



TOTAL RECALL—SEPTEMBER, 2008

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Welcome to our new Board members –
 Terri Chasser – Office Manager
 Marian Roznowski – Membership Chair and
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NOTES AND REMINDERS.....

The **KCC FUN MATCH** is scheduled for Sunday, September 21, at Village Green (behind the Giant Eagle and Best Buy off Oxford Drive) in Bethel. If you can help out, please contact Dave Wray at 724-225-4518 or stingwray1943@yahoo.com.

Registration opens at 9:00, and runs start at 9:30. Tell all your doggie friends!

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next membership meeting will be **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the Bethel Park Boro Conference Room (same location as last meeting). The October and November meetings will be the 3rd Fridays of those months, and will be in the Council Chambers room at 7:30 p.m.**

NEW MEMBERS:

Becky Shakely from Lincoln Place. Becky had been a member previously and wanted to rejoin. She was endorsed by Ed Hanke and Michele Manion and has a Lab mix named Izzy.

Pete Grandillo, Sr. who takes his Sheltie, Molly, to agility classes and, of course, is the father of Pete Grandillo, one of our agility instructors. Pete Sr. was endorsed by Pam Lewis and Terri Chasser.

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Mikki Cunningham from Lawrence, PA. Mikki brings her standard Poodle, Aja (Asia) to basic and novice basic and was endorsed by Michele Manion.

Dawn and Jim Manni from Muse, PA who have attended obedience classes and a puppy class with several of their dogs. They were endorsed by Marian Roznowski and Lori Miller.

Each was presented with their new member packet at the August meeting.

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Margaret Colombari of Pittsburgh. Margaret has a German Shepherd named Annie.

Eileen Peterson who has attended Basic Obedience classes with her Goldendoodle, Goldie.

Paula Shimko who has two Shelties, Mika and Shane.

September 13 was Bethel Park Community Day. Thanks to MaryAnn Snyder for organizing the KCC table and to all those who showed up to help.

BRAGS

Congratulations to Dee Farrell. Pebbles earned her first leg in Novice JWW on July 20 at the Golden Retriever Club agility trial. Dee and Pebbles earned a score of 86 and took home a 1st place ribbon. Once again, Dee would like to thank her KCTC classmates and friends for their support, encouragement, cheers, congratulations, and good wishes; they have made this experience a lot more fun.

Sue Wray and Heidi got a 1st in Novice B and titled in the same, in CPE they received a 2nd in standard B for Heidi's 2nd leg, a 1st in jumpers for her 1st leg in Level 2. In the last show as TDAA, Heidi won first place three times, second place twice and one third place. This also got Heidi a title in intermediate standard with 3 Qs. – Dave Wray

CONGRATULATIONS also go to:

Toni Yurkovic and Fox for 3 Earth Dog legs.

Sue Wray and Heidi for 2 CPE Agility legs. Doris Reilly and Donnie for a Novice Obedience leg.

Pam Lewis and Icey for their 5th Masters Agility title.

Special Congratulations

To our following agility teams, who qualified in their very first agility trial!

Mark Bookman and Lucy
Zo McWilliams and Fergus

ST. GERMAINE'S FESTIVAL

This is the third year that St. Germaine's (now called St. Katherine Drexel) has invited Keystone Canine Club to perform at their Annual Festival. The K-9ers chose a circus theme for this year. Our announcers called out commands for each handler and their dog to perform obedience moves to music. They did this moving in and out of hula hoops. The audience was also asked to participate by calling out the dogs' names, trying to break the dogs' attention. The finale was a line dance performed by both the handlers and their dogs. Hopefully, we have captured some good pictures of the K-9ers in action for our new Fun Board which will be displayed at the Club. Thank you. Caroline

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NEW BABIES

We are looking forward to meeting Yorkie sisters, Amber Star and Pixie, Owned by Tom and Phyllis Bandi and Dee Farrell, respectively.

Also Sheltie puppy, Bryce, owned by Pete Grandillo, Jr. Hopefully, he will be a future agility star!

KITTENS NEED HOMES, TOO!

If you or someone you know is looking for a kitten, Sue Wray has a neighbor who has 2 kittens that desperately need homes! They are 12 weeks old. You can reach Sue at 724-225-4518.

EMERGENCY AND FIRST AID

We have posted emergency phone numbers on the side of the refrigerator, and have placed a first-aid kit in the white cabinet marked with a red cross.

T-SHIRTS

We are ordering a new batch of our cool looking KCTC logo T-shirts. Order forms are on the table near the door. Colors are gold or gray.

INSTRUCTORS/ASSISTANTS PERKS

Remember our “Benefits Package” for instructors and assistants. To qualify you have to have taught and/or assisted for three sessions or 21 classes. After that, you are a qualified participant. You will be eligible for:

- ✓ Free classes
- ✓ Half off dues
- ✓ Discounted rates on seminars
- ✓ Recognized at our Holiday Dinner

AUGUST, 2008 MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUMMARY

*Our Fun Match will be Sunday, September 21, at Village Green. Dave Wray is in charge.

*Emergency contact information has been posted on the side of the refrigerator. There is a first-aid kit on the white cabinet along the street wall.

*The K-9ers continue to perform many demonstrations.

*We will be re-ordering our KCTC logo T-shirts. We may also separately order breed-specific shirts with the KCTC logo on them.

*We may sell doggie magnets for our next fundraiser.

DEMOS

The K-9ers did a demo for Tender Care Learning Center on Friday, August 22. I was told there could have been as many as 70 children ranging from two years to 11 years of age.

