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NOTES AND REMINDERS.....

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: FRIDAY, April 16, 2010 @ 8:00 pm at the Bethel Boro Building in the Council Chambers Room

ALL KEYSTONE MEMBERS

As you know from previous issues of Total Recall and in accordance with our Bylaws: **There will be elections at the MAY meeting for the positions of Vice President, Corresponding Secretary/Membership Chair, Training Director, and Director at Large. If you are interested in any of these positions, you MUST attend the APRIL meeting in person and must be nominated for the position by another member who is in attendance.** Once you have been nominated and accepted the nomination, your name will be placed on the ballot for the election to be held at the May meeting.

The meeting will be held at the Bethel Boro building on Friday, April 16, at 8 p.m.

TEACUP TRIAL REMINDER

Don't forget to send in your registration form if you plan to compete.

KCTC MEMBERSHIP MEETING - SUMMARY MARCH 19, 2010

NEW MEMBER - Kelly Choate was voted in as a new member.

OLD BUILDING SIGN - Paul Battisti found an old Keystone Canine Club sign on the side of the road near our building. He restored it, framed it, and graciously presented it to the club. It is now hanging on the wall of the club as an heirloom.

BUILDING SEARCH – A potential move to a larger building was discussed, including the pros and cons and costs involved. Related issues were also discussed. This item will be the subject of another upcoming meeting.

HEIRLOOM RESTORATION

Thanks to Paul and Darcy Battisti for rescuing and restoring a KCTC heirloom – an old hand-made poster they found on the side of the road. It is from our very early days in the 1990s. Paul presented it to the club at our March membership meeting, and it is now hanging proudly on the wall at the club.

REFURBISHED POTTY AREA

Thanks to Ed Hanke and Paul Battisti for refurbishing our potty area with new wood, mulch, and trash can.

MAY CLASSES AND EVENTS

We will be offering various events in May to fill the gap until Session III classes begin in early June:

Clicker Training will begin Monday, May 3 at 7:30 pm

Intro to APDT Rally Tuesday May 4, 7:30 pm

Intro to Soft (Timid) Dog Agility Tuesday May 18, 7:30 pm

Conformation run-thrus with Bill Colbert will begin Wednesday, May 5, at 8:00 pm

Agility run-thrus will begin Thursday, May 6, at 7:30 (for less experienced dogs) and 8:30 (for more experienced dogs).

Rally run-thrus will begin on Sunday, May 2 at 3:30 pm.

NEW CLASSES

We are offering the following new classes in Session III, starting in June:

Agility Training for the Soft (Timid) Dog

Class will start on Wednesday, June 2, at 8:30 pm.

This is for dogs that need to be motivated to run faster.

Beyond Beginners Agility

Class will start on Saturday, June 5, at 2:00 pm.

This is for dogs with some agility experience but not yet ready for Intermediate Agility.

Teacup Agility

Classes will start on June 7, at 3:00 and at 4:00 pm.

This is for Teacup-size dogs and will use our new Teacup equipment.

Advanced Rally

Class will start Sunday, June 6 at 4:00 pm.

CLASS ENROLLMENTS

Session III classes are now open for enrollment. The schedule is shown at the end of this newsletter.

BRAGS

From Denise Letterman:



Caesar, Troy, and Hector competed at the CPE agility trials held in Washingtonville, OH on March 12th and 13th. My little Hector earned eight 1st place wins giving him another perfect weekend ribbon. He also received the CTL4-H (Level 4 Handler Games) title. Troy Q'ed in 7 out of 8 runs earning one 1st place, four 2nd place, one 3rd place, and one 5th place wins. Troy also earned the CTL4-H (Level 4 Handler Games) title. Caesar Q'ed 7 out of 8 runs earning one 2nd, four 3rd, one 4th, and one 5th place wins.

The boys also competed at the Youngstown/Westmoreland AKC agility trials held in Washingtonville, OH on March 19th, 20th, and 21st. Hector Q'ed 5 out of 6 runs (mom's mistake on the first run) taking home one 4th place, 2 QQ's, and 56 MACH points. He now has a total of 448 MACH points and 18 QQ's. Luckily I was able to convince Hector to take down the 'New Handler Wanted' sign he put on his crate. Troy walked away with three 1st place wins in Novice JWW Preferred earning his NJP (Novice Jumpers Preferred) title. He also received two 1st place wins in Novice Standard Preferred. Troy was enjoying the novice courses so much that during his first standard run when he reached the top of the A-Frame, he whipped out his Superman Cape, tied it around his neck, took two steps and tried to fly to the next obstacle. He almost made it -- NQ!! This was Caesar's

first AKC trial. He earned two 1st and one 2nd place wins in Novice JWW Preferred earning his NJP (Novice Jumpers Preferred) title. He also earned one 1st place win in Novice Standard Preferred. On Saturday, for some unknown reason, the teeter became a very scary obstacle, which carried over to Sunday. Oh well, there's always another trial. I am really proud of my three boys.

