



## TOTAL RECALL—MARCH 2009

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**NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2009 AT THE BETHEL PARK BORO BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM at 8:00 p.m.

**TEACUP AGILITY TRIAL:  
MARCH 20 - 22**

#### DONATIONS FOR THE RAFFLE BASKET - TEACUP AGILITY

If anyone has new toys, treats, or food or anything that you would like to donate for the raffle basket for the Teacup Trial, please bring them to the club by Sunday, March 15, and leave them in the office marked for the trial.



LET'S ALL THINK  
SPRING!

**NOTES AND REMINDERS**

**KCTC MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

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## 2-20-09 - HIGHLIGHTS

### NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were voted in:

- Paul and Darcy Battista
- Wendy Allison
- Sue Fogarty

### COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Caroline stated that the K9ers had recently performed 4 demonstrations, and received donations from all 4. There are 4 upcoming demos planned. Toni reported that the Board voted to add a new item to the Policies and Procedures to state that the K9-ers have approval rights of people and dogs who wish to practice with or participate in demos with their group.

### TEACUP AGILITY TRIAL

In preparation for the trial, Ed and Paul volunteered to move the matting to eliminate the gaps between mats.

### MONTOUR TRAIL DOG WALK

We will have a KCTC table at the Montour Trail walk in June. We will also have a KCTC banner made. Arden stated that she has a KCC flag that we can use for events like this. We also will give out KCTC flyers. Parking is tight, so we may need to carpool from the club.

### CLASSES AT PET SUPPLIES PLUS

Toni stated that Pet Supplies Plus is starting obedience classes, private classes, and housebreaking classes. So we will have more competition. Ed stated that we need to continue to offer good classes and high quality instruction. Joanne stated that we could advertise in the Finleyville/South Park local newspaper. Shelley stated that we

may need to take a closer look at our yearly expenses vs. income. Lucy stated that we have added a 3<sup>rd</sup> class most nights to increase income and because of the demand. Pam stated that our cash flow is good right now. February income was low because no new classes were started.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

Toni stated that only two people are regularly coming to the Agility Fun Night on Wednesday night. Therefore she will discuss with them the possibility of alternating 7-week sessions with another class with higher demand. Another possibility is including them in a Wednesday night Intermediate Agility class.

### BRAGS

- Tom Bandi and Tiffany, in their first-ever Teacup agility trial, qualified in both of their runs.
- Lucy McCloskey and Toby earned their Excellent A Rally title.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
**TEACUP AGILITY TRIAL**  
**FROM TERRI CHASSER**

Please remember that KCTC will be hosting a Teacup Agility Trial on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 20, 21 and 22. Teacup agility trials are open to all dogs 17" or less at the withers. We will have an introductory seminar and 2 games beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. We will also have 4 games on both Saturday and Sunday. Show begins at 9:30 a.m. both weekend days. Entries close Friday, March 13 but we will be allowing day of show entries. Please consider supporting our club. Come on down and have some fun with your dog!

If you wish to volunteer, please contact Terri Chasser at [724-941-3769](tel:724-941-3769)/ [terric1@verizon.net](mailto:terric1@verizon.net) or Dave Wray at [724-225-4518](tel:724-225-4518)/ [stingwray1943@yahoo.com](mailto:stingwray1943@yahoo.com). We would truly appreciate your help!



**DEMOS**

**GOLDEN LIVING CENTER,**  
CANONSBURG, 2-28-09 WITH A ST.  
PATRICK'S DAY THEME.

**BAPTIST HOME 3-07-09 WITH A DOO WOP**  
THEME.

**NATURE CLUB@ COMMUNITY OF**  
**CHRIST CHURCH YOUTH GROUP 3-12-09**  
WITH A ST. PATRICK'S DAY THEME.

**BRAG**

**From Mitzie Lever:**

This is a photo of my grand dog "Bandit". **Bandit is a Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever – a very handsome one.** He resides in Charlotte, NC with my son, Jack, his wife, Nancy and my three grandkids, Jack, Katie and Becca. Nancy has done a wonderful job of teaching him to be a very obedient and well-socialized dog! This is his first experience with **SNOW!** Those southerners got approximately 3".



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### APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

Linda Dragoo who has attended Agility and CGC classes with her Border Collies Cinch, Lad and Jazz. Shelley Wolf and Lucy McCloskey endorse Linda.

Matt and Mandi Richey are reapplying for membership along with their Beagle/Aussie mix Tessa and Border/Spaniel mix Sam. Terri Chasser and Lucy McCloskey endorse Matt and Mandi.

Denise Letterman who owns Shelties Caesar, Troy and Hector and has taken them to various agility classes. Terri Chasser and Dan Goldberg endorse Denise.