I’m not really sure how many were in our audience. All I can remember is a room full of tiny people all gathered together sitting on the floor in a circle. They were so attentive, and so well behaved.

The K-9ers did their musical Steelers routine with terrible towels. I saw a lot of smiles, it was great.

I know each of the K-9ers has a story. I would like to relate my humbling experience with my dog, Peaches. I’m usually able to keep Peaches’ attention off her leash. This was my first mistake.

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I didn't realize there was an adult with a cup of Fruit Loops sitting with the kids. Peaches' nose alerted to the Fruit Loops, and bingo, she was right there in the poor person's face. I kept my cool, and after a few attempts I was able to get Peaches back on track. She finished her tricks.

I hope we showed the children what wonderful friends dogs can be to humans.

Thank you,
Caroline Chapman

HOLIDAY PARTY!!!!

Mark your calendars – the KCTC Holiday Party and Dinner will be on Monday, December 8, at 7:00 at Tambellini's Restaurant in Bridgeville. We'll have a delicious buffet dinner, followed by a gift exchange and awards to all dogs who earned titles during the last year. Look for more information in the October newsletter.

[Molly, The Invincible Horse- Another Hurricane Katrina Miracle](#)

Meet Molly. She's a gray speckled pony who was abandoned by her owners when Katrina hit southern Louisiana. She spent weeks on her own before finally being rescued and taken to a farm where abandoned animals were stockpiled. While there, she was attacked by a pit bull terrier, and almost died. Her gnawed right front leg became infected and her vet went to LSU for help. But LSU was overwhelmed, and this pony was a welfare case. You know how that goes.

But after surgeon Rustin Moore met Molly, he changed his mind. He saw how the pony was careful to lie down on different sides so she didn't seem to get sores, and how she allowed people to handle her. She protected her injured leg. She constantly shifted her weight, and didn't overload her good leg. She was a smart pony with a serious survival ethic.

Moore agreed to remove her leg below the knee and a temporary artificial limb was built. Molly walked out of the clinic and her story really begins there.

"This was the right horse and the right owner," Moore insists. Molly happened to be a one-in-a-million patient. She's tough as nails, but sweet, and she was willing to cope with pain. She made it obvious she understood that she was in trouble. The other important factor, according to Moore is having a truly committed and compliant owner who is dedicated to providing the daily care required over the lifetime of the horse.

Molly's story turns into a parable for life in post-Katrina Louisiana. The little pony gained weight, her mane felt a comb. A human prosthesis designer built her a leg.

The prosthetic has given Molly a whole new life, Allison Barca DVM, Molly's regular vet, reports. And she asks for it! She will put her little limb out, and come to you and let you know that she wants you to put it on. Sometimes she wants you to take it off too." And sometimes, Molly gets away from Barca. "It can be pretty bad when you can't catch a three-legged horse", she laughs.

Most important of all, Molly has a job now. Kay, the rescue farm owner, started taking Molly to shelters, hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers. Anywhere she thought that people needed hope. Wherever Molly

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went, she showed people her pluck. She inspired people. And she had a good time doing it.

"It's obvious to me that Molly had a bigger role to play in life", Moore said. "She survived the hurricane, she survived a horrible injury, and now she is giving hope to others."
"She's not back to normal," Barca concluded, "but she's going to be better. To me, she could be a symbol for New Orleans itself."

Helping The Helpless

I am an active volunteer at the Washington Area Humane Society. The Washington Area Humane Society (WAHS) is a no-kill shelter, funded solely by private contributions. Our shelter takes in thousands of animals and investigates an average of 800 abuse complaints each year.

We need dedicated volunteers and your economic help to continue to operate. Every donation counts. See our wish list below. If you can please donate, you can give any donations to members, Dave and Sue Wray, and they can drop it off. Keep the wish list in your wallet, and when you shop try to pick up a little something, anything helps. Our pets are so fortunate to have us, these little guys have no one. Please help. Click on this link to see what volunteering you could help with.

<http://www.washingtonpashelter.org/>

Thank you, Betsy Shuttleworth

Newsletter Chair

Nutro, Natural Balance, Purina One, Purina Pro Plan, or California Natural dog & puppy food

Chicken Soup for Puppy Lover, Iam's Smart Puppy, Nutro large breed puppy

Nutro, Natural Balance, Iam's Whiskas or Purina cat and kitten food

Washable dog and cat toys

Canned puppy, kitten, cat and adult dog food

All meat pet treats

Meat baby food (chicken or turkey) for sick cats and kittens

Shampoo for dogs, pups, cats & kittens

Unscented baby wipes

Vaporizers for sick kittens

Rock Salt

Washing machines and Electric dryers

Two-part reverse carbonless paper

We need Stamps! We mail more than 500 pieces of mail per month.

Pens

Heating pads

Regular clay cat litter

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Anti-bacterial (waterless) hand sanitizer

Dog houses (we try to help low income families who need better dog houses)

Dog collars, 24" and 26" metal choke chains and leashes for walking the dogs

Clorox Brand Bleach, laundry detergent, dish soap, paper towels, toilet paper

39 gallon garbage bags, toilet bowl cleaners, mops

Kodak #10 cartridges

Large towels

Reply envelopes & Business envelopes

Copy paper, colored, white & card stock

Electric Grooming Clippers, Dog & Cat nail clippers

FrontLine Flea Products for our dogs and cats

Neosporin, tweezers, ear cleaning solution, 4x4 gauze pads

Grass Seed

Small Footprint, good quality working copier