

WAG-N-TALES

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Sometimes It Takes A Village

There are moments in our lives when we capture such a feeling of joy and pride that we feel like we might explode. Students who graduate from college, golfers who have shot a hole in one and kids who have won a spelling bee all know the feeling. It is a high like no other. I recently had that feeling while earning a Novice standard title (NA) on Ele (aka CH Firethorn's Fire in the Wind JH NA) to finish her BBB. Ele is owned and loved by Linda and Ron Randall.



The Beauty, Brains and Birdsense (BBB) designation is a big deal in Gordon Setters. Several years ago Linda set a goal of earning a BBB designation with Ele. With help from her friend Debbie Scardina, Linda managed to finish Ele's championship (CH) and junior hunter (JH). The only thing left was a companion title. Linda started training Ele in agility. She and Ele spent hours and hours in class at Youngstown All Breed Training Club and practicing at home. They even competed in a couple agility trials. However, Linda quickly figured out that agility is harder than it looks. Then life threw Linda's health a curve ball.

I saw Linda and Ele compete at an agility trial in July 2010. They almost qualified. Linda mentioned they had several "almost" runs. She also mentioned increasing physical limitations. I volunteered to help Linda run Ele if she ever needed a fresh set of legs. In October, Linda contacted me and asked for assistance. She said we would talk details in a few weeks after an upcoming surgery (Linda's). I didn't hear from Linda but I saw Debbie Scardina at the Cleveland IX event in December. Debbie told me that Linda was still recovering from surgery and was now in a wheel chair.

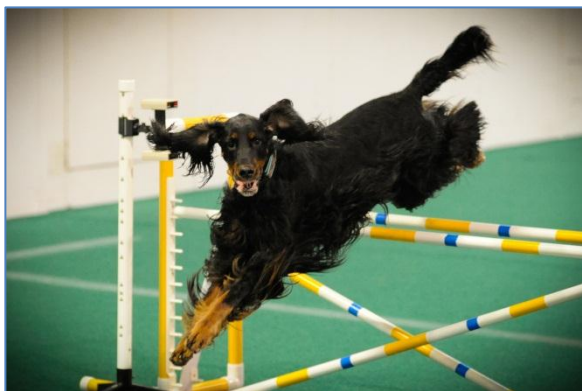
I discussed with Debbie that even though a BBB was probably a million miles from Linda's thoughts, my offer still stood. Given Linda's limited ability to get Ele to trials, I volunteered to take Ele to live with me while we competed. Debbie told Linda during a visit the next week and Linda mobilized Team Ele. In two short weeks (Christmas might have slowed Linda

The Picnic and meeting start on July 22 at (6:00 set-up), 6:30 with the picnic, followed by a meeting. Bring a side dish, a beverage and your place setting.

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down), the Linda we all knew and loved was on the job making arrangements with me and giving Debbie lists of things to gather for Ele's adventure. Linda's husband Ron was recruited to drive Linda to transfer Ele to me.

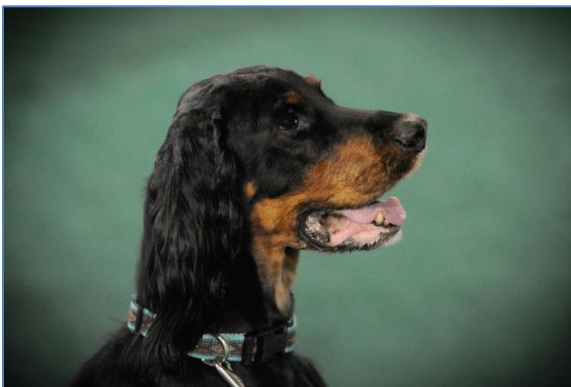
Ele and I started running as a team in January 2011. My fellow classmates were impressed with the training Linda provided Ele. She was an instant star at class and could successfully complete advanced level courses easily. After our first couple trials, I quickly realized that Ele was solid in practice but had ring anxiety at trials. Ele would run past jumps, hop contacts and race around the ring like a crazy dog when she became stressed.

Linda and I stayed focused. I told Linda we would finish a novice title. We communicated via email and phone. I started putting Ele through a very structured protocol to get ready to run at a trial. It involved us sitting next to the ring for an hour or so before running and becoming desensitized to the environment. In March, Ele and I qualified in Novice Standard and earned a 1st place. There was hope.

Ele is quite a character. Early on she informed Tim and me that she does not like crates. When RV season started she quickly became known to others as the "window" dog because she would hang out in the front window when we were at events. Ele slept on the couch while we traveled because she would make such a racket in a crate that we gave in and let her ride loose. At home,

Ele wanted to be fed, petted, exercised, etc first.

