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Wishing everyone a Happy, Healthy
New Year.

- Jolene & Bonnie

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A Message from the President

2023 Greetings,

I started this way last year, but I'll repeat myself! I hope those resolutions are holding up! Did you set training and trialing goals for the year? Are they realistic? Mine are always the same and could always be improved upon ... paying more attention to my dog's reactions to what I usually consider to be clear cues, and clearness and consistency in my handling. It helps to have someone to observe and critique you. Take advantage of class time and classmates for this! BTW ... I get lots of critiquing, not the dogs mind you ... me.

Cold, Flu, and COVID are still with us. Please be vigilant and if you aren't feeling well, stay home ... in addition to minimizing exposure risk, your body is telling you it needs some TLC. Training when you aren't at your best is never a good idea.

The **January Membership meeting is on the 15th at 7 p.m.** at the club. I hope you can make it.

We had the deep cleaning of the flooring this December, hopefully this gives better traction for us and our teammates. Initial results seem promising. Another recent addition is the new teeter. I have heard it also has been Sammy tested, Sammy approved!

In May, we will be **electing officers/directors** to two-year terms for the following positions: President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Roster/Enrollment Coordinator. Descriptions of the duties can be found in Article VIII, Section 3 of the KCTC By-Laws (available at the 'Members Only' section of the KCTC website). **Someone will be needed to serve as Roster/Enrollment Coordinator;** hopefully that someone is reading this now. Any member interested in serving as one of the positions or who would like to recommend a potential candidate, please respond to Amy Rusenko by February 15.

doggie quote of the month:

"Everyone thinks they have the best dog. And none of them are wrong."

– *W.R. Purche*

Dan Mullaney, President

Upcoming Events

Membership Meeting - January 15th

Meeting begins at 7 p.m.

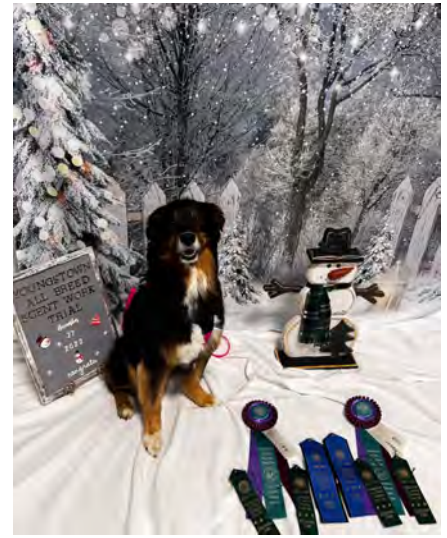
Applying for Membership:

🐾 Emil and Gail Brenkus

🐾 Dan O'Reilly



Wags and Brags



Bailee finished up her AKC Novice Containers (with a 1st place!) at Youngstown All Breed, earning her her overall Scent Work Novice (SWN) title! She also earned her C-Wags Scent Detective L2 title during league play at Animal Friends.

Murphy earned his AKC Novice Exteriors, Buried, and Container scent work titles (SEN, SBN, SCN).



Poltergeist's Lake Effect (Laika) earned her PACH (Preferred Agility Championship) title at the Youngstown All Breed Training Club in December.

She also was honored to be part of the 6 Samoyeds that earned a spot in the AKC Agility Invitational in Orlando, Florida. This was her 5th year qualifying for the event. We are very proud of her.

- Pam Lewis & Dan Goldberg

MORE Wags and Brags



This is Charlie, our new Westie puppy. He is 13 weeks old.

- Barbara Wojtowicz



I had an awesome time of the December KCTC Rodeo Dog trials and lots of fun with old and new friends! There were so many happy faces, great scores and new titles - congratulations to all of you!! I earned my Haltar Clover, Masters Straight Line and Performance Champ Lock Stock and Barrel titles and got two legs on my Haltar Round Up title and lots of First Place ribbons. Special thanks to the judges, trial committee and all the volunteers for making this a great trial. Giddy-Up!!

Love,

Rags



I passed my AKC ACT 1 Std Agility test back in October with two scores of 100 and I got my title in the mail on New Years Eve! I had fun - the view from the top of the A-frame is awesome!!

Love,

Buttons

MORE Wags and Brags



Quinn celebrated his third birthday with his 14.5. Yr old sister Mandy on Dec 27. There were two in his litter. He got a little taste of the cake. Luv him!

- Linda and Chuck Cornell

Jordi is an AKC Scent Work Master!!!

On December 17th at the Cleveland All Breed Scent Work Trial, Jordi qualified in back-to-back Master Interior searches which earned her overall Scent Work Master title! When I brought this tiny puppy home... she could barely walk without falling on her face. I never imagined that we would accomplish anything like this! This girl is all heart!! I want to give my sincere gratitude to all of the Keystone instructors and members who helped us along our scent work journey: Maribeth Hook, Susan Wetherall, Stephanie Barber, Marcy Fenell, Tracy Miller, and Amy Rusanko. Also, thank you to Pat Warnick who encouraged me to take classes at Keystone with Jordi. I am grateful!

- Jen Heid & Jordi

MORE Wags and Brags



After a two-year hiatus due to Covid, Oliver Golomb has returned to his weekly volunteer position at Children's Hospital in the Adolescent Medicine and Oncology departments. He has been a TDI-certified therapy dog for four years and regularly visits students at Carnegie Elementary and Mercy Behavioral Health. Oliver has completed his AKC Elite Performer title through classes with Linda Irwin and Pat Warnick.

- Sandy Golomb



Diving into the New Year!

Reminding us of warmer times, here's a throwback picture of Pattie Ennis's Adele and Merida enjoying a swim at the South Park pool on Memorial Day.

- Susan Wetherell