

## TOTAL RECALL — OCTOBER 2009

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# NOTES AND REMINDERS

THE NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20 @ 8:00 AT THE BETHEL BORO BUILDING.

**TDAA** (**TEACUP**) **TRIAL** - Our Teacup trial has been confirmed by TDAA for Oct 17 – 18, with run-thrus Oct 16 from 6:00 – 8:30 pm. Lots of volunteers are needed.

#### **NEW CLASSES**

We are offering the following classes in November:

Introduction to Agility (starts Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 7:30) Excellent Level Agility (starts Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 8:30) Terrier Obedience (starts Monday, Nov. 9 at 8:00)

Conformation class starts Wednesday, Nov. 4, 6:30 pm.

These classes are so new; they are not on the Schedule of classes shown at the end of this newsletter! However, the class descriptions have been posted to the website on the CLASSES PAGE. Each of these classes will be four weeks.

#### **HOLIDAY DINNER:**

Keystone Canine Training Club's Holiday Dinner, Awards And Dog Gift Exchange will be held at

Tambellini's in Bridgeville on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> More details on page 9 of the newsletter

#### SUMMARY OF KCTC MEMBERSHIP MEETING 10-9-09

ATTENDEES: Caroline Chapman, Pete Grandillo, Sr., Laura Leonard, Lucy McCloskey, Barbara Newman, Marian Roznowski, Shelley Wolf, Dave Wray, Toni Yurkovic.

Toni called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

**TDAA** - Toni gave an extensive update on preparations for the TDAA coming up next weekend. The food will be prepared onsite this year and will consist of hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and cookies. She also explained just what TDAA is and that the dogs are to be 17" or under at the withers. Any breed can be entered, even mixed breeds. Friday night, October 16, would be fun runs. On Saturday and Sunday, October 17 and 18, it is expected that the first dog will be on the course at 9:30 a.m. Toni will be going to Splash and Dash to pick up some of the equipment they are lending us. Dave Wray will cut poles for the jumps. Shelley offered to clean the club prior to the event and set up the equipment. Barb Newman will be the time- keeper again this year. Many volunteers will be needed to help with the food, raffles, scribes, clean up, etc. If you are interested in helping, please email Terri at terric1@verizon.net. The premium is on the website and hard copies are available at the club. There will be no regular classes the weekend of the trial.

Toni said she would like to see a Nominating Committee formed to take up the task of contacting people who would be interested in being nominated to run for a Board position. Anyone interested in being on this committee, please contact Toni at <a href="yurktoni@comcast.net">yurktoni@comcast.net</a>. Elections will be taking place in the spring.

A conformation class is starting November 4 at 6:30.

The parking lot is being line striped.

Caroline mentioned that the K-9ers have done four demos this month and are scheduled to do seven more in the next couple of months. She also expects to have new pictures to put up at the club on the K-9er bulletin board.

Four applicants were voted in to membership: Terry Murphy, Wendy Loreti, Ginny Craven, and Mike Kuhlman.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Roznowski Corresponding Secretary

# SOME SHOTS FROM OCT. $4^{TH}$ AGILITY:









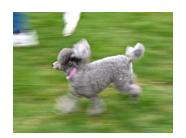














acknowledge the Keystones' reputation as a leader in all venues advanced substantially that weekend. I believe we had a minimum of 8 members participate and I believe all attained at least one qualifying score. My hats off to all and Sterling offers "A BIG SHELTY BARK!"

# BRAGS



#### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2009 TOBY EARNED HIS RALLY AE TITLE.

He was on his mark and was not to be denied. His first Excellent Run he earned a score of 96 out of a possible 100. His second Advanced Run he earned a score of 97 out of a possible 100.