### NEW MEMBERS



The following were voted into membership at the February meeting:

Wendy Allison who has a Border Collie mix named Zoe,

Paul and Darcy Battisti who have 2 Havanese - Carmena and Paprika,

Sue Fogarty who has a Cavachon named Annie.

### Meet "Oscar" dressed up as Zorro!

His owner is Michele Timko. Oscar and Michele were members of Michele Manions's Wednesday evening class. Thanks to his owner, Michele Timko, who took this cool picture on graduation night!

They were great students. I assisted Michele along with Toni Yurkovic. Oscar is one of the first dogs I have seen do a "leave it" with the treat on his paw.





## 10 Most Common Poisonous Plants for Dogs

As you know we are still many weeks away from spring here in the Northeast, but it is a good time to review & check our homes for some of the most toxic plants for dogs.

**Azalea** – The toxins in azalea plants can be very severe and potentially cause drooling, diarrhea, vomiting, central nervous system weakening and depression, and in some cases possibly coma or death.

**Castor Bean** – Poisoning as a result of this plant can cause abdominal pain, drooling, diarrhea, vomiting increased thirst, loss of appetite and weakness. More serious cases could also lead to dehydration, tremors, and seizures, twitching muscles, coma and possibly death.

**Cyclamen** – The most poisonous portion of this plant is located in the root. Ingestion of the plant can cause severe vomiting and gastrointestinal irritation. In some cases death has been reported as a result.

**Kalanchoe** – Ingestion of this plant can cause gastrointestinal irritation and cardiac rhythm and rate problems.

**Lilies** – Plants of the lily variety are very poisonous to cats as well as dogs. Even very small amounts of this plant could cause serious kidney damage.

**Marijuana** – Animals who attempt to snack on this plant can suffer serious consequences such as diarrhea, vomiting, increased heart rate, drooling, in-coordination, and even possibly seizures and coma. You really shouldn't have this plant around anyway. ;)

**Oleander** – All portions of this plant are poisonous and can cause gastrointestinal irritation, hypothermia, heart problems and possibly death.

**Sago Palm** – While the seeds and nuts of this plant are most poisonous, the entire plant is toxic. Animals ingesting parts of this plant may suffer from diarrhea, vomiting, depression, seizures and liver failure.

**Tulips** – The toxic portion of this plant is the actual bulb, which can cause

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drooling, central nervous system  
depression, gastrointestinal irritation,  
cardiac issues and convulsions.

**Yew** – Poisoning as a result of the yew plant can affect the nervous system and cause in-coordination, trembling and breathing difficulties. It may also result in gastrointestinal irritation, cardiac failure and could possibly lead to death.

And on a related note...

**Coco bean mulch** is also toxic to dogs. I don't know why more people do not know about it or make the connection between coco & chocolate, but the manufacturers need to do a better job of informing customers of the dangers.

Snopes gives the following information:  
<http://www.snopes.com/critters/crusader/cocoamulch.asp>

Cocoa Mulch, which is sold by Home Depot, Foreman's Garden Supply and other Garden supply stores, contains a lethal ingredient called 'Theo bromine'. It is lethal to dogs and cats, but it really attracts them because it smells like chocolate.

Theo bromine is in all chocolate, especially dark or bakers' chocolate which is toxic to dogs. Cocoa bean shells contain potentially toxic quantities of Theo bromine, a xanthine compound similar in effects to caffeine and theophylline.



IS YOUR  
DOG STILL

FORGING?

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Getting your dog to walk on a loose leash is easy. However, sometimes your dog--especially if he's a young or adolescent dog--will still insist on walking slightly in front of you. He's not pulling on the leash... he's just not walking along side you, in the heel position. (The heel position means that his right leg is aligned with your left leg, and his toes and your toes line up, when you stop).

Many young dogs, especially, don't initially understand the concept of staying parallel to you. Here's how to fix it:

Take a baby step forward. Only one. If he doesn't take one baby step forward, tug backward with the leash, until he takes a step backward and is parallel to you.

Now take one more baby step forward. Do the same thing. Continue this for about 50 steps, and you'll see your dog begin to make eye contact and only take one step forward.

Now take two baby steps forward, and stop. Then three steps. And back to one step.

Practice this, and remember to praise whenever your dog only moves with you, in unison. Pretty soon, it'll "click" for your dog, and you and your pet will stroll along, side by side.

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EVENT	DAY	TIME
Teacup Agility Trial	Friday, March 20	Evening
Teacup Agility Trial	Saturday, March 21	Daytime
Teacup Agility Trial	Sunday, March 22	Daytime
Donna Rohaus (Daytime)	Tuesday, April 7	Daytime
Donna Rohaus (Daytime)	Tuesday, April 21	Daytime
Donna Rohaus (Daytime)	Tuesday, May 5	Daytime
Donna Rohaus (Daytime & Group Session)	Thursday, May 21	Daytime & Group Session at 7:30 pm