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# WAG 'N Tales

## THE NEWS TEAM

Welcome to the WAG newsletter! The purpose of this document is to help the membership stay informed and have a fun way to communicate. Each issue is scheduled to appear every other month on the 15th. To start off the the first issue, we would like to introduce you to our team:













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General Membership Meeting: Friday, May 22nd at 7:30pm **SPECIAL BULLETIN:** No Classes during May 24th - 30th for Memorial Day No Classes during June 28th - July 3rd for Independence Day

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY**

#### April 14th, 2015

#### **BOARD APPROVALS...**

- Rock Valley is offering to pay WAG members who help work at their 2015 trial and is asking if this is acceptable. Board approved.
- Patti Jo requested permission to hold a TDAA trial the weekend of August 8th and 9th. Board approved.
- Gail Ray asked if the 2016 Health Clinic could be scheduled for February 21, 2016. Date is available. Board approved.
- Loret Bartol requested June 21, 2015 from 12:30 to 1:30 for a drop-in class for Level 3 for 5 students. Board approved.
- Toni Reeves requested permission to store V set equipment at WAG building. Board approved, but storage is at Toni's risk of potential damage to equipment which she accepted.
- Changes Board approved at the February board meeting:
  - Fine for late worker hour shortages has been increased to \$10/hour
  - Fine for late dues has been initiated at \$10
- Board approved letting BIS (Bitches In Season) in class for the next six months and will reevaluate after that. Owners will still get class credit if they chose not to bring their BIS. Patti Jo will contact the Fun match committee for their feedback on allowing BIS at the fun matches.

### MEMBERS FYI...

- CPE Changes: 5th Class to be added to the July and September trials
- Review of the Survey Results to be held at the next General Membership Meeting on May 22nd
- Building negotiations for Genoa City was initiated with a letter of intent and discussions are in progress. Additional facilities are also being looked at. Contact Toni Reeves @ <u>caltonir@gmail.com</u> if you have a recommended site to consider.
- An incident occurred on February 28 between two dogs during ring rental. Details will be discussed in
  executive session. This incident spawned the development of a ring etiquette document to be sent to
  members and students. Email sent.
- To increase UKC trial entries, suggestions were made to include UKC equipment at fun matches and to provide an overview of the venue. It was decided that separate fun matches for UKC close to a trial would be better than trying to incorporate UKC specific equipment into a regular fun match. Joy and Bill volunteered to work on the overview and fun match activities.
- Puppy class will be held on Sundays at 5 PM starting with Session 2 in 2015.
- AKC trial entry fee increase was proposed after reviewing show entry fees that other clubs charge. Several proposals were presented concerning fee structures, worker card values and limits. Recommendation was to discuss ideas with AKC committee and also to wait to make a decision until new building lease rate finalized.
- Shelly stated the next UKC trial is in October, the application is in and Bill Quandt is judging. Joy will head up having a special match with TDAA, UKC, CPE combined.
- New ring rental calendar is coming. We will be moving from Yahoo Groups to Google Calendar to help with ease of use for both the renter, as well as for the Ring Rental Coordinator.

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 MEMBERS!!

### SUSAN SALO Developing balance, stride and scope in your agility dog

#### Author: Paul Engemann

On March 26 - 28th 2015, my 2 year old Australian Shepherd, Sylvie, and I attended the Susan Salo Jump Grid 3-day Workshop at Think Pawsitive. The Susan brings her extensive experience of combining speed with jumping to the sport of dog agility.

workshop was available for dogs of all ages – from a 10 week old Corgi to a 10 year old Weimaraner, and of course, all sizes including an Otter Hound. The materials focused on the six separate components of performance jumping and the importance of having а specific methodology in place for teaching your dog the mechanics of good jumping. Susan demonstrated several Foundation Grids with which you and your dog then practiced under her watchful eye. At the foundation level, there is initially no motion from the handler. The techniques will either be

performed by recalling or sending the dog to a target.

Susan Salo has over 35 years of experience in the world of show jumping as both a competitor and a professional trainer. She has ridden for many years with some of the nation's most noted horsemen

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including Gene Lewis, George Morris, and the late Jimmy Williams.