To prove that this was not just an accident on his or my part, he was out again on Saturday and he earned a 99 out of a hundred on both runs, therefore earning him a first place in Excellent and a second place in Advanced. I could not be any more proud of my dog. Toby always makes me happy. Lucy McCloskey

#### From Barb Newman:

Sterling attained the title of CD in Obedience at the Delmont trial. She placed 2<sup>nd</sup> on Saturday and 4<sup>th</sup> for her title on Sunday. Additionally, Sterling and Toby performed in Rally Pairs and scored a 293 out of 200. We did extremely well but I would also like to



Lucy McCloskey (our Training Director) and her amazing dog Toby earned their Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE) title. We celebrated during Lucy's next Rally class with a cake. Lucy is shown accepting her cake (kindly donated by Amy Wustin) from Pam Lewis. Notice the Rally cone on the cake! Toby also competes at the Excellent level in agility, and is very active in the K9ers.

#### From Joanne Kerfonta:

Corey Edward Kerfonta (AKA to most of us) as "Corey" passed his CGC/TDI test on 9-26-09 @ Golden Triangle Training Club.

#### From Pam Lewis:

Pam Lewis and Icey finished in 1st place in their JWW class at the Samoyed National Specialty Agility Trial. And Icey and Crystal finished in 3rd place in the Novice Rally Pairs competition.

#### From Dee Farrell:



AT LAST!!!!!!!!!! I am so happy to announce that on September 20, 2009, my Pebbles <u>finally</u> earned her AKC Novice Standard Agility title! It happened at the National Shiba Club of America AKC Agility Trial in Edinboro, PA. This has been quite a journey for the two of us, but we have reached our goal. I am grateful to all of our Keystone instructors and friends for their encouragement and support through the years, and I appreciate so much all the kind words of congratulations we have received.

Peter & Yvette Grandillo Jr. are very proud to announce that Suntera Cammi Grandillo earned her MACH 4 title at the Beaver County Kennel Club agility trial on September 12th, 2009. 16" Cammi only needed 14 points going into the weekend, and instead of making us nervous for all the runs, she simply went out and earned 21 points on her first run. Since Cammi got her MACH 4 on her first run, the rest of the show was so less stressful (mainly for the handler and the family). Then again, maybe Cammi learned that as long as one of the white bars are sitting next to her crate, she gets more treats and that she was only trying

to maximize treat time by earning the MACH early for more treats. Cammi went on to double Q both days, including a 4th place finish in Exc B Jww.

And... Peter & Yvette Grandillo Jr. are also very proud to announce that Suntera Dawson Grandillo also did very well at the Beaver County Kennel Club agility trial. 20" Dawson earned a double Q, including a 2nd place finish and a 4th place finish in Exc B std.

And... Peter & Yvette Grandillo Jr. are also very proud to announce that Suntera Dawson Grandillo also did very well at the Westmoreland County Obedience Training Club Agility trial. 20" Dawson earned a 3rd and 4th place finish in 20" Exc B Standard.

Peter & Peggy Grandillo Sr. are very proud to announce that... 12" Suntera Molly Ann Grandillo earned her Novice Jumpers title at the Westmoreland County Obedience Training Club agility trial on September 6th, 2009. In that run, Molly came in 1st place with a perfect score well under course time. Again, Molly trotted past her cousins with a gleeful grin while growling, "I'm catching up to yunz."

#### From Kristen Johnson:

Rosy and I were thrilled to receive our AKC open jumpers title at the Neville Island agility trial on September 13, 2009. Special thanks to our agility instructors, Pete and Shelley, and to all our agility friends for their support. We couldn't have done it without you!!

#### **From Clare Schmalz:**

Russell (Westie) has gotten his Rally Novice Title at the Westmoreland trials this September.

#### From Brad & Stephanie Barber:

Our 20-month-old rough sable, Lily Rose, (Tartanside Cadence) took Winners' Bitch, Best of Winners and Best of Breed at the Beaver show on Sunday, 10/4/09.



