Katie.

**Comet:** It was a long time ago, I was young. I could tell Lisa was changing, and it was a happy change. She and Ken started changing the house and there was just a different energy to that time period. One day they left and when they came home, they had little Katie. I got to meet her. OMG she smelled just like sugar and spice ...and new! She smelled so good, I decided right then and there she was mine. I was the happiest dog on the planet. She made funny sounds, and was so beautiful. It was a very happy time for all of us.

**SR:** Katie began working with you 5 years ago. What was that like at the beginning? What is it like now?

**Comet:** I had other humans help teach Katie things about the dog world that I already knew. She had to learn how to ask me to sit, stay, lay down, jump, go through tunnels, etc. I think it was easier for her to learn because I'm such a good teacher. She had to be brought up to speed to my level of competence!

One of my favorite memories with her was at a trial. She was so young, and there was a nervous energy to the day. I'm not sure why, but I could feel the anxiety and heard chatter regarding the events but I was busy people watching, as usual. People wear such funny clothing!! Anyhoo, Lisa and I had done this hundreds of time, so I was a bit confused about why this was different or a big deal. When it was our turn to run, I had little Katie on the end of my leash. I was like, what the hey??!! I had been training Katie, but I wasn't sure she was ready for this. Had I done enough training with her? Was she old enough to count all the numbers on the course and remember them all in numerical sequence?

We stepped to the line and I remember thinking I had to be spot on with the numerics, no matter what came out of Katie's mouth. She started yelling out commands like 'COMET!! FREE! OVER! TUNNEL! JUMP!' at the same time I was yelling "KATIE RUN!! TO THE JUMP TO THE TUNNEL TO THE JUMP!!" I was looking at the numbered cones, trying to count and then tell her what was next. It was like a shouting competition then and we still do that now. She sometimes knows the course better than me, sometimes I know it better than her, but we are a great team, every run!!

**SR:** Are you still enjoying the sport?

**Comet:** Yes, I am old, but still love the adrenaline rush I get when we run. And the treats. Make sure you note that I LOVE THE TREATS!!!

**SR:** What are your goals for 2016?

**Comet:** I try to set a good example for that goof ball, Jeff, but seriously, I don't think he ever watches me and the kid run. And I really would like Katie to have more fun this year, that's my top priority.

**SR:** Is there anything else you'd like to add to this interview article?

**Comet:** Well, yes actually. I've been a good dog my whole life. It's not because I didn't want to be bad, cuz there were times in my youth....all the girls, all the shoes, oh..... I digress. I've been good because I'm grateful for all Lisa gave me: her time, her energy, her guidance and then best of all, she gave me a kid to call my own. Yep, Katie is mine :)



# WAG HAPPENINGS

## February 27th

Come out to the February Fun Match  
DOOR OPEN AT 12:30pm  
RUNS START AT 1:00pm  
GATE ENTRIES CLOSE 3:00pm

## March 6th

Session 2 of Classes Begin

## March 12th

WAG CPE Trial - March 12th & 13th  
WAG, Spring Grove, IL  
Judge: Jeff Boyer

## March 19th

Come out to the March Fun Match  
DOOR OPEN AT 12:30pm  
RUNS START AT 1:00pm  
GATE ENTRIES CLOSE 3:00pm

## March 20th

WAG Spring Health Clinic  
Heartworm and CERF Clinic  
Eye Clinic from 8:00am - 2:30pm  
Health Screenings from 9:00pm - 3:00pm  
Pre-Register @ <http://www.wagagility.com>

## March 25th

WAG AKC Trial - March 25th thru 27th  
Libertyville Sports Complex  
Judge: Kim Crenshaw & Richard Fyfe

## April 2nd

WAG UKC Trial - April 2nd & 3rd  
WAG, Spring Grove, IL  
Judge: Cheryl Cieslinski

## April 9th

WAG TDAA Trial - April 9th & 10th  
WAG, Spring Grove, IL  
Judge: Donni Breden

## April 16th

Come out to the April Fun Match  
DOOR OPEN AT 8:30am  
RUNS START AT 9:00am  
GATE ENTRIES CLOSE 11:00am

# WAG 'N RIGHTS

WHERE WAG COMES TO BRAG...