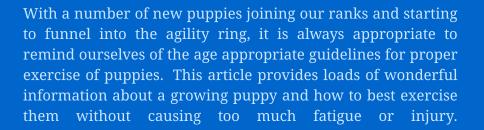
#### Day 1: Set-Point & Striding

Set-point is essentially where the dog steps into the jump area and jumps. We started low, and worked our way up to height. Height is the last thing that Susan teaches for dogs. Proper technique is stressed more importantly than height. Height is easy to teach if the dog has proper technique. To assist with teaching the proper technique, Susan trains the dog to jump one cup higher than their jump height. (IE: For a dog that jumps 12 inch, Susan would typically train that dog to jump 14 inches.) Additionally, she uses an ascending extended double as well, so that the dogs learn the proper form to jump. An ascending extended double for a

12 inch dog was configured by using 2 single bar jumps that were spread out to let the dog elongate over the jump. The first jump in the configuration would be set at 10 inches, while the second jump would be set at 12 inches.

The striding drills were all straight strides with the bars always set at 6 inches for the big dogs, 2 inches for the small dogs.

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To read the full article and receive a free Puppy Exercising Chart, <u>**CLICK HERE**</u>.

### SUSAN SALO Developing balance, stride and scope in your agility dog

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Height was not important in this exercise as the jumps were set 3 feet apart with a minimum of 5 jumps in the grid. This exercise taught the dog both collection and to bounce over each bar.

#### Day 2: Slices, Set-Point, & Striding

The striding exercises were different this time around, we removed jump 4, so that dogs would need to take a stride before jumping. We started the distance between Jump 3 and 4 at 15 feet, and then moved it out to a max of 19 feet and then moved it closer again. After each successful repetition, the distance would be adjusted. Again, these bars were all low – for the big dogs, jumps 1 through 3 were set at 6 inches and the last jump was set at 8 or 12 inches. You can eventually move the last jump to height, but the goal is striding not height.

The second exercise of the day was slices both to the left and then right sides. This was done with three jumps. The bar placements in this example is for a big dog - the first jump was set to 6 inches, the second was set to 16 inches, and the last jump set at 6 inches. There was 6 foot spacing placed between each of the jumps and we set the dogs back about 3 feet from the first jump. The jumps of the grid were offset from each other at about 18 to 24 inches. (Click HERE for sample video.)

#### **Day 3: Bend Work**

In this exercise, 5 Jumps were used to assist the dogs to bend both to the right and left. Jumps were all set on an angle and the bars set at 6 inches down to the 4 inch cup on the inside of the jump. The spacing was about 6 feet from the middle of each jump to the middle of the next jump on an arc. The goal is for the dog to take the jumps tightly. (Click HERE for sample video) In this video you can see the layout of the grid.

The second grid of the day was similar to the first day of the seminar where we had 5 jumps in a row; however, in this version Susan had increasing distances between each bar. (IE: First jump, then 6 feet; second jump, then 7 feet; third jump, then 8 feet; fourth Bar, then 9 feet to the last bar.) This grid taught various distances between the bars and the dogs were not supposed to stride between them. It was to teach to single and double bounce versus striding between jumps. For the puppies, Susan used a distance from 5 to 8 feet between jumps. This drill is intended to be performed after the bend work to lengthen the muscles from being so tight after the bend work, here they can extend them.

#### **In Summary**

Susan offers a unique perspective and knowledge of the mechanical aspects of jumping which, when properly applied, can create muscle memory and balance for the canine athlete. Not to be confused with handling seminars, her lessons and workshops focus entirely on the dog — building better jumping skills and instilling more confidence and speed. Training with Susan is an opportunity to develop your "eye" and witness dogs learning about balance, striding, and scope until jumping becomes effortless for them.

Overall, it was a great experience for a younger dog just starting to jump and will definitely help in the future of understanding and implementing jumping skills. My only downside was that we didn't get into handler motion, which is where my dog currently struggles. However, I now have the tools to keep her looking ahead and can work a lot of the movement on my own with the set point and striding drills.

For those wondering, the corgi didn't see a bar the whole weekend, he used jump bumps for everything small bumps for striding and the large bump for simulating height.

### WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SUSAN SALO'S TECHNIQUES?

Reference her Jump Grid Workbooks and other materials located on the <u>**Clean Run**</u> website.

## **TOP SECRET!!** NATIONAL DOG AGILITY LEAGUE

Author: Monique Engemann

#### Top Dog - National Dog Agility League

Catch the new trend coming to an agility club near you. This new trend is defined as an "Agility League" – which best simulates a bowling league. The concept is to incorporate teams of participants which run a specific course every week, month, or whatever time the set of teams are able to meet!