#### K-9ER DEMOS

#### **HALLOWEEN THEME:**

**Tender Care In** in Greentree - Thursday, October 15 @ 10:30 am

Country Meadows Nursing Center - Wednesday, October 28 @ 7:30 Pm. No Demo Just Doggie Halloween Dress-Up)

McMurray Manor Care - Friday, October 30 @ 2:00 Pm (Also Doggie Halloween Dress-Up)

Overlook Green - Saturday, October 31 @ 1:30 Pm (Regular Halloween Performance)

#### **CHRISTMAS THEME:**

**Senior Care** In Mckeesport - Saturday, November 14, @1:00 Pm

Country Meadows Living Center (First Bldg. In Complex) - Saturday, November 21 @ 2:00 Pm.

Riverside Care Center In Mckeesport - Saturday, December 5, @ 2:00 Pm.

I'd like to extend a big 'Thank You' to Caroline Chapman and all the K-9ers who continue donating their time to spend with others. You are all greatly appreciated!

#### **GIFT CERTIFICATES**

KCTC gift certificates are now available, and can be used for any KCTC class. They make great holiday gifts! A sample is shown on our website. They are available in any denomination. Just send your check to our mailing address, or give it to Pam Lewis. She will then send you a gift certificate in the amount you request.

### CANINE FIRST-AID KIT

We now have a doggie firstaid kit in the office, in the cabinet with **THE RED CROSS**. The kit contains a list of items inside of it. If you use up anything, please inform our Training Director (Lucy) so that we can replace it.

#### MEMBERS TO BE VOTED ON

Walter Piroth who has taken his Shelties, Ozzy and Willow, to advanced agility classes. Walter is endorsed by Denise Letterman and Terri Chasser.

Kelsey Hutter who has taken Basic Obedience and Basic Agility with her toy poodle, Pookie. She is endorsed by Marian Roznowski and Lucy McCloskey.



NEW MEMBERS VOTED IN:

Terry Murphy and her Rat

Terriers, Zoey and Izzie WendyLoreti and her Golden Retrievers, Spike, Z and Penn Ginny Craven and her Rott/Pooddle mix, Jake Mike Kuhlman and his Basset Hound, Apollo

# This is the Story of "Mason – The Runaway Dog"

Mason is a Bernese mountain dog. He is 16 months old. He has lived in a kennel his entire life with many other dogs. The lady who owned Mason lives in Harrisburg. She did not want him anymore because he would not make a good show dog so she gave him to my mom (**Arden Reihing**). Because Mason lived in a kennel his whole life, he did not have much contact with people.

On Sunday morning Mason ran away. He ran away because he was confused about his new home and probably was trying to get back to his old home in Harrisburg. The whole neighborhood and the police were out looking for him. Signs with his picture were posted on telephone poles. Even at night, people were out with flashlights looking for him. Anytime someone would spot him, he would dash back into the woods. He was very frightened.

The next morning Animal Control set a trap for Mason by the railroad tracks. That was the last place he was seen. They put cat food inside the trap (yep, dogs LOVE cat food!) and three McDonalds hamburgers outside the trap to lure him into the trap. My mom, my sister, Terri and myself decided to take Jake (our dog) to the railroad tracks. Maybe Jake could find Mason.

When Jake got out of the car, he started to sniff around. He went straight to the trap and ate the three hamburgers. It was almost as though he was saying, "Don't worry, we don't need this silly trap, I'll find him. I'll just eat my reward now!" Then he got down to business. Jake put his nose to the ground and went to work. He sniffed, he zigged and zagged and walked back forth across the railroad tracks. Suddenly, he walked off the tracks and headed to the edge of the woods. He disappeared into the woods. We spotted dog paw tracks so we knew he was on to something! We waited at the edge of the woods and tried not to make any noise. The woods were dark and very thick with thorns and brush. We waited for a long time peering into the woods hoping to see some sign of Mason.

