

AGILITY CLUB OF EVANSVILLE PRESENTS

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My husband Tim and I own Never Go Back Ranch on 18 beautiful acres outside of Watertown, TN. The ranch has a beautiful covered arena with artificial turf and competition style equipment where I offer all levels of agility classes from puppies to Master. We host seminars, USDAA, and UKI agility trials at our facility.

I started agility in 1996 with my English Springer Spaniel and my husband's Golden Retriever. Shortly after that I acquired a Scottish Terrier that I started to compete in agility with. No one told me I could not do agility or obedience with a Scottie and we became known for running Scottish Terriers in agility. I became a USDAA judge in 1999. Later when AKC came along I became an AKC judge and then a UKI judge. Since I like to compete I take limited judging assignments. I have competed in every jump height except for 4 inch. I have trained and competed with Scottish Terriers, Welsh Terrier, Giant Schnauzer, English Springer Spaniel, Hungarian Pumi and Hungarian Mudi. All but the initial dogs have gotten MACH's and all but the Welsh and young Mudi have gotten ADCH (USDAA's Championship). I have made it into the AKC Invitational every year since it started and was in the finals with my Giant Schnauzer MarTini and this past year with Coby my Hungarian Pumi. We ended up 5th which isn't bad for a dog who had TPLO Surgery the year before. My husband Tim runs most of our Scottie's and has made it multiple times to the invitational as well as to the final one year. We have made it into the semi finals of USDAA almost every year.

I have trained with many trainers and am always looking to learn something new but the biggest influence was Susan Garrett and Susan Salo, along with Jen Pinder and Kris Seiter. I would say my ground work in agility is Susan Garrett although I don't follow any particular handling system. I honestly believe they are all similar it's just how they present it. Although I don't know all of the terms, I do know all the One Mind Dog moves. I believe that conditioning is a vital part of keeping dogs healthy and I do a lot with FitPaws to help with this. I got part of the way through the FitPaws program to become a certified FitPaws instructor, but due to time restraints that had to be put on the back burner.