We pressed on toward earning the last title of the BBB but Ele's performance wasn't improving enough to qualify. I had experienced this type of performance issues with one of my dogs years ago. I asked Linda to take Ele home for 4-6 weeks. I wanted to press Ele's "reset button" and give Ele a break from agility. The weekend Ele was going home, we qualified in Novice standard again. Two Qs down, one to go to finish the BBB. Linda and I were getting more excited.



Linda and Ron did a good job getting Ele's mind off agility. I picked up Ele on Memorial Day and could tell she was more relaxed. She fell into our house routine within minutes of getting out of the vehicle. Ele came back ready to run. At the trials in Cleveland the weekend before the GSCA National, Ele found her groove. I told Linda to think "yellow" when I called her after our first jumpers Q. She said she had a good feeling about the weekend. Linda was right. We qualified 3 out of 6 runs and finished Ele's Novice Standard title (NA). We also earned 2 legs toward her novice agility jumpers (NAJ) title. This finished Ele's BBB!!!!

I will always remember Linda's excitement when I called her with the news. It was a moving moment for me. I could barely understand her on the phone through the cheering and crying. I have included pictures of Ele from that weekend



with this article. I was so proud that I asked the photographer to take a win photo like those taken when a MACH (Master Agility Champion) title is completed. Three days later, Ele and I earned an insurance leg and first place in Novice Standard at the GSCA National.

Great things can take a village to achieve. Ele's BBB was a group effort. Lots of special people were involved. Linda did a wonderful job training Ele. Ron Randall patiently transported Ele when needed. My husband (Tim Pinneri) helped me care for Ele while she lived with us. Linda's fans from Youngstown All Breed were very supportive and asked me about Ele and Linda when I saw them at trials.

Debbie Scardina kept Ele groomed and helped Linda with the other portions of the BBB. Debbie also piloted Ele to 4th place in her Veteran Sweeps class at the 2011 National. I was proud when I heard comments about Ele's wonderful condition when she was running around the ring at the National. I knew our work in agility contributed to the spring in Ele's step.

I am truly honored and touched to be a part of Team Ele. Linda Randall is a special lady who is an inspiration to me. I appreciate her positive attitude and her humor. The emotional high I experienced when we crossed the finish line for Ele's title was a special moment in my life. I am grateful I could "pay it forward" for a friend through a sport that is my passion. Linda worked hard for this BBB and deserved the joyous standing ovation she received from

attendees during the banquet at the 2011 Gordon Setter National.

We are not done yet. Ele and I plan to return to the agility ring to earn that last novice jumpers leg. Linda and I can't stop after earning 2 of the 3 qualifying scores needed. We are so close.

Rumor has it that Linda has a motorized scooter now. Look out world! Berlin Center, Ohio may have become a dangerous place with Linda on the loose. I hope she smiles when she reads this article. I want Linda to smile all the time.

I thought being blessed with two "once in a Lifetime" dogs was a great feeling but having this "once in a lifetime" experience ranks up there too. Thank you Linda for your friendship and for



reminding me what dogs shows and agility trials are all about: loving the dogs and enjoying the camaraderie of the people we associate with. I wish Linda and Ron much happiness and strength as they face life's challenges.

And finally to my "dancing" partner Ele, thanks for the ride silly girl... now stop counter surfing and go lay on the couch.

By: Julie Ashley (OH)

Special thanks to Julie, who lives in the Columbus area. She also contributed this article to the Gordon Setter National. Photos are courtesy of Virgil at PawPrints Life.

Bragg



Breed Awareness

Gus' picture was one of the six dogs chosen to be on a ribbon magnet for Pit Bull Awareness! The magnets are \$4.99 plus s/h and are available thru The Pit Bull Princess.com. All the proceeds go to Pit Bull Rescue. Ha, Ha, Ha..a star is born!!!

~ **Joann Sessner**

New Rally Title

Wildhaven's Five Alive Panzer
Three scores of 89 earned 13 month Rottweiler "Panzer" his Rally Novice title.

~**Heidi Baltzly**

Puppy Earns Best in Sweepstakes

Weimaraner - "Honeys Valkyrie Crystal Sands" took Best in Sweepstakes at the Weimaraner Association of Greater Pittsburgh's Specialty Show at New Castle's KC Show on 5-28-2011.

