



Mary's Musings

Last night, we enjoyed our WDTC Christmas Party. It was wonderful to see so many members there. Our evening was filled with lots of conversation, laughter, and delicious covered dishes. Thank you, Nicole Callahan, for planning, setting up, and bringing the main dish. Your trivia games are always so much fun. Thanks to all the little elves who helped set up, organize food, and clean up.

Chrystal Beck put together a fantastic awards presentation. The number of dogs awarded and the titles earned this year was impressive. Congratulations to everyone, and thank you for coming. I realize parking can be challenging for these gatherings, and I appreciate your patience. Next year, we will try to find a way to improve it.

We also had an election. Your 2026 WDTC Board of Directors are President - Mary Moyer, Vice President - Kat Woods, Secretary - Shelley Cox, Treasurer - Sharon Heckman, Agility Director - Chrystal Beck, Obedience Director - Lori Perkins, Activities Director - Scotland Lamb.

I want to recognize the two board members who are stepping down. Both have dedicated lots of time and commitment to our club. Thank you, Penny Clement and Kyle Okumura. You have made a difference.

In reflection, 2025 has been an excellent year for WDTC. We have gained new members. Most of our members are very active, learning, training, and participating in dog performance sports. The club buildings stay busy with practice, training, and classes. Members volunteer and keep the club operating and moving forward. Our members made possible 4 successful agility trials, a successful Rally/Obedience trial at the Sunflower Cluster, and a successful new event, FETCH.

We've also been able to make some important structural repairs to the buildings. Rick Phillips and our building and grounds crew have worked hard and have done a great job. Thank you to all who also stepped up and donated so much of their time and talents to keeping the club in good repair.

Nothing would happen without our committee chairs, our coordinators, registrars, and the volunteers who keep our website, Facebook page, and this newsletter. Thank you all!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.
Wishing you a season full of joy and tail wags.

Mary Moyer



HELP Wanted

Needed: Members with a vehicle capable of towing up to 7000 pounds and trailer towing and backing experience. Larry sold his truck and can no longer deliver WDTC's Trailer #2 to and from our trials. We need someone willing and able to transport the trailer from the club to the YMCA on the first morning of the trial. They will then return it to the club at the end of the trial when it is loaded. Mileage is reimbursed. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Larry Moyer at 316-617-9827 or moyerlarry@gmail.com.



Please share with others. We all love to hear about each other's activities and successes. Send information and pictures to WDTCNewsletter2@gmail.com by the 10th of the month to be included in that month's newsletter.

WDTC Events Calendar

2026 WDTC Classes

Obedience and Puppy Classes

Winter Session Begins Jan 5, 2026

[Enroll here](#) Enrollment **closes** Dec 29th, 2025

Agility Classes

Winter Session Begins Jan 5, 2026

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WDTC Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 13th at 6:30 pm

All members are welcome to attend

[Wichita Dog Training Club, Inc.](#) April 2 - 4, 2026

[Wichita YMCA Farha Sports Complex](#), Wichita, KS - Indoor on Turf

Three Days with Two Judges each day

Opens: Thursday, 1/22/2026 6:00 am CT **Closes:** Thursday, 3/19/2026 10:00 pm CT

Judges: Craig Josling & Pamela Nettles

Premium Available Soon [WDTC Events](#)

Sunflower Cluster June 4 - 7, 2026

Check [Onofrio.com](#) for updates & premiums

Wichita Dog Training Club / Wheatland Golden Retriever Agility Trial

June 11-14, 2026 (Two Judges 12 & 13) [Wichita YMCA Farha Sports Complex](#),

Wichita, KS Indoor on Turf Judges: Greg Fontaine & Laura Gillice

Wichita Dog Training Club / Wheatland Golden Retriever Agility

Trial August 13-16, 2026 (Two Judges 14 & 15) [Wichita YMCA Farha Sports](#)

[Complex](#), Wichita, KS Indoor on Turf Judges: Laura Kuterbach & Stephanie

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Wichita Dog Training Club / Wheatland Golden Retriever Agility

Trial November 12-15, 2026 (Two Judges 13 & 14) [Wichita YMCA Farha Sports](#)

[Complex](#), Wichita, KS Indoor on Turf Judges: Cheri Tyre - Roberts & Tricia

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For other events, classes, club calendar and information, go to

