



TOTAL RECALL—February 2009

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NOTES AND REMINDERS.....

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2009 @ 8:00 pm at the Bethel Boro Building in the Council Chambers Room

KCC IS OFFERING A TDAA TRIAL

FOR TDAA PREMIUM--- GO TO THE TDAA website (www.k9tdaa.com) then go to the Events page and click on KEYSTONE CANINE CLUB.

NEED YOUR HELP!

The Animal Rescue Site is having trouble getting enough people to click on it daily to meet their quota of getting free food donated every day to abused and neglected animals. It takes less than a minute (How about 20 seconds) to go to their site and click on the purple box 'fund food for animals' for free. This doesn't cost you a thing. Their corporate sponsors/advertisers use the number of daily visits to donate food to abandoned/neglected animals in exchange for advertising.

With the purchase of any product at The Animal Rescue Site - you automatically generate funding to provide food and care for rescued animals in need.

Here's the web site! Pass it along to people you know.

<http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com/>

**KCTC MEMBERSHIP MEETING
1-16-09 - HIGHLIGHTS**

NEW MEMBERS: The following new members were voted in, and given a New Members packet:

- Don and Susan Schweitzer
- Joanne Kerfonta
- Amy Wustin

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: The K9ers had recently performed 3 demonstrations, and 6 are planned. Rod suggested that we put a link to K9ers on the website, explaining what they do, and perhaps posting a short video from one of their demos.

TRAINING DIRECTOR POSITION: To date, Lucy McCloskey is the only person to submit an application for the Training Director position. The Board plans to interview her. The cutoff for applications is February 20. In the

interim, the Board is still acting as the Training Director.

NEW DAYTIME AGILITY CLASS: The new daytime agility class taught by Shelley Wolf has been a great success. It was so popular that a second session was added. Students in Shelley's classes have provided the Board with very positive feedback. Everyone thanked Shelley for a great job.

TEACUP AGILITY: All the paperwork has been submitted for our Teacup Agility trial March 20 – 22. It is for dogs 17" or less in height. We are awaiting TDAA approval. Rod suggested that, after approval, we put out a flyer containing the details. Amy suggested that each participant be given a small gift bag or dog toy.

Total Recall **BRAGS**

From Peter & Yvette Grandillo:

Peter & Yvette Grandillo are proud to announce that... Cammi and Dawson did very well competing after a two-month break. Specifically, Cammi and Dawson were entered in the Altoona Area Kennel Club Agility Trial on January 17th, and 18th. Both dogs had three runs, not four, over two days due to the Steelers game. Yes, my priorities were for the Steelers game. Cammi and Dawson did not understand why they were shortchanged a run. We did make it up to them with ice cream. In the six total runs, Cammi earned a 2nd and 3rd place finish, and Dawson earned two 2nd place finishes and one 3rd place finish. All runs were in Excellent B. They did very well. Not to forget their little brother Bryce, he did very well supporting his big brother and sister. Each time Cammi and Dawson was in the ring, one could readily hear Bryce supporting his family with cheering (barking) from his crate off in a distant room. Ughhh!!! Given their fine results, we decided to reward the dogs by getting them ice cream when the temperate was 10 degrees, another Ughhh. This time, instead of Sarris Ice cream, we went to the world renowned Penn State Creamery. There was plenty of ice cream to share!!!!

From Lucy McCloskey:

On Sunday February 1, 2009, Toby earned his Rally Excellent A Title with a score of 93. He has been showing in Rally for less than a year. His first rally novice trial was at the Convention Center last March. He earned all three Rally titles in a little over ten months.

Needless to say, I am very proud of his accomplishments and want to thank all the instructors at KCTC who helped me to train Toby, and who had the foresight to know when we were ready to start showing.

**Thank You,
Lucy McCloskey and Toby**



FEISTY FIDOS

Ever wish you could do something to change the behavior of those dogs that bark and lunge at your dog in class? Now you can! Once again, our Feisty Fido class has a need for people to stop by class with their nice dogs (e.g., a dog who's comfortable with other dogs and wouldn't mind if a dog "woofed" at him). All your dog would need to do is walk around a bit and eat some treats, or you could practice your obedience routines. If you would be willing to stop by with your dog for a little while on a Friday evening (from February 6 to February 27 between 8:30 and 9:30 pm), please contact Joyce Petrow at codymajic@msn.com or 412-276-2257. Thank you!

NEW MEMBERS/CHANGES

Paul & Darcy Battisti who have taken Basic Obedience classes with their Havanese, Paprika and Carmina. Paul and Darcy are endorsed by Marian Roznowski and Dan Goldberg.

Wendy Allison endorsed by Terri Chasser and Dan Goldberg. Wendy and her Border Collie mix, Zoe, have taken beginning and intermediate agility.



DEMOS

February 14 @2:00 pm - Arden Courts
February 28 – Golden Living Center
March 12 – The Nature Club at
Community of Christ Church (a youth
group) – St. Patrick's Day Theme

Notes from Caroline

The K-9ers have attended the following demos:

Riverside Care Center on January 17 performing a Doo Wop Theme.
Norbert's Personal Care Home on January 24 also performing a Doo Wop Theme.

McMurray Manor Care on February 7 performing a Valentine Theme.

My husband, Phil hung the K-9ers board (titled Keystone K-9ers Community Outreach) on KCC's wall. The pictures are of the K-9ers in action at the demo they did for St. Germaine's Festival held last August. The board is located on the wall beside the mirrors. I also included some of the thank yous for some of the demos that were performed.