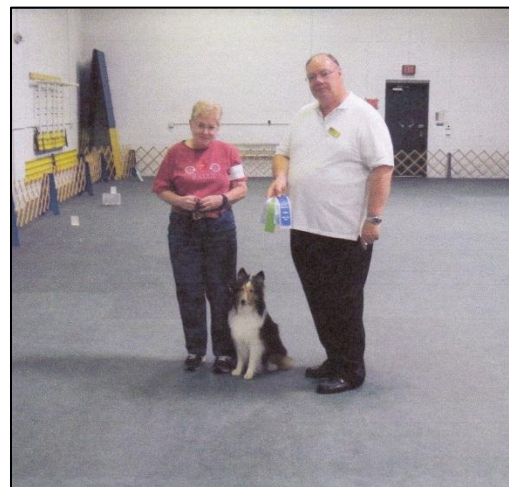
~ **Tyne Horvath.**



Max Earns URO2

My Sheltie Max finished his URO2 (UKC United Rally Obedience Level 2) at the K9 Konnection Show on June 4 under Judge Robert Wolf. His full name is URO2 UCH Cataway Angels Hi Max CD BN RE CGC.

~ **Janet Moore**



Sprise Earns URX2

My Sheltie Sprise finished her URX2 Title (United Kennel Club Rally Excellent 2) at the K9 Konnection Show on June 4 under Judge Robert Wolf.

This title is the same as RAE2 in AKC Rally with 20 double qualifying scores in Level 2 and Level 3.

Her full name is URX2 UROG UROC UCDX Janrem Surprise Ending CDX GN BN RAE11 CGC ASCA CDX.

~ **Janet Moore**

FYI

Newsletter

Please send your brags and stories to Newsletter@yabtc.com. This is your newsletter and we want to hear from you.

Help Needed at SV Cluster

YABTC provides obedience stewards on Thursday and Friday during the SV Cluster in August. If you can help, please contact [Judy Drotar](#).

Dues Due

Annual Dues were due on July 01. The renewal form is on our Website. If you taught or just joined in the past year, you may be eligible for a discount. If you decide to take the discount, and are unsure of the amount you may take, contact [Judy Drotar](#)

YABTC Presents

Agility Run Thrus

The next agility run thrus will be held on Saturday August 06, 4:00 to 7:00 pm, with registration starting at 3:30. It is being held in conjunction with the Steel Valley Cluster that is held at the Canfield Fairground.. If you can help, please contact [Sandy Irish](#) or [Deb Harper](#).

Catherine Zinsky

November 19 & 20

Flyers are available in the building and online,

Game Nights Back On Friday

Date	Game		Presenter
July 15	Wildcard	CPE	Deb Harper
July 29	Full house	CPE	Lynda Tushar
August 12	Snooker	CPE	Glenda Russell
August 26	Tunnelers	FUN	Jay Wootten
September 9	FAST	AKC	Lotta Shafer
September 23	Non-trad.	CPE	JoAnn Fedyski
Pizza Party	Jackpot		

Game nights are back on Friday nights this summer. There is a charge of \$2 for 2 attempts. Proceeds will go towards a pizza party the final night and raffle gift cards for our obedience and agility trials.

Welfare

If you have any welfare information to report, please contact Kathy Taleos at LabLady1020@aol.com.

Our thoughts are with:

- David Beach and his Collie Foof. She is getting along, much better this month and is now able to stand and walk some on her own. Dave would like to thank everyone for their support and kindness. It is so appreciated.
- Sally Payne, who lost her nephew to cancer in late June.

In the Vicinity

Four Seasons K9 Athlete Center

July 22-24, 2011	USDAA Agility Trial
July 30-31, 2011	ASCA Agility Trial (Trial Premium)
August 13-14, 2011	CPE Agility Trial
September 10-11, 2011	TDAA Agility Trial
October 1-2, 2011	AKC Agility Trial Hosted by YABTC
October 8-9, 2011	USDAA Agility Trial

Westmoreland County Obedience Training Club

Dr. Patricia McConnell, Ph.D., author of The Other End of the Leash, will be conducting two 1/2 day seminars on Dog-Dog Aggression & Play! Play! Play! on **Saturday, July 9, 2011.**

Dr. Jean Dodds, veterinarian, foremost authority on health and behavior problems associated with thyroid and autoimmune disorders, will be conducting a seminar on the latest updates on vaccine issues, thyroid disease and nutrition on Sunday, **July 10, 2011.**

Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club

Judge's Continuing Education Seminar for Obedience & Rally

Learn what the judges are looking for when you are in the ring.