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Red Dirt Agility Club of Oklahoma Agility Trial January 9 - 11, 2026

Canadian County Expo & Event Center, El Reno, OK__

Opens: Tuesday, 11/4/2025 7:00 am CT **Closes:** Friday, 12/26/2025 8:00 pm CT

Judges: Steve Tochtrop & Patricia Dunseith

Premium List

Greater Kansas City Dog Training Club, Inc Agility Trial January 23 - 25, 2026

All Star Dog Sports, Blue Springs, MO

Opens: Friday, 11/14/2025 8:00 am CT **Closes:** Friday, 1/9/2026 6:00 pm CT

Judge: Steve Tochtrop

Premium List

Wheatstate Agility Group of Northeast Kansas February 27 - March 1, 2026

All Star Dog Sports, Blue Springs, MO__

Opens: Wednesday, 12/17/2025 8:00 am CT **Closes:** Friday, 2/13/2026 6:00 pm CT

Judge: Alexandra Davis

Premium List

Tulsa Dog Training Club, Inc. March 13 - 15, 2026

Tulsa Expo Square, Tulsa, OK__

Opens: Friday, 1/16/2026 8:00 am CT **Closes:** Friday, 2/27/2026 6:00 pm CT

Judges: Christy Chilcott & Tim Verrelli

PREMIUM NOT AVAILABLE

Wichita Kennel Club, Inc. March 20 - 22, 2026

Sedgwick County Fairgrounds, Cheney, KS

Opens: Monday, 1/25/2026 8:00 am CT **Closes:** Friday, 3/13/2026 8:00 pm CT

Judges: Nancy Anderson, Peter Betchley, Holly Bushard & Sarah Schroeder

PREMIUM NOT AVAILABLE

Collie Club of America, Inc. March 30 - 31, 2026

K-9 Manners and More, Broken Arrow, OK Indoor on Turf over rubber matting

Opens: Wednesday, 1/28/2026 6:00 pm CT **Closes:** Wednesday, 3/11/2026 6:00 pm CT

Judge: David J Nauer

PREMIUM NOT AVAILABLE

Wichita Dog Training Club, Inc. April 2 - 4, 2026

Wichita YMCA Farha Sports Complex, Wichita, KS Indoor on Turf

Opens: Thursday, 1/22/2026 6:00 am CT **Closes:** Thursday, 3/19/2026 10:00 pm CT

Judges: Pamela (Candy) Nettles & Craig Josling

PREMIUM NOT AVAILABLE

Wichita Kennel Club Fast Cat Tests April 10 - 12, 2026

Williams Farm - WKC Events

Greater Kansas City Dog Training Club, Inc. April 17 - 19, 2026

All Star Dog Sports, Blue Springs, MO Indoor on Turf

Opens: Friday, 2/6/2026 8:00 am CT **Closes:** Friday, 4/3/2026 6:00 pm CT

Judges: Don Farage, Jr. & To be assigned

PREMIUM NOT AVAILABLE-Classes tentative

Meet Andrea English and Bryant

Submitted by Mikel Miller



If you've spent any time around the agility field lately, you may have noticed a sweet bluetick hound working hard with her handler — that's *Bryant* and her owner, Andrea English, one of our newer WDTC members. Unlike many dog people, Andrea didn't grow up surrounded by dogs — just one childhood dachshund — but she did grow up with animals. Through FFA in high school, she raised and showed a steer, pigs, and a couple of sheep. While she didn't realize it at the time, those early years working with livestock laid the groundwork for what would eventually become a love for training and teamwork with animals.

After moving to Wichita for work at Cargill, Andrea and her roommate (and fellow club member) Keelyn Hanlon were both looking for dogs at about the same time. That search led her to *Hopeless Hounds Rescue in Tulsa*, where she was immediately drawn to two very different dogs. One was a beagle she had been following online for a while. The other was a bluetick puppy wearing an OSU bandana in her photo. She arranged to meet both. The meeting took place at a dog park in Ponca City. The beagle — true to form —

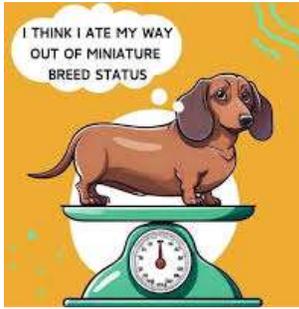
took off exploring the park without a backward glance. Bryant, on the other hand, walked straight up to Andrea, laid down on her feet... and that was that. Bryant went home that day.

