

# Blues News

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## Hope AACR Event



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Spumoni at a Hope AACR event in Pipestem WV Spumoni attended a crisis support deployment for 3 days at the annual echo conference supporting the echoFAST team. Fast stands for flight crew assistance and support team. The FAST team's mission is to provide emotional support to medical flight teams and families experiencing a critical incident or the aftermath of such an incident. This year the fast crew itself needed emotional support as they lost 3 of their own team in chopper crashes when responding to calls for help.

There were two crashes within a week one over Alaskan in which the team was never recovered. Hope animal assisted crisis response dogs were there to help during talk and petting therapy, and to attend the Remembrance dinner. As a thank you they got to pose in the helicopter.

Lisa Marino



Growing old is  
hard work...  
The mind says  
"yes" but, the  
body says "what  
the hell are you  
thinking"



## Picture Of the Month



**“THINK SUMMER”**



I want to thank Blue Ridge Dog Training Club for letting Shawnee Kennel Club host their Obedience/Rally trial at their facility. Also special **THANK YOU VERY MUCH** goes to members Cindy Gaines, Annette, Marty and Susan Brogan for their assistance. Also Donna Richardson for answering her phone at 10:45 PM Thursday night and giving me a great replacement Rally judge at the last moment. It was greatly appreciated!!!!!! **Scotti**

### Wendy's Oyster Crackers Recipe

These are non-messy, pretty much low-fat, low salt and best of all, fast and easy for the dog to munch. They are as follows:

1 full bag of oyster crackers (reg. store size)

½ stick of butter or margarine

approx. ¼ cup of favorite cheese or liver powder

Empty crackers into large bowl, sprinkle in all the powder, mix up slightly

Pour melted butter over whole thing and gently mix to coat crackers evenly

Spread crackers on cookie sheets and pop into oven for 3 to 6 minutes at 325 degrees. Be careful, the cheesy stuff wants to burn fast.

These will keep indefinitely, my girls love them. Won't stand up much to being crushed in a front pocket though, but a shirt pocket is good.



# Fetch a bachelor's degree in dog training

By Mary Esch  
Associated Press

COBLESKILL, N.Y. — Luna the springer spaniel is learning to sniff out a troublesome golf course fungus in return for a tennis ball while helping her handler fetch a new breed of bachelor's degree.

The four-year program in "canine training and management" officially launches this fall at the State University of New York at Cobleskill amid a surge in demand for specially trained dogs to detect security threats and assist veterans in the

wake of 9/11.

While several institutions hand out training certificates and at least one small private college, Bergin University of Canine Studies in Penn-grove, California, awards a bachelor's in dog handling, the program at Cobleskill is more ambitious in its scope.

"I do believe this is the first of its kind of this caliber of degree" at a major university, said Nick Hof, chairman of the Association of Professional Dog Trainers.

Professor Stephen Mackenzie, who has trained military and po-

lice dogs for 40 years and authored professional manuals on the subject, said he developed Cobleskill's Bachelor of Technology degree partly in response to a heightened demand for dogs capable of sniffing out explosives in the aftermath of Sept. 11.

"The security and working dog industry really expanded" following the attacks, Mackenzie said. Law enforcement agencies also need dogs that can ferret out drugs or to assist in search and rescue. And they need skilled people to raise and train those dogs and

the handlers they'll work with.

The need for service dogs trained to assist those with post-traumatic stress disorder or reduced mobility has also expanded as veterans started returning from multiple tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. There's also a growing demand for dogs trained to assist people with autism, seizure disorders, diabetes, impaired vision or hearing, and a range of other conditions, according to Assistance Dogs International, a coalition of programs that train and place service dogs.



**Student Jessie Show works with Luna, a springer spaniel whom she has trained to sniff out a fungus sample placed in a scent box at the State University of New York, Cobleskill.**



# "WAGS & BRAGS"

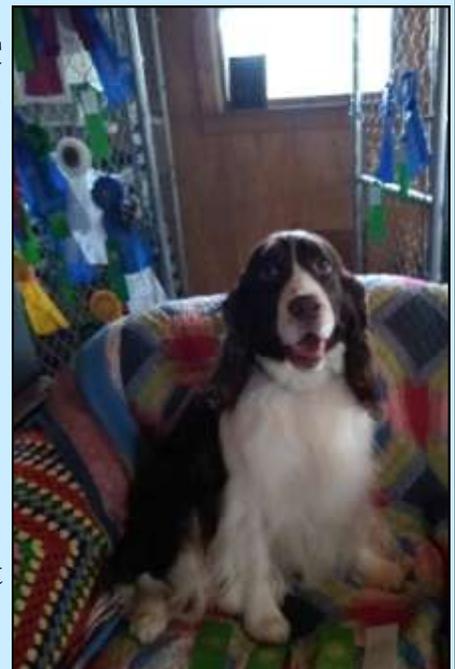


Sorbetto and Biscotti at the Potomac valley Samoyed club fastCAT trial. Sorbetto earned his bsCAT title and got a ribbon for fastest Samoyed in one of the trials He also tried weight pull which he decided was not as much fun as chasing things