## NEW AGILITY TITLES FROM DEC '15 - FEB '16

### [AKC Titles]

Macho & Tina Gradowski  
earned their **OAJ** title!

Macho & Tina Gradowski  
earned their **AX** title!

Indy & Kristi De Legge  
earned their **AX** title and earned 43 MACH pts! (only 707 to go!)

Rio & Kristi De Legge  
earned their **NA** title with a 1st Place under serious distractions! (The club lost power and opened the overhead doors despite the winter weather.)

Pepper & Renee Menini  
earned their **NA** title!

### [UKC Titles]

Pepper & Renee Menini  
earned their **UAGII** title!

## OTHER TITLES & BRAGS DEC '15 - FEB '16

Indy & Shelley Ventura  
earned their **Advance Trick Dog (ATD)** title!

Asti & Linda Schwartz  
earned their **Novice Barn Hunt (RATN)** title!

Izzy & Linda Schwartz  
earned their **Novice Barn Hunt (RATN)** title!

Ripley & Jan Sund  
earned their **Novice Barn Hunt (RATN)** title!

Liadrin & Monique Engemann  
earned their **Open Barn Hunt (RATO)** title!

Sierra & Monique Engemann  
earned their **Senior Barn Hunt (RATS)** title!

Sylvie & Paul Engemann  
earned their **Senior Barn Hunt (RATS)** title!

Valor & Jan Sund  
earned their **RLP Cynosport Rally** title!

Valor & Jan Sund  
was presented the Award of Excellence in Rally!

Kristi De Legge and Rio ran in their first agility trial. Rio qualified in Standard with a 2nd place, and 1st place in JWW. Kristi also wanted to send a very special shout out to her Foundation and Level 2 Instructors, especially Pam Delaney & Patti Jo for all their help and support!

## 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](mailto:sundown@mc.net) to be featured in our next issue!

# WAG 'N RIGHTS

## ADDITIONAL OTHER TITLES & BRAGS DEC 2015 THROUGH FEB 2016

Pepper & Renee Menini  
earned their **hunting SHR** title!



Sierra & Monique Engemann  
Went to their first Hounds for the Holiday's trial and earned their first ever Double Q! This also included an additional 15 PACH points! She now has a total of 31 PACH points towards her title. :) She also qualified in her second OFP - only one more to go towards her OFP!



## RETIREMENTS...

### C-ATCH 3 UAGII Bazils Silver Shine AX AXJ MXP MJP NF

Shiner ran his last full agility trial in December at the age of 14 years and 1 month. By the end of the day, he was running the courses because I wanted him to not because he wanted to play with me. That was the sign I was looking for and the decision was made. We had run 2 trials in December to see if we could qualify for CPE Nationals in Ohio in case he still wanted to run come June. However, that told me he wouldn't be up for 3 days of trialing, so no need to push it. It was still hard on me – even though it was the perfect way to end his career. We'd been through a lot in our 9 years of agility.

We got Shiner at the age of 1. He thrived on bird hunting. However, I was working with Abby on agility and thought that Shiner would like agility too. So, at the age of 5, we tried and he loved it. Where Abby was strictly food motivated, Shiner ran so that he could play with me. Even in December, people I didn't know stopped me after a morning run to tell me how happy and bouncy he was out on the course. He went from not wanting to go up the ramp into the back of our pick-up truck to tackling dogwalks and A-frames with ease (although sometimes he liked to stop on the dogwalk and survey the territory!). Also, if he took a jump and landed in an open area of the course, he would stop and watch the people. I'd call to him, he'd swing around and see me and an obstacle and you could just see the look on his face, "oh that's right, we were running a course!"

He was so fun to trial with. I will miss those days, but I'm thinking now, besides our walks in the woods. . . I wonder how he would enjoy nosework!



**Please come to WAG's March CPE trial on Saturday, where we'll be celebrating his retirement.  
One last run for him and lots of treats!**

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