At the time, Andrea had never really considered dog sports. Other than watching the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show on Thanksgiving, agility and performance events just weren't on her radar. But she quickly realized that Bryant needed structure, purpose, and something to build her confidence. So, they started where they thought a hound might shine — scent work. From there, the door opened to agility, initially with a lot of doubt. Bryant was shy and timid when she was young, and the thought of her ever stepping onto a teeter or A-frame seemed unrealistic at best. But Bryant surprised her. She loved it. Class by class, her confidence grew. When they reached contacts class and Bryant took right to it, Andrea realized: "Okay, this is real. We're doing this."

Today, their goals are refreshingly simple. "There's no big title I'm chasing," Andrea says. "I just want to keep growing as a team. Watching her confidence grow at trials is the most rewarding part." And that's exactly what you'll see if you watch them run — a dog who has come a long way and a handler who treasures the journey more than the ribbon. When she's not training, Andrea works at Cargill as the U.S. Product Lead for the Case-Ready Business, helping ensure meat products like steaks and ground beef are produced, packaged, and delivered efficiently to customers across the country. She grew up in Sapulpa, Oklahoma and is still close with her family there. We're thankful she found WDTC — and we're glad Bryant did too. Next time you see them at practice or ringside, say hello! Bryant might not sit on your feet anymore, but she'll likely win your heart just the same

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As we go through the holidays let's keep our pet's health in mind. With all the snacks during the holidays, it is easy to let them get overweight. Thank you, Penny Clement, for coming up with this idea for the newsletter. Thank you, Emma Werth, for the article.

What's in a (BCS) number?

By Emma Werth

We all know that dog. The Labrador that comes waddling out to see us at a relative's house, the Dachshund that is more of a bratwurst than a hot dog. They may be obvious examples of overweight pets, but what's the harm? When does extra weight become a problem?

For quite some time, we've known that obesity in pets is a bad thing: it limits mobility, worsens arthritis, and may factor in losing our beloved companions too soon. But in the last decade or two, we've learned how great of an effect an extra couple pounds can have on a pet. Excess body fat is biologically active, secreting inflammatory signals that can cause widespread damage to the body. We see increased occurrences of severe or early onset arthritis, diabetes, cancer, and a higher risk of complications while under anesthesia. All of these issues shorten lifespan, shorten competitive careers, and decrease the quality of our pet's lives. (CAVN)

So, what exactly is "overweight" or "obese"? Pets are typically judged by a Body Condition Score (BCS) on a scale of 1-9 or 1-5 (where 1 is emaciated and 5 or 9 is morbidly obese). An "ideal pet weight", or a healthy weight for a pet dog, is a score of 5 out of 9. At this weight, there is a thin layer of fat covering the body, but certain boney points can be easily located. Many breeds of dogs competing in conformation fall in this category. Some professional working and agility dogs may be closer to a 4 out of 9, with less body fat overall, to make physically demanding movements less stressful on joints. These dogs may have more of a pronounced tucked-up abdomen, more angular hips, and more easily felt or even barely visible ribs. Any dog over a 5 out of 9 is overweight, and any dog over a 7 out of 9 is considered obese.

