



TOTAL RECALL—SEPTEMBER 2009

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NOTES AND REMINDERS

A special Board and Membership meeting was held on Wednesday, **September 9, 2009, at the Club.** The purpose of the change in meeting date was so that the membership could vote on whether or not to have Marie Duthie, a canine massage therapist, use our facility. **THERE WILL BE NO MEETING ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.**

The next General Membership Meeting will be announced at a later date.

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.

ATTENTION MEMBERS

Reminder 1 – The cutoff date for sending in your dues is October 1. After that, you will be dropped from our rolls and will no longer be eligible for discounted class rates.

Reminder 2 – If you have renewed, but have not sent in a copy of your dog’s vaccination records, you are still welcome to come to our classes but your dog is not! This is for safety and liability reasons. Please send in copies of your dog’s vaccination records if you have not yet done so to:

Marian Roznowski, 1849 Fallowfield Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15216. Thank you.

**SUMMARY OF KCTC
MEMBERSHIP MEETING 8-21-09**

NEW CLASSES - We will start a Friday night "Small Dog Happy Hour" in October for dogs under 35 pounds who are over 6 months old. Big dogs are excluded so that the small dogs will not feel intimidated. The specific start date and class description will be posted on our website. We will also start a 4-week Conformation class, with emphasis on ring preparation and readiness. It will alternate with CGC/TDI on Wednesday nights, and will start in November.

RENEWING MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT SENT IN VACCINATION RECORDS - Marian will send an e-mail reminding renewing members to send in their vaccination records if they have not yet done so. Otherwise the dogs will not be allowed in classes because of safety and liability issues. Dan will also post a reminder on the website, along with a dues submittal reminder.

DOUBLE-SIDED BANNER - We will purchase a double-sided banner to hang permanently in the building.

K9ERS - The K9ers thanked Darcy Battisti for the nice portable sign she made for them to use during demos. It also has KCTC on the back, so can also be used for KCTC demos. The K9ers performed three demos during the last month, one of which was taped for Bethel Park TV's Tailwaggers program with Susie Roberti. Eight new demos are planned. The K9ers are also recruiting new dogs to join their program. Dogs must have a TDI certification.

NEW MEMBERS

- Brent and Heather Yates were voted in last month as new members, and

introduced themselves. They have a German Shepard.

- Laura Leonard was voted in. She has a Toy Poodle.
- Potential new member Terri Bricker introduced herself. She has Keeshonds and will be voted on next month.
- Potential new member Mike Kuhlman was introduced. He is a former member and has a Bassett Hound.

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 ASSISTANTS - Lucy McCloskey (Training Director) thanked all the new assistants for volunteering. Anyone else interested in assisting or teaching should contact Lucy.

RELAY FOR LIFE - Pam Lewis read a thank-you letter for our agility demo at the Relay for Life event to promote breast cancer awareness.

CLASS SUGGESTIONS - Pete Grandillo Jr. reported that he is planning to add website pages for agility (almost complete), obedience, and rally. The latter two depend upon volunteers to create the text. He also offered the following suggestions:

- Add 5 - 10 minutes more for agility classes
- To better simulate current practices in agility trials, apply rubber to contact obstacles (instead of sand) - would cost about \$50 - \$100 per obstacle and is applied by four coats of paint
- Add another agility class because current classes are full
- Hold a grooming seminar as a fundraiser

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING
HIGHLIGHTS 09-09-09**

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The K9ers continue to be very busy with demos planned almost every week. They have received lots of donations to KCTC.

NEW AGILITY CLASSES

Because our current agility classes are overcrowded, we are starting two new 4-week classes starting Wednesday November 11: Excellent Level Agility (competition-level class), and Introduction to Agility (for those with no previous experience). The Excellent class will extend to 7 weeks starting in January.

NEW RALLY CLASS

A 4-week ADPT Rally class will start in November.

DONNA ROHAUS

Donna will resume her private and group agility lessons in late October. The exact dates will be announced in the future.

INSTRUCTOR CLASS LIMITS

Instructors will be limited to two free classes per dog per week. For additional classes, the standard \$25 members' rate will apply.

NEW MEMBERS

Judy Miller, voted in last month, was introduced. New members Karen Morris and Teresa Bricker were voted in as members.

COMMUNITY DAY

Joanne Kerfonta is in charge of our table on September 12. She has solicited some donations.

KCTC VOICEMAIL

Darcy Battisti, who does our callbacks, gave a report on the calls we get. We averaged about 36 calls per month from April thru June, and 50 calls per month since. The majority of calls are for information about Puppy Kindergarten, Basic Obedience, and Puppy Basic.

NEW EQUIPMENT

We have obtained a double-sided banner (now hanging in the building) and two new wing jumps.