Sister Biscotti earned an invitation to the IWPA weight pull championship in Estes park, co based on her performance in the weight pull event held in conjunction with fastCat event.



Sorbetto earned his first UKC agility title at the Dulles gateway and paws for fun trials  
**Lisa Marino**



At the SKC Rally Trial Ch. Pride and Joy 1st Chance Thompson earned legs 8 & 9 towards his rally advanced excellent (RAC) title - one more to go. **Cindy Gaines**



## “More Brags!”

Gibbs had a good day on Friday April 28, RHW SSCGB in Frederick. He overcame his noise sensitivity and ran standard and jumpers and q'd in both and got both of his excellent titles. Saturday it was busy crowded and loud, the noise sensitivity reared its ugly head again and he only ran half of each course. We are working on this in the meantime; he is having fun visiting libraries, schools and nursing homes. **Sandy Gibbs**



My sweet girl Rain (GCH CH Ariosa Concurrido Chasin Fiesta's Midnight Rain CD BN RE DCAT CGC TKN) earned her CD & a bumper leg on Saturday at the Albany Training club Obedience trial. She had earned her first two legs at the Catoctin Kennel Club Trials earlier in the month. We'll keep trialing in Novice while we put her Open & Utility exercises in place.

**Colleen**

What a weekend! Phoebe got 2 personal best jumps after beginning the completion not jumping in, with her best jump of 10.2 today and she Q'd both agility runs yesterday. Satchmo jumped 33 times off the dock with all senior jumps and 2 senior air retrieve legs and he ended strong today. While his jumps weren't in the 20s he did not seem to lose much over the 3 ½ days which is amazing for a dog his age. Can't wait to see what he can do when he gets conditioned for summer. Thank you to Rinn Siegrist and Marcie smith and Shenandoah Valley kennel club for such an awesome weekend.  
**Joy Pitcher**

Scatchmo has had a great spring  
#6 agility 1  
#14 agility 11  
#16 agility 111  
#9 UGRACH all stars  
Just blown away.

**Joy Pitcher**



So who knew Updog had cool ribbons for Frigility! Finn got 2<sup>nd</sup> place today. Not bad for the first time he's ever seen a Frisbee! **Carol Nansal**



One is Whippet Roxie's CD photo and the other is Dobie Kinsey's BN title. **Bobbie Lutz**



Caper had a blast chasing the bunny bags today and earned 2 more legs towards her CAX (#14 &15). Lots of screaming, spinning, and bucking happened while waiting her turns. Kindle sat out with me and watched some of the other runs, probably muttering under her breath, "idiots!". More fun to be had tomorrow! Janice Morton

Finn and I had our first solo Dock Dog event at Maggie Malick Wine Caves yesterday during Chesapeake Dock Dogs Puppy Palooza. (Rory had a Masterworks Chorus Concert). Finn was a good boy after we had the big discussion about NOT pulling me down the hill to the dock. (Liver treats work wonders.) In Dock Dogs, they don't allow a holder, but he managed to do all of his jumps without breaking his stay. Finn even caught a few of my throws. His best jumps of 17'8" and 18'10" came in 2nd and 3rd in the senior division in his waves. One highlight of the day was getting not one, but two public compliments on my throws from [THE Frank Moraff](#), from the famous "Frank Moraff School of Throwing".

Carol Nansal





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### WHAT'S HAPPENING

July 5-7 akc Obedience & Rally trial  
July 18 general meeting  
Aug 2-4 akc rally & obedience  
Sept 12 general meeting  
Nov 13 general meeting  
Nov 15-17 akc rally & obedience trial  
Nov 29,30,dec 1 akc agility trial  
Dec 7 dinner & auction

month a visit to the  
nursing homes

Envoy 2nd & 4th Monday 11am  
Spring Arbor 2nd & 4th Tuesday  
1 pm  
Hill Top 2nd & 4th Friday 10:45 am

### July 5-7 AKC Obedience & Rally Trial



### July 18 General Meeting