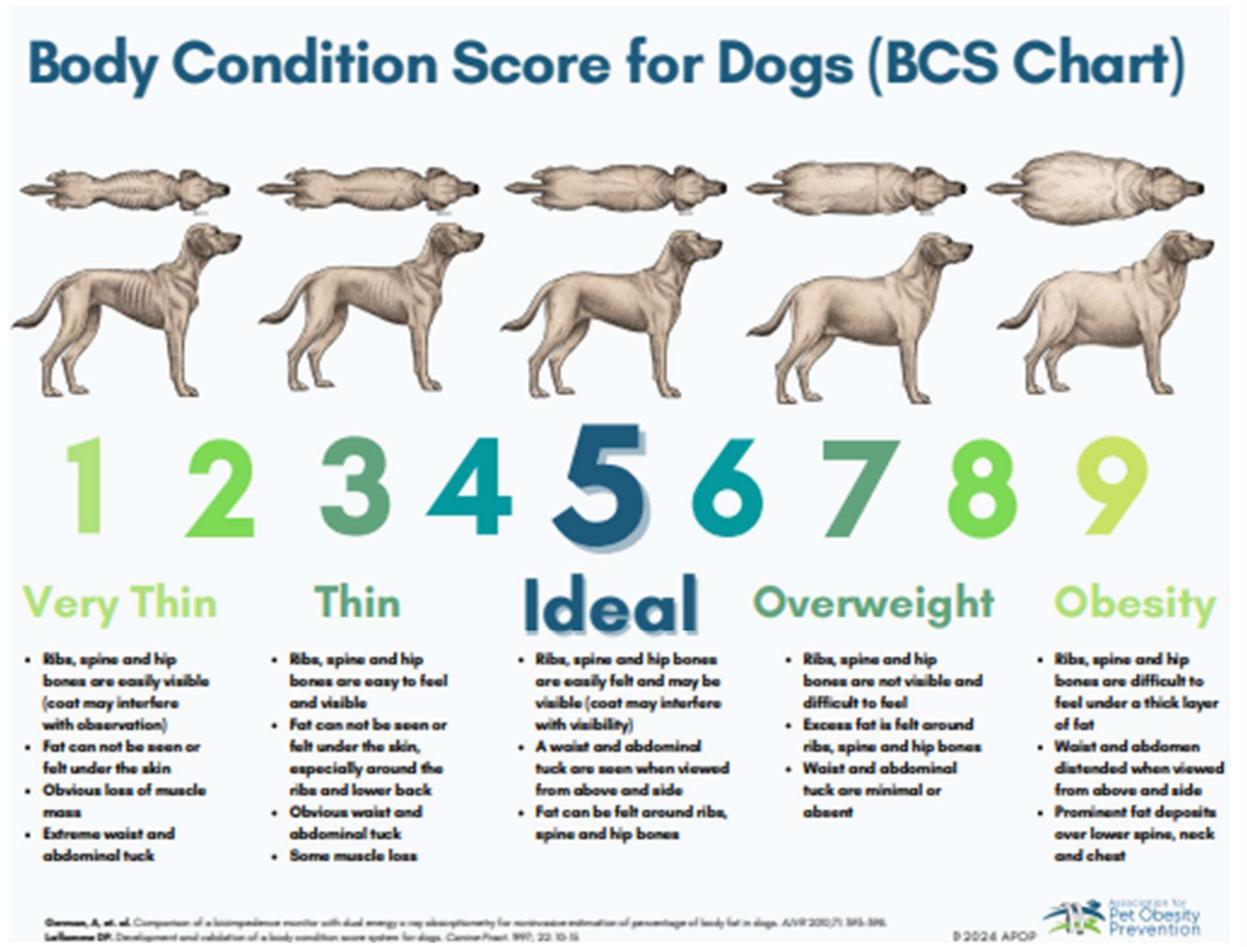
Just like in humans, studies have found a link between lifelong calorie restriction and longevity. A landmark study in 2002 looked at 48 Labrador retrievers across their entire lives to determine if any benefits could be seen in consuming fewer calories daily. Dogs were paired to match sex, age, and body weight. Starting at 8 weeks of age, one of the dogs was free-fed until 3 years old, then fed an appropriate amount based on ideal body weight for the rest of their life. The other dog of the pair was fed 25% less than whatever their partner was consuming. At the end of the study, the dogs that had been restricted had a significantly lower (and healthier) BCS, lower triglycerides and blood sugar, developed arthritis later, and lived on average almost 2 years longer than their counterpart. For our personal pets, that means longer careers and longer lives with a decreased risk of some chronic conditions.