From Rita & Wayne Slepceвич:

We are happy to report that at the WPKA Rally Trials on March 27th and 28th, U-AGI Homespun Sweet Home Chicago CD, RE, AX, MXJ, OAP, AJP, NF, AG.I.J, NAC, NJC, OGC, RS-O, JS-O, GS-O, CL3-H, CGC, TDI "Hannah", Double Q'ed in Excellent B and Advanced B both days, earning her first two RAE legs along with a 3rd and 4th place. At the same trials, Homespun Cubbie Blue RN "Addisyn", earned her first two RA legs, one with a 3rd place.

From Ben Ritchey:

Ben Ritchey won 1st place in open dog and winners dog at the WPKA show in Pittsburgh on March 29.

From Lori Ritchey:

Gernie, our Jack Russell Terrier, passed his CGC!!!!

From Pam Lewis:

Crystal earned her Rally Advanced title at the WPKA trail at the Pittsburgh Convention Enter.

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From D. Hareza:



Rio, my husband, David and I attended our first agility trial on March 13 at Washingtonville, OH. We had a wonderful time. Everyone was very friendly. Sue and Dave Wray were there to support us and run Heidi. Denise Letterman and the boys were also there with tips for us. She even walked the course with me a couple of times. I thank all of you for your friendship and support. We couldn't have done it without you all! I also would like to thank all of the instructors I have had through the last few years at Keystone. From the puppy kindergarten classes to the basic obedience classes to rally to the agility. Each built upon the next to get us to the point we are at now. But most of all I want to thank Rio. He has given me a memory that I will never forget. He gave me his all. He ran with joy. Even if we had not Q'd the happiness in his eyes would have been more than enough. To you Rio and the Q's in Wildcard, Fullhouse, Standard and Jumpers you earned. You are my hero.

From Joanne Kerfonta:



Corey is wondering what exactly happened to the rest of the bunny since he has its ears. The nursing home residents loved this photo

From Barbara Newman:

Sterling and I were surrounded by many of our KCC friend at the WPKA event at the convention center. We accomplished 2 of our 10 necessary legs in Rally Advanced/Excellent. We are attempting a third leg Friday, April 9th in Youngstown. As we count it KCC received a minimum of 21 qualifying ribbons in Obedience and Rally. New to competing was Wendy A. with Zoe – they attained 2 Q's in Rally novice and one in Obedience. I am stopping calling out successes, as I do not want to miss anyone – human or dog – by omission. Sterling and I want to congratulate all and wish all, no matter which venue in the upcoming season, safety and success.

CONGRATULATIONS!



COMMUNITY
OUTREACH
FOR KCTC

FUTURE DEMOS:

Hawthorne Woods Assisted Living –
April 10 – Doggie Wedding Theme

Birthday Party on May 8 – Doggie
Wedding Theme

Notes from Caroline....

There was a gentleman at Locust Grove who inquired as to whether anyone at KCTC would be interested in performing at a facility with Hospice patients.

The gentleman also wants to find people or an individual willing to visit a Hospice patient in a private home.

You can let me know or you can get in touch with Eric Fithyan, phone 412-380-9500 cell# 412-861-3563

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**IT'S NEVER EASY TO SAY
GOOD-BYE'**



**A TRIBUTE TO
TOBY
MCCLOSKEY**

We were all saddened to learn that Toby, our

Training Director Lucy's beloved Sheltie, lost his battle with lymphoma just after his fifth birthday. Toby was a very versatile dog and achieved a lot in his short time with us. He won Excellent-level titles in Agility and in Rally Obedience, and was a TDI-certified Therapy Dog. He was also a great ambassador for KCTC. He was an integral part of our K-9ers demo group, and was most recently the groom in their doggie weddings. He also participated in the Peters Township 'Read to the Dogs Program' for kids. All of this shows what a great trooper he was, and what a great job Lucy did in training him. We will all miss him. We wish the best for Lucy and her new dog, Sonny.

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THERAPY DOG GOES TO COLLEGE.

Imagine walking through the halls at college and seeing a dog with a happily wagging tail coming to greet you. I would imagine that would set the good mood of your attitude for the rest of your stressful day. Well that is exactly what Heidi, my golden retriever, did for some students who we met on our way to our classroom.

Heidi and I had been invited to participate to speak to a class at CCAC - South Campus on the subject of pet therapy volunteering. We have experience with nursing home volunteering, hospice visits, reading to the dog programs and community and charitable functions, so we accepted the invitation.

