

The Peale, Baltimore

Out of the Blocks Storytelling Series

Recorded by Aaron Henkin; Photographs and Music by Wendel Patrick

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Lynn ([00:00](#)):

I am Lynn Karguard, and I live at 613 [inaudible 00:00:10] road with Cricket. Cricket is a three-year-old old Doberman. She is my companion, my bedmate, my protector, and she enjoys the walks, she enjoys agility and she enjoys the neighborhood kids and cats to chase. She is a well decorated competitor, she's an AKC champion, which is a breed, how she looks its sort of the Westminster type thing, you see them going around the ring and how they move. She also does agility, that's where they go over obstacles, though tunnels, over jumps.

Lynn ([00:46](#)):

Go, go go. Go out. Go out. There you go.

Aaron Henkin ([00:49](#)):

You managed to teach this dog how to slalom between these ski poles things.

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Lynn ([00:54](#)):

They're called weaves. So yes. They're set up in a straight row, and the dog literally goes in, out, in, out, in, out through the whole 12 poles. If they skip a pole they're disqualified. If they don't hit that yellow on that contact, they're disqualified. If they knock a ball out, they're disqualified.

Lynn ([01:11](#)):

Sit. Platz. Good Girl. Wait.

Lynn ([01:16](#)):

She is an athlete, so there's a lot of work on their bodies. They have to be in shape, but they can injure themselves. It can be expensive. Cricket right now is in rehab for a swollen patella tendon, which is a tendon that goes from the knee. So, you know, she now has to go through rehab so that she can go back into agility again, hopefully at the end of the month. She has chiropractic adjustments once a month. She hasn't had, but when some of my dogs have been injured in the past, they've gotten acupuncture.

Lynn ([01:45](#)):

They get massages. I don't get any of that stuff, I'm a little jealous. I'm not rich, I'm not poor, but I have to make choices that this is how I want to spend my time and my money.

Lynn ([01:58](#)):

Come here. Sit.

Lynn ([01:59](#)):

I live alone with her, and actually I don't live alone because I live with her. So I do it, because I have fun and it keeps me mentally active, physically active. It keeps me from being lonely. I don't come home to an empty house. Trust me, I can leave the house for five minutes all day and her reaction is exactly the same, "Thank God you're home, I'm glad to see you. Let's go for a walk."

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