With this information in mind, let's look at some practical ways to help our pets live long, happy, and healthy lives:

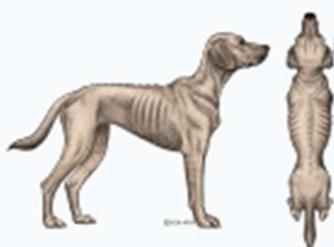
- Look at a couple different BCS scales and compare to your pet once a week. Can you: feel your pet's ribs under a thin layer of fat, feel (but not see) the spine from shoulders to hips, and appreciate a gradual slope of the belly from the bottom of the ribs up to the groin?
- If you discover your pet is a little on the heavy side, consider their treats-to-food ratio (treats should be <10% of a dog's daily calories)
- For multi-purpose dogs, consider decreasing BCS to just under a 5/9 for physically demanding sport seasons, and maintaining a goal weight while showing conformation to prevent unchecked weight gain.
- While losing or maintaining weight, consider measuring food by weight instead of volume to prevent over or underfeeding.

(Information gathered from VCA animal hospital's article "Obesity in Dogs" by the Canadian Academy of Veterinary Nutrition (CAVN) and the 2002 study "Effects of diet restriction on life span and age-related changes in dogs" by Kealy, Lawler, et. al)

(Look for Part 2 next month on nutrition/safe weight loss/weight maintenance)



Canine Body Condition Score (BCS)



1 Emaciated

Extremely emaciated with very poor body condition.
Ribs: Project prominently, with sharp bony edges; no layer of fat; easily visible.
Back/Spine: Project prominently.
Hips: Highly visible, sharp and protruding.
Abdomen: Severe abdominal tuck with a concave appearance.
Waist (from above): Extremely narrow and sharply defined.

2 Very Thin

Ribs: Project prominently; Easily felt with a very minimal layer of fat.
Back/Spine: Vertebrae project prominently, with sharp bony edges.
Hips: Very visible and prominent sharp and protruding.
Abdomen: Very pronounced abdominal tuck with a concave appearance.
Waist (from above): Very narrow with and sharply defined.



3 Thin

Ribs: May be visible; easily felt with a very light covering of fat.
Back/Spine: Top of lumbar vertebrae are visible.
Hips: Visible with minimal fat coverage.
Abdomen: Has a pronounced abdominal tuck.
Waist (from above): Visible waistline.

4 Moderately Thin

Ribs: Easily felt with a light covering of fat; Not visible.
Back/Spine: Vertebrae can be felt but are not sharp.
Hips: Less bony with a layer of fat coverage; May be visible but not sharply defined.
Abdomen: Slight abdominal tuck.
Waist (from above): Noticeable waistline, but not overly narrow.



5 Ideal

Ribs: Can be felt and has a slight fat covering; not visible.
Back/Spine: Smooth and easily felt but not sharp or bony.
Hips: Rounded with a layer of fat.
Abdomen: Slight abdominal tuck.
Waist (from above): Noticeable waistline behind the ribs with an hourglass shape.

6 Moderately Above Ideal

Ribs: May be felt but with more difficulty; Not visible.
Back/Spine: Difficult to feel with more fat coverage.
Hips: Able to feel; no longer visible.
Abdomen: Slight abdominal tuck.
Waist (from above): Less defined, may have a slight waistline.

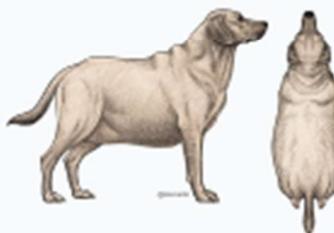


7 Overweight

Ribs: Difficult to feel under fat accumulation.
Back/Spine: Becoming difficult to feel.
Hips: Able to feel with some pressure; not visible; fat deposits present.
Abdomen: No abdominal tuck.
Waist (from above): Barely visible or absent; body appears more rounded from above.

8 Obesity

Ribs: Unable to feel under fat accumulation.
Back/Spine: Unable to feel vertebrae; noticeably rounded with a significant layer of fat.
Hips: Not visible.
Abdomen: Pronounced rounding of the abdomen and distension.
Waist (from above): Not visible, broad and rounded from above.
 Notable fat deposits on the body.



9 Severe Obesity

Ribs: Unable to feel.
Back/Spine: Unable to feel.
Hips: Heavily padded with significant fat deposits; no definition.
Abdomen: Large hanging fat pad; pronounced abdominal distension and rounding.
Waist (from above): No waist, broad and rounded from above.
 Significant fat deposits are noted over the body.



A body condition score (BCS) is a screening tool used by veterinary professionals to estimate body fat and help identify obesity, malnutrition, and metabolic issues. It is important to consult a veterinarian if you suspect your pet is overweight or underweight and before beginning a weight loss program.