#### What are the general rules?

To play you must register your dog with Top Dog, and your dog must be at least 12 months old to start playing; however, keeping in mind the potential obstacles involved in that month's course setup – weaves, contacts, etc. that the dog may or may not be ready or able to perform. League Agility has the following jump heights – 4", 8", 12", 16", and 20" – any dogs measuring over 20" would run in the 20" jump height.

The general concept is that a course is run and scored similar to USDAA's Steeplechase – a dog is scored based on total time to complete the course, with any faults acquired being added to the course time (IE: Dog completes the course in 29 seconds but had an off course 5 second fault – the total time would be 29 seconds + 5 seconds = 34 total seconds). Didn't like your first attempt? Top Dog also allows you to call a Mulligan! What is a Mulligan? Basically, a do over. Depending on your league, you have the option to redo your first attempt for a better score! Also, the courses are not only Steeplechase. There are other

#### What's New at the WAG Library?

- Jumping with Motion by Susan Salo
- Fun Fast and Fabulous Weaves by Silvia Trkman
- Training Solutions for Weave Poles and Proofing Exercise - by Rachel Sanders
- Success with One Jump by Susan Garrett

#### **Recommended DVD & Book**

- DVD: How to Massage Your dog by Maria Duthie
- BOOK: The Healthy Way to Stretch Your Dog by Sasha & Ashley Foster

#### **Reminder** -

Check-In Books or DVDs you have checked out!

games and courses that can be played such as Snooker, Jumpers, etc. depending on the challenge that month.

#### **Can you Title?**

Yes! In addition to just having fun with your friends and furry partner, NDAL also has a titling program. Here is a list of some

of the titles you could earn:

- Top Dog Beginner (TDB)
- Top Dog Intermediate (TDI)
- Top Dog Superior (TDS)

#### What are the costs?

To register your dog, it is currently a one-time \$10 per dog fee to Top Dog. The cost to play would depend on the amount the club would charge. For example, the training center might charge \$16 a dog for an eight week league. This would cover a league secretary fee and TDAP recording fees.

#### Want to learn more?

Here are some references to help understand more about league play, how to get started, and general rules that follow as both a participant or a host club: <u>CLICK HERE</u> for more information!



Want to check out a Book or DVD?

Simply fill out a card and place it in the small black file box located on the library shelf in the WAG office.

#### Have a Book or DVD you'd like added to the Library? Or one you'd like to recommend on the Newsletter?

Contact **Roxanne Tapaninen** @ <u>hnrtap@comcast.net</u> to have it featured in our next issue!



## INTRODUCING... WAG'S NEWEST AGILITY STARS!



### KASEY & DENI<mark>se Morjal Remper</mark>t

@ WAG's Mar<mark>ch, 2015 AKC Trial</mark> They Qualified in their STD class!



### MOON & LORET BARTOL

@ WAG's March, 2015 AKC Trial They had a lot of fun and some wonderful moments!



### **AUSTIN & KATIE DOANE**

@ WAG's March, 2015 AKC Trial They Qualified in their JWW classes!



### LEAH & JENNIFER STEVENS RUDOLPH

@ Car Dun Al's May, 2015 AKC Trial They Qualified in their STD class!



### SLICK & JOYCE PARTYKEVICH

@ WAG's March, 2015 AKC Trial They Qualified in their JWW class!

HAVE A DEBUT YOU'D LIKE TO ANNOUNCE? Contact Monique Engemann @ loveisblueasb@gmail.com to be featured in our next issue!

## **AN INTRODUCTION TO...**

Author: Loret Bartol

#### **About UK Agility International**

UK Agility International is run by Greg and Laura Derrett. Greg and Laura founded UK Agility in England in 2004. UK Agility has thousands of members in Great Britain. The number of shows held under UK Agility rules is growing each year with trials being held nearly every weekend throughout the UK. Because of the growth and interest in the European style courses, Greg and Laura introduced UK Agility International to North America!

The Mission of UK Agility International (UKI) is to provide agility dog competitions that are designed with all competitors in mind; enabling all dogs to achieve a level of success, while promoting high standards in competing, training and judging of agility dogs.

UKI has been developed to promote the growth of agility with the thought of safety and fun for every dog. In addition, UKI encourages the advancement in training using reward based training methods. This not only helps to foster a better pet and handler connection, but also supports the atmosphere of a relaxed and friendly environment for dogs, family and spectators.

