



## HOW TO START ABLE

(Audio Book Libraries and Exchange)

### National Network

Live to Run Again (LTRA) is working to establish a national network of volunteer “librarians” to operate local ABLEs (**A**udio **B**ook **L**ibraries and **E**xchange). Our goal is to have ABLE offered at dog events across North America. We welcome individuals and clubs to join in this endeavor.

- ★ Individuals can help by starting an Exchange in their area and setting up ABLE at trials they attend.
- ★ Clubs can establish an Exchange and offer it at their training facility and/or events they hold.

### What Live To Run Again Can Provide

- LTRA can supply you with stick-on labels to place on all the audio book cases. The labels let people know that the book-on-tapes/CDs belong to LTRA’s ABLE collection and they should return audiobook for others to enjoy. We can also e-mail you a master document if want to contribute printing the labels.
- We offer materials you can pass out to exhibitors:
  - ★ Drowsy Driving Photo-cards offering tips on driving alert
  - ★ Stick-on car window decals with the LRA logo
  - ★ Crate tags sponsored by Clean Run with the LRA logo one side and an area to include the dog’s emergency information
  - ★ Magnetic car decals with the LRA logo is also available to sell for \$5
- We can equip you with a flyer to post for exhibitors, explaining how ABLE works.
- LTRA will provide you with an ABLE banner to hang so exhibitors can see where the ABLE collection is located.
- We can include the location you will have ABLE set up on our website. Please e-mail our ABLE coordinator, Maureen Waldron, at [agilitykees@aol.com](mailto:agilitykees@aol.com) as soon as you have the necessary information. She will need the event date, who’s hosting, type of event (i.e. agility trial, flyball tournament, etc), and city and state the event is being held.

- LTRA will also include the above information in our general post to the agile list that announces events ABLE will be attending for that week. As requested by the agile list, we are trying to consolidate information on Exchange locations to one post. Very often it is cross-posted to regional agile lists. You may want to contact your local agile list, as they may not mind individual postings for their area.
- We will keep you updated about the LRA campaign and any suggestions from other volunteers.

## How to Get Started

Here are a few ideas on how to get your audio book library started:

- A good way to start the collection is to ask club members, friends, and co-workers for audio book donations.
- Ask clubs and trial secretaries to include information about ABLE in their premium and/or confirmation notice. This is a great way to encourage exhibitors to donate audio books they have listened to.
- Post a message to your regional or local agile list letting people know that you are starting a ABLE Library and would welcome donations of tapes/CD.
- A suggestion from Karen Vance, one of our ABLE librarians, is to obtain audiobooks through your local freecycle: <http://www.freecycle.org/>
- Some public libraries have sales on used or donated audio books. If you explain the LTRA campaign to the library, often by giving them a small donation, they will let you “buy” the tapes/CDs.

We welcome any other ideas you have to help people launch ABLE in their area.

**We hope this provides you with information on starting a  
Live to Run Again Audio Book Libraries and Exchange in your area.  
We look forward to having you join our campaign.**

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