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Agility Terms & Lingo: What Common Dog Agility Words Mean

By [Stephanie Gibeault, MSc, CPDT](#)

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Agility is a fast-paced and exciting dog sport that is in essence a doggie obstacle course where the handler directs the dog. In an [agility competition](#), the dog and handler team navigates the obstacles in the correct order, as quickly as possible, and with minimal faults. The delight of the dogs on the course makes it a popular activity for spectators, and many dog owners want to [give agility a try](#) for themselves. But before you jump in, it can help to familiarize yourself with the terminology and lingo of the agility world.

Agility Course Test

Specifically for beginner dogs, the [AKC Agility Course Test](#) (ACT) is designed to welcome newcomers to the sport. These events allow dog and handler teams to show off their entry level skills, as well as get used to the particulars of competition such as entering and exiting the ring and being judged. There is ACT Standard (ACT 1 and ACT 2) for beginning level standard courses and ACT Jumpers (ACT 1J and ACT 2J) for entry level Jumpers courses.

Agility Trial

An agility trial is an officially sanctioned competition versus a match, which is an informal trial done just for fun and practice. Trials allow you to work towards earning titles for your dog. In [AKC Agility](#), all [breeds of dogs](#), as well as [mixed breeds](#), can participate.

While you may see a lot of [Border Collies](#) and [Shetland Sheepdogs](#) in the sport, you can see everything from [Basset Hounds](#) to [Pembroke Welsh Corgis](#) jumping and running over the obstacles. Find an event near you by using the [AKC's event calendar](#).

Classes

Agility courses are [divided into classes](#) by the types of obstacles and challenges they include. In AKC Agility, there are three classes including Standard, Jumpers With Weaves, and Fifteen and Send Time (FAST). The Standard class has [jumps](#), [weave poles](#), [tunnels](#), a [closed chute](#), a pause table, and contact obstacles, which are those obstacles that include contact zones. Jumpers With Weaves is a faster-paced class as there are no contact obstacles or pause table to slow things down. FAST adds additional elements of timing and distance handling along with 15 point-valued obstacles.

Optional classes include Time 2 Beat (T2B), Premier, and International Sweepstakes Class (ISC). Time 2 Beat is an optional class focusing on clean, fast runs. All dogs of any skill compete in a single level, and the dog with the quickest time sets the time to beat for the other dogs in that jump height. Premier aims to challenge teams at an increased speed and skill level above Master level classes. Handlers and dogs will navigate varied

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approach angles, spacing, and obstacle discriminations in Premier. Lastly, ISC is a non-regular class that usually focuses on international-style Standard and Jumpers With Weaves courses. The rules for this class are generally based on [Fédération Cynologique International](#) (FCI) rules.

Clean Run

If a dog completes a round of the agility course without any mistakes, called faults, that's known as a clean run.

Clicker Training

[Clicker or mark-and-reward training](#) is popular with agility enthusiasts. This form of training marks the exact moment the dog has done what you were looking for, such as putting a paw in the contact zone, by using a toy noisemaker known as a [clicker](#) or a sound, such as the word "yes." Every click or mark is followed by a reward. It's a form of [positive reinforcement training](#) that encourages dogs to love working for a click and treat.

Contact Zones

Contact obstacles include the [A-frame](#), [dog walk](#), and teeter or [seesaw](#). For safety reasons, these have sections on the ends that are painted a different color, usually yellow, to distinguish those end zones from the rest of the obstacle.

The dog must touch at least one toenail in the contact zone when travelling across these pieces of equipment or else receive a fault. The idea is to slow the dog down enough that they don't fly over the obstacle too quickly, and show accuracy on the obstacle.

Fault

When a dog makes a mistake on the agility course, they're given a penalty by the judge known as a fault. Course faults include errors such as the dog refusing to take an obstacle, taking an obstacle out of sequence, knocking a bar off a jump, or missing a contact zone.

Handlers can also acquire faults if they touch the dog or an obstacle while they're running the course. Finally, time faults are given if the dog goes over the Standard Course Time.

Handling

Handling refers to the way a person manages their dog on the agility course. The dog doesn't know which order to take the obstacles until their human directs them. Through verbal cues and a whole lot of body language, the handler is responsible for guiding the dog from obstacle to obstacle.