### LOCAL UKI TRIALS

- 6/20-6/21 Lucky Dog --- Plainfield, IL
- 6/27-6/28 Agility At the Farm --- Campton Hills, IL
- 7/11-7/12 Lucky Dog --- Plainfield, IL
- 8/29-8/30 Lucky Dog --- Plainfield, IL
- 9/19-9/20 Flint Creek Dogs --- Antioch, IL

#### How Do I Get Started?

Register at <u>www.ukagilityinternational.com</u> Or download a paper registration from any entry form or UKI's web site. Once you are registered you will have an account which allows you to enter any UKI trial. This again can either be done online or by downloading an entry form and mailing it in.



#### What are the different Divisions?

There are 4 levels at which to progress through. If your dog has not competed at other venues at the time of registering with UKI, he will start in Beginners. Check the transfer table for the equivalent level if your dog has competed elsewhere. Use the highest STANDARD AGILITY level/title. You must also use the highest **STANDARD AGILITY** level if competing in multiple venues.

AKC	USDAA	CPE	UKI
Novice	Starters	Level 1,2,3	Beginners
Open	Advanced	Level 4	Novice
Excellent	Masters	Level 5, C	Senior
Masters	MAD		Champion

UKI has regular jump heights at 8", 12", 16", 20", 22", and 26", as well as a Nursery and Select program which allows a 4" jump height. Nursery is a class for young dogs between the age of 15 and 18 months wanting to compete. Select is for dogs needing to jump one whole jump height lower than their measured height.

#### **Other Fun Facts about UKI**

- Training is allowed with non-audible toy (NFC)
- Try before you buy option
- Similar game classes as AKC, USDAA, & CPE
- Online registration and entries available

#### Interested? Want to know more?

Use the links below to provide more details about how to register and how to start competing in the newest agility venue in the area!

UKI Website: <u>www.ukagilityinternational.com</u> UKI Quick Start Guide: <u>CLICK HERE</u>

Click <u>HERE</u> for a video from the 2014 UKI US Open!

### WAG RENTAL ETIQUETTE SOME COMMON ETIQUETTE GUIDELINES

The WAG building is open for anyone to come in and out at any time. When you are renting, you are renting the ring not the entire building. At times there will be business that needs to be conducted while you are there.

It is recommended when you arrive to *leave your dog(s) in the car and look through the window in the door or stick your head in to make sure it's safe for you to enter*. This also alerts the current renter that you are here and will be entering the building. Some dogs are reactive to other dogs or people and may charge whoever is coming in. Some dogs are overly friendly and may race to the door to greet someone coming in. If you have your dog(s) with you, it could become a volatile or unstable situation.

If you are the renter and it is about five minutes before your time ends and you know there is someone coming in after you, please be aware the next person will be arriving and entering the building.

Whether you are entering or leaving the building, please make sure you shut the door tight. The door doesn't always latch properly, and on windy days it can blow the door open making a great escape for a dog who decides to run. This applies anytime you are at WAG whether for ring rental, classes, trials, etc.

Please look around before you leave to make sure your dog did not have an accident that you are not aware of. If your dog has had an accident and you clean it up, please put the clean up items away and dispose of the mess outside. There have been a number of times clean up supplies are left elsewhere in the building along with the bagged mess. No one should have to finish putting away the items or throwing away the mess because you forgot. It is also hard for the next person to find clean up items if they are not put back where they belong.

If you have moved equipment and / or put more equipment on the floor you must put it back during your rental time, not afterwards while the next renter is starting their time. For example, if you rented the ring from 3-4pm and you moved equipment or put extra equipment on the floor, you must put it back before the end of your hour by 4pm.

**Remember it is your responsibility to check to see if there is someone after you.** No matter how much later someone is coming after you, please do not turn off the lights and make sure you lock all the doors.

If anyone has any questions please feel free to email the board at <u>WAG\_Board@wagagility.com</u>.