DOG MASSAGE

We discussed whether to invite Maria Duthie, a massage therapist, to come to KCTC on a monthly basis. We reviewed the advantages and disadvantages of her coming. We then voted to invite her by a 4 -1 margin. UPDATE: After the meeting, we found out that she has found another South Hills location so will not be coming to KCTC on a monthly basis. However, she is interested in doing another seminar for us early next year.

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BRAGS

Congratulations to Shelly Wolf and
MACH RUBY!!!



Ruby and Shelley earned their agility **MACH** title on Sunday, September 13 at the Neville Island trial. Shelley has earned a reputation as an outstanding instructor, and her **MACH** was richly deserved.

From Lori Ritchey:



We have a new family member, a Jack Russell Terrier named "Gernie". No need to tell me "I'm nuts"...I know that already but he is soooo cute!

From Dee Farrell:

Pebbles and I spent most of our August weekends traveling to and from Washingtonville, Ohio, for various agility trials. At her first CPE trial on August 8, Pebbles earned her first Q in Standard Level 1 with a second-place finish! We have no progress to report from the AKC trial on August 15-16. However, at the Four Seasons K9

Athlete Center TDAA trial on August 22-23, Pebbles earned three Qs, two titles, and eight ribbons! On August 22 she earned her TG1 (Teacup Games I) title, and on August 23 she earned her TBAD (Teacup Beginner Agile Dog) title. We returned home tired but happy!

From Denise Letterman:

At the Golden Triangle/Westmoreland Labor Day agility trials held in Cheswick, Vista Dei Hector of Troy RA, MX, MXJ, CL2-S, CL3-H, CL3-F, CL3-R, CGC, "Hector", qualified in 7 of 8 agility runs over 4 days. He earned 3 QQ's and 81 MACH points giving him a total of 12 QQ's and 287 MACH points. I am so proud of my little boy. 'Mom' now has 3 days to recover before our next agility trial.

From Stephanie Barber:

My Lily Rose, a sable rough collie of 18 months, took a reserve winners bitch at St. Clairsville. She also took Best Puppy in Sweeps at the Collie Club of Western Pennsylvania Puppy match.

From Tom and Phyllis Bandi:



Tom Bandi and Tiffany had a great weekend at the Washingtonville, OH Teacup Agility Trials.

Tiffany got her TDAA Intermediate Standard Title, as well as her TDAA Intermediate Games Title. For a ten-year-old dog, Tiffany proved she could still run when she wants to.

This may be as far as she can go, but we are so proud of her and her agility runs over the weekend.

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From Linda Dragoo:

Jazz earned her NAJ with 3 first place runs. Yippee!!

From Mark and Marsha Bookman:

Our Havanese, Lucy, got her AKC Novice Standard Agility Title in Washingtonville a couple of weeks back and then her AKC Open JWW Agility Title at Cheswick over Labor Day. We're very proud of her.

From Emil and Barb Pohodich:

At the Teacup Agility trial in Washingtonville Ohio Aug 22-23, Lexi received her standard beginner title and her games 1 title. Sadie received her standard beginner title and her games 2 title. We had a good time with our friends from Keystone and are proud of our dogs' accomplishments.

Congratulations!

Applying for Membership:

Mike Kuhlman (a former member) who has a Basset Hound named Apollo.

Wendy Loretta who has taken Basic Obedience, Basic Obedience 2 and Basic Agility with her Golden Retrievers Spike, Z, and Penn. They are endorsed by Denise Letterman and Toni Yurkovic.

Ginny Craven and her Rott/Poodle mix, Jake, who have taken Puppy Kindergarten and Basic Obedience and are endorsed by Ed Hanke and Barbara Newman.

Terry Murphy and her Rat Terrier Mixes, Zoey & Izzie. They have taken Agility I & II and are endorsed by Terry McCloskey and Amy Wustin.



New Members Voted in

Laura Leonard who has a toy Poodle named Mimi.

Voted in to membership at the Sept. 9 meeting were:

Karen Morris who, with her Daschund/JRT mix Trixie, have taken Feisty Fido and Beginning Agility classes.

Theresa Bricker who has Squeeze and Presto (Keeshonds) and they have taken Obedience and Agility classes.



NEW CLASS - SMALL DOG HAPPY HOUR!

Small Dog Happy Hour is a five-week long series of classes for dogs 35 pounds and under who are over six months old. We'll be doing a little bit of training, and then our little doggies will have the opportunity to socialize and play without being intimidated by any big dogs. This will include politely greeting both human and dog friends, recognizing what is (and is not) acceptable play behavior, and how to correct your dog using positive reinforcement. Because this class will have off-leash play time, class is limited to dog-friendly dogs. (Dog-aggressive dogs should attend our Feisty Fido class.) Please note that this class is not a substitute for a Basic Obedience or Puppy Obedience class.