Since the main emphasis of this workshop was on hospice care, I requested permission to invite my friend and mentor, Arden Reihing, to also speak since she is certified in hospice care. Heidi and I visit the hospice patients but are not certified. Arden and her previous Bernese Mountain dog, Buck, made 500 visits together, many of which were with hospice patients. Since these students were interested in volunteering their time to help others, I wanted them to have the best information on hospice volunteering that I could provide. I knew Arden was the person who could do a great job with that, and she did just that. Then individually we explained what we do and our reasons and passion for volunteering with our dogs. Each of us told of just a few visits of how our

therapy dogs had improved the patients' spirits and how their responses touched our hearts. I think the entire class felt our passion and expressed it with their own tears.

Therapy dogs have intuition into the feelings, mood and health of the patient and express themselves quite appropriately. It never ceases to amaze me when I watch the dogs at work. They just know what needs to be done, and they do it so naturally. They can get the patient to do things that the doctors, nurses and therapists cannot. They are truly amazing creatures of God!

Thanks to my dog, Heidi, and to my friend, Arden, for being wonderful examples of caring and compassionate volunteers..

Betty Jean Maier
Heidi TDIRVA

Welcome To New Member

Voted into membership were Kelly Choate and her Portuguese Water dog, Santos. They have taken Puppy Kindergarten and Basic Obedience II.

Applying for Membership:

Amy Sandhagen and her Lhasa Apsos, Curly Sue and Hallie, who have taken Shy dog, Basic I and Basic II and are endorsed by Toni Yurkovic and Pauline Kitchen

Debra Aheimer and her Cavalier King Charles, Blaze, who have taken Puppy Basic and Basic II and are endorsed by Toni Yurkovic and Pauline Kitchen

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KEYSTONE CANINE TRAINING CLUB
Schedule of Classes - Session III – 2010

Please note - No classes will be held July 2, 3, or 4

CLASS	DAY	TIME	START	INSTRUCTORS
Puppy Kindergarten <i>(Class open only to puppies up to and including 6 months of age).</i>	Friday	7:00 PM	June 4	Joyce Petrow (Lori Caruso, Barbara Newman, Wendy A., Linda Kuzbel, Shelley Wolf)
Shy Dog <i>(4 week class)</i>	Friday	8:30 PM	June 4	Joyce Petrow (Lori Caruso, Barbara Newman)
Basic Obedience	Saturday Sunday	11:00 AM 11:00 AM	June 5 June 6	Rod Sabatini (Paula Shimko.) Marian Roznowski (Lori Miller, Maryann Snyder)
Kid's Agility <i>(Children must be between 8 and 14 years of age and accompanied by an adult)</i>	Thursday	6:15 PM	June 3	Amy Wustin (Arden Reihing, Paula Shimko)
Puppy Basic Obedience <i>(Puppies 6 months up to 1 year old)</i>	Monday Monday	6:30 PM 7:30 PM	June 7 June 7	Ed Hanke, Toni Yurkovic (Pauline Kitchen) Ed Hanke, Toni Yurkovic (Pauline & Joanne)
Basic Obedience II	Monday	8:30 PM	June 7	Toni Yurkovic (Pauline Kitchen, Joanne)
K9ers	Sunday	6:00 PM	Ongoing	Caroline Chapman
Novice Obedience	Saturday	9:45 AM	Ongoing	Doris Reilly
TDI/CGC (5 Weeks)	Wednesday	7:00 PM	May 5	Pam Lewis & Dan Goldberg (Denise Letterman)
Rally Obedience	Tuesday	6:15 PM	June 8	Toni Yurkovic (Sue Wray)
Advanced Rally	Sunday	4:00 PM	June 6	Barbara Newman, Lori Ritchey
Intermediate Agility I	Wednesday	7:30 PM	June 2	Amy Wustin (Dan Goldberg)
Beginner's Agility	Thursday	7:30 PM	June 3	Terri Chasser, Pam Lewis, & Dan Goldberg
Beyond Beginner's Agility	Saturday	2:00 PM	June 5	Pam Lewis, Dan Goldberg & Amy Wustin
Intermediate Agility II	Thursday	8:30 PM	June 3	Pam Lewis, Dan Goldberg, & Terri Chasser
Agility Handling for Competition <i>(Small Dogs 16 and under)</i> <i>(Large Dogs 16 and over)</i>	Monday Monday	12:00 PM 1:30 PM	June 7 June 7	Shelley Wolf (Pete Grandillo Sr)
Teacup Agility <i>(Fun & Competition)</i>	Monday Monday	3:00 PM 4:00 PM	June 7 June 7	Shelley Wolf (Tom Bandi)
Advanced Agility I & II	Tuesday	7:30 PM 8:30 PM	June 1	Pete Grandillo Jr., Linda Dragoo
Soft (Timid) Dog Agility	Wednesday	8:30 PM	June 2	Denise Letterman (Terri Chasser)
Conformation (4 Weeks) Ring Preparedness	Wednesday	6:30 PM	June 9	Clara Marie Schmaltz

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