### **BAD DOG AGILITY**

Bad Dog Agility provides lots of great information and PODcasts on handling, skill building, and great free information you can leverage when working with your dog.

http://baddogagility.com

### **AGILITY NERD**

Steve Schwarz, the original Agility Nerd, also provides lots of great information on handling, skill building, and great free information.

http://agilitynerd.com

### **ONEMIND DOGS**

OneMind Dogs provides a lot of great skill building and proofing techniques that can be practiced. OneMind Dogs have some free articles; however, a subscription is needed for access to all materials they offer.

http://www.oneminddogs.com/

### **DOG AGILITY VIDEOS**

Although the focus is on teams performing agility, there are some videos loaded to this site with training techniques that are free and provide great skill building exercises.

http://dogagilityvideos.com/

## HAVE A WEBSITE YOU WOULD RECOMMEND?

If you have a training website that you'd like to share with the membership, please contact **Monique Engemann** @ loveisblueasb@gmail.com to be featured in our next issue!

## AND THE SPOTLIGHT IS ON...

### HANDLER: RENEE MENINI

**SANDY RAPEY (SR):** Renee, what types of dogs have you had and what types of training have you done?

**RENEE:** I've had labs (Whiskey) and Bernese Mountain dogs (Bailey and Morgan\*all at the Rainbow Bridge). I currently own Skyy and Pepper, a yellow and a black lab respectively. I've done obedience, rally, dock diving, trick, hunting, carting and tracking training, and of course now, agility.

SR: When and how did you come into the agility world?

**RENEE:** I got Bailey, my Bernese Mtn. dog in 1999 and began

obedience. I toyed around with agility in the backyard. Around 2001, a friend (\*\*hey Donna Cordoba!!) suggested I try competing in a fun match at WAG. It was here that I discovered I had a lot more to learn about agility and became a member of WAG in 2001. I'm now a member, a student and an instructor with WAG.

SR: Now you own Skyy 8 y.o and Pepper, 2 y.o. Where are you at with competing with Skyy and Pepper?

**RENEE:** Skyy has titles in UKC, AKC, CPE, obedience, rally, companion and trick. Pepper had titles in UKC, CPE and got her trick dog title at 6 months old!

**SR:** 6 months is impressive! After training and competing with Skyy for 6 years before getting Pepper, would you say training is easier with Pepper?

**RENEE:** Yes, because you learn and gain more knowledge about the dog training in different arenas, and then transfer all of that knowledge to the new dog. Pepper was definitely easier to train because I had more knowledge and experience on training!

SR: So its intriguing to me as to why you acquired another dog, and why another lab?

**RENEE:** When I decided I wanted a second dog, I knew that I wanted a dog that had high drive and determination like Skyy had, so I wanted another puppy from the same breeder (Thank you Toni Reeves). I knew that I was going to be able to handle the challenge because of everything I learned training Skyy. And I am still learning!

SR: As a trainer, what would you say is your biggest challenge?

**RENEE:** Learning the different styles of dogs. By that I mean, I strive to provide the best information for training techniques that will work best for a specific breed.

SR: Whats new in your agility world?

**RENEE:** I recently joined an 'agility league' which is in the process of rolling out, hopefully across the US. It will give players an opportunity to compete with other teams, regardless of geographic location. I think it will be a lot of fun and of course, Skyy and Pepper are excited to have more ring time too!



## AND THE SPOTLIGHT IS ON...

### **DOGS:** SKYY & PEPPER MENINI

**SR:** Skyy, I've watched you run at several CPE and UKC trials, and you look like you are having a blast. You're super fast and jump 'Skyy' high. What do you think your biggest challenge is in the agility ring?

**SKYY:** Well I have a slow mom. I'm super fast. And try as she might, my mom cannot keep up with me. When I slow down so she can catch up, I knock down these white tubular pipes. I love my mom, but she needs to pick up the pace.

**SR:** You have played the CPE games. Which one is your favorite and why?

**SKYY:** I love Fullhouse. I run and run and run, and it really doesn't seem to matter where I go or what I do, I just really get to have fun. There is a person in the ring, I think her name is Judge. Judge is yelling out numbers, which I really don't understand, but I think it has to do with my good looks as I conquer the obstacles.



Ears flapping is usually 1 pt. If the person sees me smiling, I usually hear a 3, so I try very hard to ensure I'm smiling when she looks at me, or when I run past her. Super high jumping is usually when I hear 5, so I do super high jumping a lot! My highest score on a Fullhouse run was 52! I jumped really really high many times that run. It was awesome. Like best time evar!(52 points could be 52 jumps, 17 tunnels / tires or 10 contacts!!! INSANE!)

SR: Pepper, what do you enjoy competing or training in most?