Some types of handling maneuvers include:

- **Front cross:** the handler crosses from one side of the dog to the other in front of the dog's path while facing the dog

- **Blind cross:** the handler crosses in front of the dog's path while their back is to the dog
- **Rear cross:** the handler crosses the dog's path while behind the dog

Height Division

Dogs come in all sizes, but they don't all compete on the same size jumps. For fairness, dogs are divided by their height division. That means, based on an official measurement of the dog's height at the withers (top of the shoulder), they'll be placed in a height division with similarly sized competitors.

In AKC Agility, a dog needs a [jump height card](#) to determine their jump height.

Judge

The judge is the official who is responsible for evaluating the performance of the dogs and handlers in the agility ring and determining faults. They're also responsible for the proper setup of the obstacles on the courses they're judging. Before a competition, they meet with the handlers to summarize the class rules and give the Standard Course Time for that particular course.

Levels

Dogs with more agility experience don't compete against newbies. In fact, there are levels dogs can progress through as they master the sport. In AKC Agility, Novice is for dogs that are just starting out and these courses have 13 to 15 obstacles each. Once dogs have completed the Novice level, they move to Open. This level requires more handling skill, and each course has 16 to 18 obstacles. Finally, dogs progress to Excellent where they'll find 18-20 obstacles per course and greater challenges in obstacle placement.

Obstacle

Each agility trial has a unique course consisting of 13-20 obstacles arranged in a particular way. Some of the typical obstacles you might find on a course include:

- **A-frame:** Two broad ramps stood upright into a peak that stand five or more feet high. The dog has to scale up one side, climb over the top, then descend into the contact zone on the other side. Finally, the dog must touch the down sidecontact.
- **Dog walk:** Like a bridge, the dog walk consists of a flat elevated section of narrow board with an up ramp at one end and a down ramp at the other. These obstacles have contact zones as well, and the dog must touch the down sidecontact.

- **Seesaw or teeter:** Just like a teeter-totter at a child's playground, the dog must run up the low side, ride the [seesaw](#) down to the other side, then run off while touching the contact zone.
- **Jumps:** There are a variety of [jumps](#) in agility from a bar between two stands all the way to tire jumps which are donut-shaped rings suspended in the air. Dogs must jump cleanly without knocking anything over.
- **Weave poles:** This is a sequence of six to 12 [upright poles](#) spaced evenly apart along a straight line. The dog has to enter to the right of the first pole. Then, they weave through the rest of the line without missing any openings.
- **Pause table:** This is a raised platform the dog must jump onto and then sit or lie still on top of for five seconds before jumping off.
- **Tunnel:** This is a [long vinyl tube](#) that can be straight or curved

Standard Course Time

A Standard Course Time is the amount of time the judge has determined will be needed to complete a course. If a team goes over that time, they'll incur a time fault. In most classes, the judge calculates the time by traveling between the obstacles in their predetermined order using a measuring wheel to calculate the distance then factoring in the level of the class and the height of the dogs taking part.

Title

As in other [dog sports](#), an [agility title](#) is a merit bestowed on a dog who has completed certain performance requirements, such as earning the acronym NAP for Novice agility in the Standard Class. Most titles go behind the dog's name, but certain high-level achievements such as National Agility Champion go at the front.

Walk Through

Because every agility course is unique, part of the challenge for the handler is determining the best way to handle the dog through a given set-up. The walk through is the perfect time to decide that. It's a period of time before the official runs begin. During this time, the handlers are allowed to walk around the course to memorize the order of the obstacles and plan their strategy.

We welcome contributors to our newsletter. If you have an interesting article or idea, send it to WDTCNewsletter2@gmail.com by the 10th of the month to be included in that month's newsletter. If you hear of events in our area, please let us know so we can share with the other members.

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Obedience Titles

AKC titles can only be earned at an AKC-licensed or member club trial. The Novice (CD) title must be completed before an exhibitor can enter the Open class. The Open title (CDX) must be earned before an exhibitor can enter the Utility class.

