

## Highlights

- **Agility seminar by Guy Blancke**
- **Carleigh, the one-eyed wonder dog**
- **Upcoming events: agility, flyball, etc.**

# Meadowbrooke News

Meadowbrooke Kennel  
Agility Center of East TN (ACET)

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## One-eyed wonder dog

Carleigh is an amazing dog. She lost an eye in 1997, so her owner, Babbi Dilbeck, DVM, started searching for an activity they could enjoy together. Carleigh, a rough coat Collie, loved agility! And so did Babbi, who explains, "Training and competing in agility was an excellent escape from the rigorous schedule of vet school."

Carleigh achieved all 4 AKC Novice and Open titles in limited showing during Babbi's undergraduate years. She also completed Novice, Open, and Excellent Preferred titles during Babbi's last year at UTK. At almost 8 years old, Carleigh is a familiar dog at ACET and many other agility venues in the southeast.

Babbi exclaims, "We've had so much fun together and she's my best buddy!" Carleigh's now sharing the spotlight at home with her new 'brother', Cole, a 1 year old tri-color smooth Collie.

## World class agility seminar

One of the world's best known agility competitors and coaches will be at ACET, March 9-11, for a weekend seminar and private lessons. Guy Blancke and his Belgian Shepherd, Unia, have achieved some of the highest honors in

## Springing into the busy trial season

World Cup events. They won the prestigious international competition in Europe in both 1998 (jumpers) and 1999 (combined standard and jumpers). Guy has also served as an organizer, coach and trainer for the Canadian World Team and has hosted the Brazilian World Team at his training facilities.

All levels of students are welcome to attend the weekend seminar, either as working teams or auditors. Details are at [www.mbkennel.com/seminar.htm](http://www.mbkennel.com/seminar.htm).

## 3-day agility trial, Harriman

Knoxville's Tennessee Valley Kennel Club (TVKC) will host 3 days of AKC agility at Roane State in Harriman. Ace Russell is the Trial Chairman for TVKC's events, which have been held twice a year since 2000. This is the first full 3-day trial, with expanded entry limits. Participants at all levels of the sport will travel from far and wide to compete at this popular venue. Spectators are welcome! More details at [www.mbkennel.com/tvkc.htm](http://www.mbkennel.com/tvkc.htm).

## UT Vet School agility classes

Beginning agility classes are offered indoors at Brehm Arena, from 6-7 pm on March 9, 23 and 30. The instructor is Ace Russell, whose Corgi, Ollie, achieved the first Master Agility Championship (MACH) title in East TN. UT Canine Club and TVKC members participate at no charge. Details at ACET's website, [www.mbkennel.com/agility\\_classes.htm](http://www.mbkennel.com/agility_classes.htm).

## Flyball

Fast and furious, 2 teams of 4 dogs in side by side competition – that's flyball. Come to ACET's second introductory seminar to the sport on April 23. We're pleased to have Angela Ferguson, formerly from British Columbia, present the fundamentals of flyball to anyone who might be interested.

### Upcoming events

March 4-6	Alpharetta, GA	A
March 6	Hermitage, TN	T
March 10-13	Franklin, TN	BOR
March 17-20	Louisville, KY	ABOR
March 25-27	Harriman, TN	A
April 1-3	McDonald, TN	A
April 14-17	Perry, GA	ABOR
April 22-24	Myrtle Beach, SC	A

A=Agility B=Breed O=Obedience R=Rally T=Tracking

Visit [www.mbkennel.com](http://www.mbkennel.com) for event info.

## Resources

### Obedience

Monday classes starting March 7

Tuesday classes starting April 5

Private lessons

Boarding School

### Agility

Wednesday classes at UT (see text)

Private lessons

### Boarding

Daily hours: 9-1 and 4-6 (Sunday: 4-6)

### More Info

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