**PEPPER:** I like the hunting training and competitions. I like agility, but not as much as Skyy. Skyy's like an addict. I just do it cuz its fun, but hunting is really my thing.

SR: Skyy, one last question: what is your absolute thing to do?



**SKYY:** Hanging with my mom. I own the coolest person in the world. No matter where we are, or what we are doing, my heart is happiest when I'm with her. I wuv her!

### DO YOU WANT TO BE IN THE SPOTLIGHT?

If you or your dog would like to be in the spotlight, please contact **Sandy Rapey** @ <u>Sandy\_Keller@msn.com</u> to be featured in our next issue!

### WAG 'N RIGHTS where wag comes to brag...

### NEW AGILITY TITLES FROM JANUARY 2015 THROUGH MAY 2015

### [AKC TITLES]

Ripley & Jan Sund NJP earned in March 2015 @ WAG

Indy & Shelley Ventura NA earned in March 2015 @ WAG

Flubbzy & Jeff Smith MJB earned in March 2015 @ WAG with the 25th Jumpers Q!

Ranga & Joy Sonsalla NA earned in March 2015 @ WAG

Mackenzie & Larry Schuldt AX and AXJ earned in April 2015 @ CarDunAl

### [ASCA TITLES]

Sierra & Monique Engemann JS-O earned April 2015 @ ARFASC

### [CPE TITLES]

Sierra & Monique Engemann C-ATCH2 earned January 2015 @ WAG

Polly & Nancy Jorgensen C-ATCH earned February 2015 @ RACE Agility

Triple & Jan Sund CTL3-F earned February 2015 @ RACE Agility

Sylvie & Paul Engemann CL1-R earned April 2015 @ Paws In Motion

Triple & Jan Sund CTL3-H earned April 2015 @ FunDog Agility

Indy & Shelley Ventura CL-2 earned in May 2015 @ WAG

### [TDAA TITLES]

Jazzy & Linda Schwartz TBAD and TG1 earned April 2015 @ WAG

Carly & Jan Sund TBAD earned April 2015 @ WAG

### [UKC TITLES]

Sierra & Monique E. <mark>UACHX</mark> earned March 2015 @ WAG

## WAG HAPPENINGS

MAY 22ND Membership Meeting @ 7:30PM

### MAY 23RD

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

### JUNE 6TH

WAG CPE Trial - June 6th-7th WAG, Spring Grove, IL Judge: Jacquelyn Oricko

JUNE 8TH Session 3 of Classes Begin

JUNE 12TH Board Meeting @ 7:30PM

### JUNE 27TH

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

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

## **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** @ <u>sundown@mc.net</u> to be featured in our next issue!

## WAG FLASH MOB









### WAG 'N RIGHTS OTHER TITLES & BRAGS JANUARY 2015 THROUGH MAY 2015

Keeper & Pat Casey 3rd Place in the Standard Preferred Class @ the WAG March AKC Trial!

Erik Bate [AGE 9] UKC National Top Agility Qualifier. Ranked 21st. Invitation to Jr. Nationals!

Ritz & Joy Sonsalla Earned her CH title at 17 months old [Ranga's daughter]!

Pepper & Renee Menini Received the HIT award at the WAG UKC trial in January!

Ranga & Joy Sonsalla Received the HIT award at the WAG UKC trial in March!

Flubbzy & Jeff Smith Q'd 5 of 6 runs at the WAG March AKC trial earning Double Qs 12 & 13!

Jazzy & Linda Schwartz Earned 6 Qs at their first TDAA trial!

Ian & Patti Jo Yuswak Earned his AKC championship on January 25th with 3 majors!

#### Belle & Roxanne Tapaninen

Achieved their 2nd NW3 Title and Element Titles for Containers and Vehicles in nosework! They were also High In Trial, with 1st Places in Vehicles, Exteriors, and 2nd in Containers

### ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS / MILESTONES

Pat Casey's Keeper turned 13 years old on March 3rd, 2015 and was possibly the oldest competing dog at the WAG AKC Trial in March!

Shelley Ventura's Indy turned 5 years old on April 11th, 2015!

Larry Schuldt's Mackenzie turned 3 year's old on 4/26 with new AKC titles!





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Have a story, article, or photo you'd like to see posted on the newsletter? Or would you like to be apart of our Newsletter Committee?

Contact Monique Engemann @ loveisblueasb@gmail.com to become a member of our News Team or to provide your comments and feedback!

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