K-9ER DEMOS

Atria of South Hills – September 12
@ 10:10 to 10:40am – Steeler Theme

Arden Courts – September 19 @ 2:00
pm – Steeler Theme

Hamilton Church – October 3 @ 11:30
am – Steeler Theme

Overlook Green – October 31 @ 1:30
pm – Halloween Demo (dogs and
handlers dress up)

Senior Care in McKeesport –
November 14 @ 1:00 pm Christmas
Theme

**Christian Mothers of St. Francis of
Assisi (Finleyville)** – November 19 @
7:30 pm - Dog Wedding or Christmas
Theme (This is still pending)

Riverside Care Center – December 5
@ 2:00 pm – Christmas Theme

**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!**

Equipment repairs

At the present time, all the equipment for obedience, agility and rally appears to be in good shape. If at any time equipment becomes broken, it needs to be taken out of service and notification forwarded to me at the earliest convenience. I may not always be able to return broken equipment to functional status in a couple of days time, but I will try to make it available as quickly as I can. My repair tools are rudimentary and extra repair pieces and parts are minimal so therefore I sometimes have to purchase parts or depend on the good graces of others to loan me a correct tool to complete a job.

Please do not lean equipment on the mirrors. Nobody needs seven years bad luck; especially if you are competing in any of the AKC venues. We must all be aware of possible hazards and avoid situations that could cause harm to our dogs, our clients or ourselves. Any and all hazards need to be reported immediately and steps taken to prevent accidents.

Thank you all for your cooperation in bringing to my attention items needing to be fixed. I will continue to do the best I can to maintain our equipment in tip top shape. Here's wishing you all a safe and fulfilling season.

Ed Hanke

**A big 'thank you' goes out to Ed
Hanke for all his dedication and hard
work. He is greatly appreciated!**

THERAPY DOGS MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

Having had nine dogs and three cats in my married lifetime, I enjoyed each one of them with all of their different personalities. It has just been in the last six years as I continued to train my dogs at Keystone Canine Club that I learned about Therapy Dogs International. Heidi, my Golden Retriever, is a beautiful, calm and obedient dog and has been doing therapy work for five years now and brings many smiles to the patients' faces. She has completed 230 therapy visits to date.

Three years ago I was fortunate to get another puppy, Colby, who was quite a challenge because of the high energy that a herding Australian Shepherd dog has. He is excited to meet other dogs and immediately wants to romp and play. I enjoy his spunky personality. He is loving, lovable, interested in people and likes to snuggle. Before he was two years old he became TDI certified and has turned out to be the best therapy dog without losing his desire to play with other dogs. Colby has now completed 70 therapy visits. He is a natural born therapy dog and the residents truly love him.

Our team of three visits seven nursing homes often and three libraries for the Reading to the Dogs program and has built relationships with the residents and children who look forward to our visits. These two dogs do everything together -- as one unit-- as we visit and perform tricks. These tricks always bring smiles, applause, aaahs and laughter. What a reward it is to be able to elicit these feelings and to raise the spirits of so many ill and forgotten people. We are welcomed back each time with happy

faces. Giving back to the community in this way builds a bond between the residents and our team of three. When one of our "friends" passes on, we mourn them and miss them. Their empty bed leaves an empty spot in my heart as well.

To all of you members who have gotten your dogs TDI certified and haven't yet taken that first step to put your therapy training into practice, try it once and you will be driven to continue because of the rewards that you receive in return. Your heart will explode with happiness to know that your therapy dogs have done a GREAT JOB of spreading joy and pleasure. As the saying goes, "TRY IT! YOU'LL LIKE IT".

Maybe we will see you on one of our visits some day. Be sure to say "hello".

Betty Jean Maier
Heidi, TDIAOV
Colby, TDIA



Thanks to Betty Jean for this very interesting and informative article.

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SHOW RING SEMINARS

Date: Sept. 19, 2009

Where: Hershey Lodge & Convention Center, Hershey PA.

See Frank Sabella, Peter Green, Margery Good and Charmin (2009 Crufts Best in Show) at Groom Expo's SHOW RING SEMINARS, an all-day program focusing on show ring handling and grooming.

LIVE ACTION DEMOS

Live-action subjects to be covered in the morning session: Formula for success in the show ring; Know your breed: Table and lead training puppies; Conditioning show prospects; Showing your dog in the ring; How styles of presentation vary slightly depending on the breed; Stacking your dog on the ground or on the table; Gaiting your dog; Baiting; The judge's examination and what to do as the judge goes over your dog, Patterns of movement in the ring and much more.