All of a sudden, there was a shadow coming out of the woods. It was Jake. Then another shape, it was Mason!! Jake was leading Mason out of the woods! We were so excited, we wanted to yell, but remained very still. We could see that Mason was still afraid. Softly, I said, "Hello Mason- Come Jake! Jake came and sat next to me and Mason quietly followed him. I slowly reached down and picked up his leash. We were so happy!!! I think he trusted Jake and was so tired, thirsty and hungry that he finally gave up running. My mom and Terri and I were so happy we cried. We all cried happy tears and hugged Mason. We turned and looked for Jake. Guess what he was doing? Yep, rolling around and around in a big icky puddle of mud! Jake was happy too!!

Thanks to Arden Reihing and her daughter for this heartwarming and TRUE story about Mason, her dog.



#### Alyssa And Yuri

Certified by Therapy Dogs international are looking for TDI certified teams to join with them in The PAWSitive Reading Club

The PAWSitive Reading Club is a program Alyssa created in the fall of 2007. Its mission is to provide children, including special needs children, with the opportunity to be accepted and receive love and companionship from a furry pal; provide a relaxing, non-threatening environment where a child feels encouraged to read to his new canine pal; and to collect new and gently used books, which it will then distribute to its participants so the child will be motivated to read at home also.

The PAWSitive Reading Club has been invited by two local school districts into their classrooms this fall. If you are a TDI certified handler/dog team interested in volunteering in an elementary classroom one or two afternoons for an 8-week commitment or are interested in volunteering at its evening clubs in the South Hills area, please contact Alyssa at <a href="mailto:paws.Alyssa@verizon.net">paws.Alyssa@verizon.net</a> or phone 412-831-2947. If you and your dog are interested in becoming TDI certified, please contact the Keystone Canine Club @ 412-833-2211 or infor@keystonecanine.com

PAWS Clubs have been held at a local daycare center, summer camps and camps for children with special needs. To date, its teams have read on a weekly basis to over 150 children with each child receiving a new/gently used book to keep.

Alyssa received her Girl Scout Gold Award for the PAWSitive Reading Club. She has also received the Violet Richardson Awards from the Soroptimist International of the Americas Eastern Region recognizing the positive influence of the PAWSitive Reading Club and Alyssa's programs for exceptional children in her community. Recent articles about her program can be viewed at "PAWSitive Pursuits." The Almanac, 7/8/2009, www.thealmanac.net; Kurtz, Devein. "Teenager Brings Compassion To Helping Children." Pittsburgh Tribune Review, 18 June '09; D3; "Bethel Park Teen Has A Passion For Special Needs Children." www.Triblive.com

# KEYSTONE CANINE TRAINING CLUB'S HOLDIDAY DINNER, AWARDS AND DOG GIFT EXCHANGE

#### **HOLIDAY DINNER**

Location: Tambellini's Bridgeville Date: Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> Social Hour: Begins at 6:30 pm

Dinner: 7:30 pm

#### **DOG GIFT EXCHANGE**

Details for the HOLIDAY DINNER and the DOG GIFT EXCHANGE will be available at the next membership meeting in November.

#### **AWARDS**

We will be giving out the awards for the year at the Holiday dinner. If your dog has earned any new awards or titles from October 31, 2008 thru October 31, 2009, please forward that information to Lori Ritchey, by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

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#### 2009 KEYSTONE CANINE TRAINING CLUB AWARDS FORM

Owners Name					
Owners Phone #					
Dog's Name as it is to appear on award (including past titles) for example: Ch. Sweetbriar Anna Francesca, JH, CDC, TDI					
New Titles for 2009 (earned from 10/31/08 to 10/31/09) (including designation description) For example: RN_Rally Novice or CD -Companion Dog	n and				

Please use a separate form for each dog Please return this form to me by November 15, 2009 one of 3 ways:

email: <a href="mailto:lritchey@prudentialpreferred.com">lritchey@prudentialpreferred.com</a>

Mail: 2527 Lindenwood Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15241

Fax: 412.833.5956 (please put my full name on cover sheet)

Total Recall
Thank you,
Lori Ritchey 412-854-3075

# Premier Designs Jewelry is raising funds for



Come have some fun and support a worthy cause!

