

Betsy Scapicchio Owner of Top Dog Obedience School has over 45 years of dog training experience and has successfully competed in Obedience, Agility, Rally, Conformation, Herding and Field with different breeds of dogs. From Agility with her Chihuahua, Desi, to Field titles with her Golden Casino and Banks, Betsy has enjoyed all of her different breeds of dogs, and all of the different venues. Top Dog was started in 1991 from Betsy's talent and love of dog training and sharing her knowledge with others. In addition to all of her students' successes, Betsy and her Border Collie, Zen, were the 2021 Obedience Dog of the Year. To date, she has put Obedience Trial Champion titles on 10 of her own dogs, with 62 OTCH titles between them. She has also won and placed at national competitions including Regional and Classic tournaments and the National Obedience Championships, with top 10 finishes at five recent NOCs. Betsy's UD Chihuahua, Deacon, placed second in Novice at Rally Nationals and her Golden, Dealer, placed second in Advanced. In Obedience, Betsy and her dogs have earned 56 perfect 200 scores, over 250 High in Trials and over 6200 OTCH points to date! She has also earned multiple Agility titles and most recently her Golden, Casino and Banks, earned their Junior Hunter titles; and Banks was just 17 months old.

Linda Brennan was Betsy's very first Utility student and it wasn't long before she went from student to instructor at Top Dog! Linda's talent and versatility also shine! In Obedience, some of Linda's notable wins include back-to-back first places in the Master's class at the AKC Obedience Classic, and she won Westminster's Master Obedience Championships five times in a row, retiring the Championship Trophy with her Labrador Retriever, Heart! Linda's Border Collie, Spy, retired with over 1000 OTCH points, and she and Heart earned over 1900 OTCH points. Linda is also passionate about working with different breeds of dogs, including her own two MACH Welsh Springer Spaniels, Maddie and Reese, and her UD Norfolk Terrier, Oz. Linda's Border Collie, Spell, was the face of the Wellness Dog Food Brand and appeared in many TV commercials and print ads. Linda also specializes in multipurpose dogs. In addition to obedience, Linda successfully trains and competes in Agility, Rally, Field, Herding, Conformation, Scent Work, Dock Diving, and other dog events where she has earned many championship titles including OTCH, MACH, PACH, RACH and breed Champion. She has recently put Senior Hunter titles on her Labrador Retrievers, Lita and Parker, and is working on their Master Hunter titles.



Betsy and Linda are active and current competitors that you are likely to see placing at all the big tournaments, as well as local trials. They continually show a variety of breeds to Obedience Trial Champions, and they have never been out of the ring for over 40 years. What sets them apart from other trainers is not their own tremendous success in the obedience ring, it is their ability to communicate to their students how they too can achieve that level of success. Top Dog students earn multiple High in Trial, High Combined, OTCHs and 200 scores year after year.