ALL PHASES OF COAT CARE

Afternoon sessions: All phases of coat care and grooming techniques for Poodles, Bichons Frises, Portuguese Water Dogs, Kerry Blue Terriers, West Highland White Terriers, Sealyham Terriers, Airedales and several other wire-coated terriers that are stripped or pulled.

For more information go to www.showringseminars.com for more details.

For information about, go to <http://www.groomexpo.com/ge09/>

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Sunday October 18, 2009

Hartwood Acres Concert Area, 4000 Middle Road, Allison Park, PA 15101

Come join the fun at our first Paws for the Cure dog walk featuring a one-mile walk around Hartwood Acres. We'll have contests for your pooches, sponsor tents and treats for you and your dog.

All proceeds benefit the Komen Pittsburgh Affiliate. **(Dogs only, please!)**

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[Click here to register or for more details](#)

Entry fee: \$ 15 - One dog with one person
(Fee includes one doggie bandana and one wag bag for the first 600 dogs)

\$ 5 - Each additional person without a dog

Enter your dog in any of the following contests:

(\$2 entry fee per contest day of event)

- Pooch and Person Look Alike
- Musical Sit and Stay
- Smallest Dog
- Best Dressed Dog (**Pink Costumes**, of course)

info@komenpittsburgh.org or call 412 342 0500.

From Gina Luisi and Miami: Miami and I are signed up. Members can sign up to walk with their dogs or if they can't walk that day, but want to donate, they can do so by clicking on this link to support Miami and me!

<http://race.pittsburghraceforthecure.org/goto/ginaluisi>

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IF YOU HAVE NOT YET PAID YOUR KCTC DUES FOR THIS YEAR, PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT NOTICE.

A few months ago, the Board decided that members who had not paid their dues would be kept on the mailing list until October 1 (two months past the normal renewal date). Any member who had not paid their dues by October 1 would then be deleted from the mailing lists – email as well as snail mail.

In addition to elimination from the mailing lists, if dues are not paid in full by October 1, instructors, assistants and K-9ers will no longer be able to participate in those activities, reduced class rates and free classes will no longer be available and they will forfeit their right to vote at the meetings.

If dues are not paid in full by October 1, any member in arrears will have to take classes at the regular non-member price and will have to go through the application process all over again in order to be reinstated to full membership.

If you don't remember if you have paid your dues, please email me at 19marian90@comcast.net or call me at 412-341-8109 and I'll be glad to let you know.

Please use the renewal form below and send it along with your check and copies of your dog(s) vaccinations to me at the address on the form. Thank you.

No exceptions will be made to the above.

Keystone Canine Club
Membership Renewal Form
July 2009 – June 2010

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Dog's Name: _____ Breed: _____

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How would you like to help out at the Club? _____

Please mail this form, along with your check and a copy of your dog's vaccination records to: Marian Roznowski, 1849 Fallowfield Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15216 prior to July 1, 2009. Thank you.

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KEYSTONE CANINE TRAINING CLUB SCHEDULE OF CLASSES-SESSION V-2009				
CLASS	DAY	TIME	STARTS	INSTRUCTORS
SMALL DOG HAPPY HOUR <i>(5 week session) (Class for small dogs [35 lbs or less] 6 months of age or older.)</i>	Friday	8:15 PM	Oct 23	Joyce Petrow (Lori Caruso, Barbara Newman)
PUPPY KINDERGARTEN <i>(Class for puppies up to and including 6 months of age.)</i>	Friday	7:00 PM	Oct 23	Joyce Petrow (Lori Caruso, Barbara Newman)
KID'S BASIC OBEDIENCE <i>(Children must be between 7 and 12 years of age and accompanied by an adult.)</i>	Thursday	6:30 PM	Sept 10	Lori Ritchey (Paula Shimko, Arden Reihing)
PUPPY BASIC OBEDIENCE	Monday	6:30 PM	Sept 21	Ed Hanke (Toni Yurkovic, Pauline Kitchen)
	Monday	7:30 PM	Sept 21	Toni Yurkovic (Ed Hanke, Pauline Kitchen, Lori Miller)
BASIC OBEDIENCE	Saturday	11:00 AM	Sept 12	Rod Sabatini (Paula Shimko)
	Sunday	11:00 AM	Sept 13	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)

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AGILITY HANDLING COMPETITION (Small Dogs) COMPETITION (Large Dogs) NONCOMPETITION	Monday	12:00 PM 2:00 PM 3:30 PM	Sept 21	Shelley Wolf
ADVANCED AGILITY I & II	Tuesday	7:30 PM 8:30 PM	Sept 22 Sept 22	Pete Grandillo, Shelley Wolf, Linda Dragoo

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - 2009

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