Thank you all so much for your support of the K-9ers!

Total Recall



On Saturday, December 20, Dennis Jones, Lori Ritchey, her son, Ben and Marian Roznowski went to Angel Ridge in Washington, PA to deliver everything that had been donated by KCTC members. We took boxes and bags of blankets and sheets, a pet carrier filled with treats, more than 20 toys, and another bag of treats, along with a couple of cash donations. Needless to say, Nancy Shannon who runs Angel Ridge was very happy to see us!

It was one of the coldest days of the year and as a result, we didn't spend as much time there as we would have liked. Angel Ridge not only takes in dogs but also cats and horses who have suffered abuse and abandonment as well as injured dogs that are on the euthanasia list at other shelters. There are several 'cabins' where Nancy tries to keep dogs with similar temperaments; the ones who are on the aggressive side are kept in the cabin where they have individual runs, friendlier dogs are kept in a general cabin where they have easy access to a fenced in play/potty area. The dogs that we saw were all very friendly as you can see from the accompanying picture. Angle Ridge is on a 50-acre property so there is lots of room for the horses. Horses are boarded there also Their two biggest needs are money and volunteers. Nancy gave us several copies of their latest newsletter and inside is a form you can use to send in a donation. The newsletters are at the club. You can even make a donation in honor of a loved one or in memory of one who has passed and Angel

Ridge will send an acknowledgement if you want them to. If you are inclined to volunteer or want additional information, please contact Nancy at 724-229-7053 or

www.angelridgeanimalrescue.org or aranres@yahoo.com

Thanks to everyone at KCTC who donated to Angel Ridge. You can be sure that your donation will make a difference.

DOG SNEWS

An older, tired-looking dog wandered into my yard. I could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had a home and was taken care of.

He calmly came over to me, I gave him a few pats on his head; he then followed me into my house, slowly walked down the hall, curled up in the corner and fell asleep.



An hour later, he went to the door, and I let him out.

The next day he was back greeted me in my yard walked inside and resumed his spot in the hall and again slept for about an hour. This continued off and on for several weeks.

Curious I pinned a note to his collar: 'I would like to find out who the owner of this wonderful sweet dog is and ask if you are aware that almost every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap.'

The next day he arrived for his nap, with a different note pinned to his collar:

'He lives in a home with 6 children, 2 under the age of 3 – he's trying to catch up on his sleep.

Can I come with him tomorrow?'

Thanks to Gina Luisi for emailing me this article!

Top Ten Winter Skin and Paw Care Tips

Exposure to winter's dry, cold air and chilly rain, sleet and snow can cause chapped paws and itchy, flaking skin, but these aren't the only discomforts pets can suffer. Winter walks can become downright dangerous if chemicals from ice-melting agents are licked off of bare paws.

Says Dr. Louise Murray, ASPCA Director of Medicine, "During the winter, products used as de-icers on sidewalks and other areas can lead to trouble for our animal companions, potentially causing problems ranging from sore feet to internal toxicity. Pet parents should take precautions to minimize their furry friends' exposure to such agents." To help prevent cold weather dangers from affecting your pet's paws and skin, please heed the following advice from our experts:

- Repeatedly coming out of the cold into the dry heat can cause itchy, flaking skin. Keep your home humidified and towel dry your pet as soon as he comes inside, paying special attention to his feet and in between his toes.
- Trim longhaired dogs to minimize the clinging of ice balls, salt crystals and de-icing chemicals that can dry on the skin. (Don't neglect the hair between the toes!)
- Bring a towel on long walks to clean off stinging, irritated paws. After each walk, wash and dry your pet's feet to remove ice, salt and chemicals-and check for cracks in paw pads or redness between the toes.
- Bathe your pets as little as possible during cold spells. Washing too often can remove essential oils and increase the chance of developing dry, flaky skin. If your pooch must be bathed, ask your vet to recommend a moisturizing shampoo and/or rinse.
- Dressing your pet in a sweater or coat will help to retain body heat and prevent skin from getting dry.
- Booties help minimize contact with painful salt crystals, poisonous anti-freeze and chemical ice-melting agents. They can also help prevent sand and salt from getting lodged in between bare toes, causing irritation.
- Massaging petroleum jelly into paw pads before going outside helps to protect from salt and chemical agents. And moisturizing after a good toweling off helps to heal chapped paws.
- Brushing your pet regularly not only gets rid of dead hair, but also stimulates blood circulation, improving the skin's overall condition.
- Pets burn extra energy by trying to stay warm in wintertime, sometimes causing dehydration. Feeding your pet a little bit more during the cold weather and making sure she has plenty of water to drink will help to keep her well-hydrated, and her skin less dry.
- Remember, if the weather's too cold for you, it's probably too cold for your pet. Animal companions should remain indoors as much as possible during the winter months and never be left alone in vehicles when the mercury drops.

THANKS TO LORI RITCHEY FOR EMAILING ME THIS ARTICLE

KEYSTONE CANINE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
2009

EVENT	DAY	TIME
Donna Rohaus (Daytime)	Tuesday, Feb. 10	Daytime
Donna Rohaus (Daytime & group Session)	Thursday, Feb. 26	Daytime & Group Session at 7:30 pm
Donna Rohaus (Daytime)	Tuesday March 3	Daytime
Donna Rohaus (Daytime & Group Session)	Thursday, March 5	Daytime & Group Session at 7:30 pm
Donna Rohaus (Daytime)	Tuesday, March 24	Daytime