Get a head start on your Holiday shopping!

Shop with Premier Designs, affordable high fashion jewelry; proceeds benefit the animal shelter.

# **November 07, 2009**

At the North Strabane Township Municipal Building 1929 Route 519 South – off Route 19 (between South Hills Village and the Meadows)

Events include Jewelry Show and Sales, Bake Sale, Chinese Auction and more!

1:30 - Doors Open (prizes for the first folks to arrive!) 2:00 - Brief Jewelry Presentation

# 2:30 – 4:00 Shopping 3:00 – Auction Drawings

KEYSTONE CANINE TRAINING CLUB Schedule of Classes - Session V - 2009						
CLASS	DAY	TIME	STARTS	INSTRUCTORS		
SMALL DOG HAPPY HOUR (5 week session) (Class for small dogs [35 lbs or less] 6 months of age or older.)	Friday	8:15 PM	Oct 23	Joyce Petrow (Lori Caruso, Barbara Newman)		
PUPPY KINDERGARTEN (Class for puppies up to and including 6 months of age.)	Friday	7:00 PM	Oct 23	Joyce Petrow (Lori Caruso, Barbara Newman)		
KID'S BASIC OBEDIENCE (Children must be between 7 and 12 years of age and accompanied by an adult.)	Thursday	6:30 PM	Sept 10	Lori Ritchey (Paula Shimko, Arden Reihing)		
PUPPY BASIC OBEDIENCE	Monday Monday	6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Sept 21 Sept 21	Ed Hanke (Toni Yurkovic, Pauline Kitchen) Toni Yurkovic (Ed Hanke, Pauline Kitchen, Lori Miller)		
BASIC OBEDIENCE	Saturday Sunday	11:00 AM 11:00 AM	Sept 12 Sept 13	Rod Sabatini (Paula Shimko) Marian Roznowski (Lori Miller, Mary Ann Snyder)		
OBEDIENCE FUN	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Ongoing	Ed Hanke		
NOVICE OBEDIENCE	Saturday	9:45 AM	Ongoing	Doris Reilly		
BASIC OBEDIENCE II	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Sept. 16	Sally Tress (Denise Letterman, Kristen Johnson)		
TDI/CGC (4 Weeks)	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Oct 7	Pam Lewis (Toni Yurkovic)		
CONFORMATION Ring Preparedness	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Nov 4	ClaraMarie Schmaltz		
K9ers	Sunday	6:00 PM	Ongoing	Caroline Chapman		
RALLY OBEDIENCE	Monday	8:30 PM	Sept 14	Lucy McCLoskey & Toni Yurkovic (Sue Wray)		
INTERMEDIATE AGILITY I	Wednesday	8:30 PM	Sept 16	Amy Wustin (Lucy McCloskey)		
BEGINNER'S AGILITY	Thursday	7:30 PM	Sept 10	Lucy McCloskey & Terri Chasser (Pam Lewis & Dan Goldberg)		
INTERMEDIATE AGILITY II	Thursday	8:30 PM	Sept 10	Pam Lewis & Dan Goldberg (Lucy McCloskey & Terri Chasser)		
AGILITY HANDLING COMPETITION (Small Dogs) COMPETITION (Large Dogs) NONCOMPETITION	Monday	12:00 PM 2:00 PM 3:30 PM	Sept 21	Shelley Wolf		

#### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - 2009**

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TDAA, Teacup Run Thrus	October 16	6:00 pm			
TDAA, Teacup Agility	October 17	9:30 am			
Trial					
TDAA Teacup Agility Trial	October 18	9:30 am			
Donna Rohaus	October 20	6:00 pm			
Westie Halloween Party	October 24	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm			
Donna Rohaus	October 29	9:30am-6:00pm 7:30pm-			
		9:30pm			

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