- **Companion Dog (CD)** — The letters CD may be added after a dog's registered name when it has been certified as receiving qualifying scores in Novice classes at three licensed or member obedience trials.
- **Companion Dog Excellent (CDX)** — The letters CDX may be added after a dog's registered name after it has been certified as receiving qualifying scores in Open classes at three licensed or member obedience trials.
- **Utility Dog (UD)** — The letters UD may be added after a dog's registered name after it has been certified as receiving qualifying scores in Utility classes at three licensed or member obedience trials.
- **Utility Dog Excellent (UDX)** — Dogs with UD titles must earn qualifying scores in both Open B and Utility B at 10 trials in order to add the UDX title after their registered names.
- **Obedience Master (OM)** — The letters OM may be added after a dog's name when it has earned a total of 200 OM points awarded to dogs earning a 190 or better from the Open B and Utility B classes based on the schedule of points established by the AKC Board of Directors. The OM will be followed by a numeric designation indicating the number of times a dog has met the requirements of the OM title up to 10.
- **Grand Master (OGM)** — The letters OGM may be added after a dog's name when it has earned the 10th level of the Obedience Master title. Only one OGM title will be awarded.
- **Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH)** — Dogs with UD titles must win 100 points and a first-place in Utility B and Open B, plus a third first-place win in either class, under three different judges.
- **National Obedience Champion (NOC)** — The AKC awards this prestigious title annually to the dog that wins the AKC National Obedience Invitational. The letters NOC are placed before the dog's AKC-registered name and become part of the dog's permanent title.
- **Beginner Novice (BN)** — The letters BN may be added after a dog's name when it has been certified to have received qualifying scores in Beginner Novice classes at 3 licensed or member obedience trials.

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- **Graduate Novice (GN)** — The letters GN may be added after a dog's name when it has been certified to have received qualifying scores in Graduate Novice classes at 3 licensed or member obedience trials.
- **Graduate Open (GO)** — The letters GO may be added after a dog's name when it has been certified to have received qualifying scores in Graduate Open classes at 3 licensed or member obedience trials.
- **Versatility (VER)** — The letters VER may be added after a dog's name when it has been certified to have received qualifying scores in Versatility classes at 3 licensed or member obedience trials
- **Preferred Novice (PCD)** — The letters PCD may be added after a dog's name when it has been certified to have received qualifying scores in Preferred Novice at 3 licensed or member obedience trials.
- **Preferred Open (PCDX)** — The letters PCDX may be added after a dog's name when it has been certified to have received qualifying scores in Preferred Open at 3 licensed or member obedience trials.
- **Preferred Utility (PUTD)** — The letters PUTD may be added after a dog's name when it has been certified to have received qualifying scores in Preferred Utility at 3 licensed or member obedience trials.
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- **Preferred Obedience Champion (POC)** — The AKC will permit the use of the letters POC preceding the name of each dog that meets the requirements and will be followed by a numeric designation indicating the number of times a dog has met the requirements. eff. 12/1/15



Welcome back to Rally,

We've made it to December, time for a much-needed break. In December I like to curl up with a blanket and a cup of cocoa and give Ice and myself a break. As a team , I feel you need a month off to reboot.

This is a good time to study videos of the year. Make sure to enjoy the ups and downs and the funny things that happened throughout the year. I like to notice how much improvement has happened during the year. In my film study, I am seeing the things that are spot on and things that we need to work on in the coming year.

I like to work out a plan on fixing the things that went off the rails and make sure that the things that are spot on stay spot on. If I notice a problem and don't know the answer, I will seek out someone that might have a trick or two up their sleeves to help fix the issue so we can hit the ground running in January.

I also take time to sit down with a calendar and start mapping out the year to come. I look for shows that I might like to hit and if there are new ones I see I call around to see if someone I know has been to the show and if it's a good one to attend.

I feel these are good things to do no matter what dog sports you do. I know we do so many great things with our dogs and we attend so many different dog sports in this club, which I think is amazing, but don't forget to give yourself and your pup a break.

Most of all December is a time of reflection, relaxation and getting back to the center so you can go forward in the next year. This helps you and your best friend enjoy the journey ahead in the new year. So grab a blanket and a cup of cocoa and put your feet up and enjoy. Make sure there's lots of cuddles. On a funnier note, you could get a catch up on your honey list and housework LOLLOLOL.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

Debra, Libby & Ice

Do you have a Rally question or LOTS of questions? Please send them to WDTCNewsletter2@gmail.com and we will work on getting answers!

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