- **November 05 and 06.**

For more information, visit their Web site

www.MidKYKennelClub.com

All Breed Training Club of Akron 2011 Run-thru Schedule January—July

Rally 6:30pm

\$5 per dog/unlimited runs
3rd Monday every month
Except 7/18/11

Obedience 6:00pm

\$5 initial run/\$3 subsequent per dog
2nd, 4th and 5th Monday
Except

5/30/11 7/25/11

Agility 6:00pm—7:30pm

\$10 per dog/unlimited runs
Every Tuesday
Except 7/19/11 and 7/26/11

Conformation 7:30pm

\$5 per handler Every Wednesday Except 7/20/11 and
7/27/11

Run-thru begins at time given and ends when all dogs
have completed their runs (unless otherwise
indicated).

Questions?

Call 330-630-0418 or E-mail info@abtca.org

www.abtca.org

ABTCA's building is located on the Summit County
Fairgrounds property, in Tallmadge, Ohio, on E.
Howe Road. We are three miles east of State Route 8,
and about ½ mile east of State Route 91.

ANGELS FOR ANIMALS

“DOGGIE DAZE REUNION & ADOPT- A-THON”

On Saturday, July 16th Angels for Animals will host
its sixth annual “Doggie Daze Reunion and Adopt-A-
Thon.”

The Adoption Center at Angels will be open from
10AM to 6PM for the Reunion. All dogs are welcome
and everyone with an Angels dog will receive a
special gift bag full of goodies. There will be Rescue
Groups, vendors, activities, photos, snacks, raffles and
more.

Please feel free to bring your own dog along if it gets
along with other dogs! Everyone who loves pets is
welcome to attend this event. The event is free but we
will accept a \$5 donation or a KONG toy for the
Angels shelter dogs!

Hope to see you there!

Thanks

To all of you who came out and helped
make our June agility trial a success--
THANK-YOU--

Perri, her Mom and Becky, as always, ran
a great kitchen.

We had many club members come out to
help. The weather cooperated, the judge
was well-liked. The judge's dinner was
well-attended and fun.

~ JoAnn Fedyski--June Agility Trial
Chair and worker/herder coordinator

Types of Allergies That Affect Pets

There are many types of allergies that can affect your pet.
Allergies caused by airborne particles are called atopy.
Common sources are pollens, molds, and dust mites.
Allergies that result from flea-bites are referred to as **flea
allergy dermatitis**. Certain allergies occur from items your
pet ingests, and are typically called **food allergies**. **Contact
allergies** are caused by something your pet comes in direct
contact with, such as carpet fibers, plastics, and other things.
Contact allergies are far less common than atopy and flea
allergy dermatitis in pets.

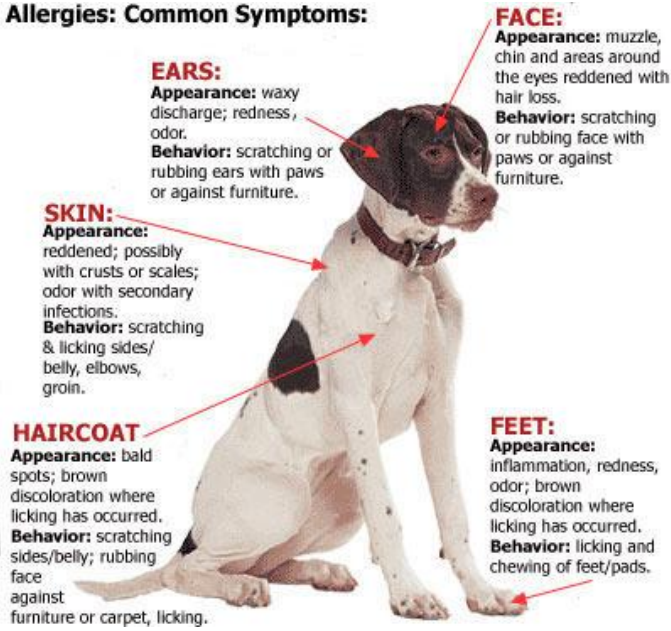
Atopy

Atopy is the most common form of allergy in dogs and cats.
Atopy is often seasonal. If a pet is allergic to ragweed,
symptoms occur in the fall. Pets who are allergic to spring
tree pollen will show signs in April and May. If a pet is
allergic to dust mites, the symptoms may be most dramatic
in the winter, when more time is spent inside. Signs of atopy
include:

- Chewing at the feet
- Constant licking of the flank (side) and groin area
- Rubbing of the face
- Inflamed ears or recurrent ear infections
- Recurrent hot spots in dogs and pinpoint facial scabbing in cats
- Asthma-like wheezing and respiratory problems (more likely in cats)



Allergies: Common Symptoms:



Contact Dermatitis

Less common allergies include contact dermatitis, which include allergies to carpets, cleaners, or plastic. These allergies may cause:

- Red itchy bumps or blisters on sparsely-haired areas of the skin and those exposed to the allergen such as the belly, feet, or muzzle
- Intense scratching
- Hair loss (in chronic conditions)
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Food Allergies

Food allergies account for about 10-15% of all allergies in dogs and cats. Food allergies may show up concurrently with allergies to pollen, dust, etc. Symptoms include:

- Itching, especially face, feet, trunk, limbs and anal area
- Ear problems, often yeast-related
- Skin infections that respond to antibiotics, but then recur as soon as the antibiotic therapy ceases
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Occasionally, dogs with true food allergies may have increased bowel movements and soft stool. Food allergies should not be confused with food intolerances, which are not true allergies, and generally cause diarrhea and vomiting.

Watching your pet go through the misery of allergy symptoms can be miserable in itself. If you suspect your pet has allergies, visit your veterinarian. The type of allergy and severity of the symptoms will determine how your veterinarian decides to treat them.

Ten top ways to tell if Martha Stewart is stalking your dog

10. There's potpourri hanging from his/her collar.
 9. The dog's nails have been cut with pinking shears.
 8. The dog toys are all stored in McCoy crocks.
 7. The pooper scooper has been decorated with raffia bows.
 6. That telltale lemon slice in the new silver water bowl.
 5. You find liver and whole wheat dog treats stamped out with copper cookie cutters and decorated with royal icing using a #2 rosette tip.
 4. Dog hair has been collected and put into wire baskets for nesting material for the birds.
 3. A seasonally appropriate grapevine wreath adorns the front of your dog's crate.
 2. Your dog goes outside naked and comes in wearing a thyme colored virgin wool hand-knitted sweater with matching boots.
- AND THE NUMBER ONE WAY YOU KNOW THAT MARTHA STEWART IS STALKING YOUR DOG IS...**
1. The dog droppings in your backyard have been sculpted into swans.

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Enroll for Agility Classes
 Contact Nancy Ventresco
 At (330) 482-1661

July Schedule*

Enroll for Obedience & Rally Classes
 Call or E-mail 330 398-9270
Registrar@yabtc.com

	Type	Class	Time	Begins	Ends	Instructors
Mon	A	AG1 & 2	9:00	Aug 01	Sep 19	Carol Kershner, David Beach
	A	AG3 & Advanced	11:45	Aug -1	Sep 19	Lotta Shafer
	A	Intro	5:30-	Aug 01	Sep 19	Lotta Shafer
	A	Intro	6:30	Aug -01	Sep 19	Lotta Shafer
	R	Rally	8:10	Jun13	Jul 18	Mary Mignogna
Tues	R	Rally Run Thrus	6:00	July 05		Mary Mignogna
	O	Obed. Run-Thrus	6:00	July 12 & 26		Kim Burrier
	C	Conformation	6:00	Jun 07	June 28	Lisa Walters & various
	O	Puppy	6:00	May 24	Jun 28	Lori Baker
	O	Beg1	6:00	Jul 12	Sep 06	
	O	Novice	7:05	Jul 05	Jul 26	Tammy Hunt
	O	Beg 1	7:05	Jun 07	Jul 26	
	O	Puppy	8:10	Jun 14	Jul 19	
	O	Beg1	8:10	Jul 26	Sep 14	
	Wed	O	Pre-Novice	6:00	July 06	July 27
O		Beg01	6:00	Apr 27	Jun 08	Bill Allen
O		Beg 2	6:00	Jun 01	Jul06	
O		Beg 01	7:05	May 11	June 29	Deanne Hune
O		Open	7:05	July 06	Jul 27	Tracey Deems
O		Beg2	7:05	Jul 06	Aug 24	
O		Puppy	8:10	Jul 20	Aug 24	
O		Utility	8:10	Jul06	Jul 27	Jeff Showman
O		Rally	8:10	Jun 08	Jul 27	Mary Mignogna
A		AG1	5:30	Jul 28	Sep 22	
Thurs	A	AG1	6:30	Jul 28	Sep 22	
	A	AG2	7:45	Jul 28	Sep 22	
Friday	A	AG3 & ADV	6:30	Jul 29	Sep 16	<i>Alternates with Game nights</i>
Saturday	A	AG1 & 2	10:30	Jul 30	Sep 24	
Sunday	4H	4H		Alt. weeks		John Monte, Shari Yuhas
For instructor or free ring info, contact TrainingDirector@yabtc.com or go to our Facebook page *The June thru December 2011 schedule will be posted as it becomes available.						

