



## TOTAL RECALL - DECEMBER 2010

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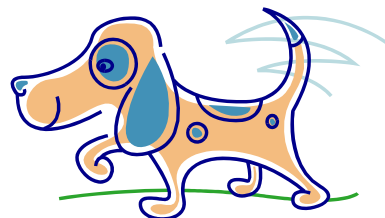
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### NOTES AND REMINDERS.....

**NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** January 21 at 8:00 pm at the Bethel Park Boro Building.

#### The annual "Hair of the Dog Party"

We will be having the annual party once again at 9:00 am January 1, 2011 and will continue in somewhat subdued mode at the Club until noon in deference to those of us revelers who may have imbibed a bit too much of the holiday spirit(s) from the night before. Come join us as we kick off the New Year with a jumpstart of the activity we hold near and dear which includes our furry four footed friends. Should you happen to have some comestibles left over from the night before which you would care to share, we can help you dispose of them. Bringing something is not mandatory. Staying the whole three hours is not necessary. What is mandatory is that you bring your dog and a strong commitment to spend quality time with your dog and share in the responsibility of making this a memorable year for Keystone Canine Training Club.



## NOVEMBER 19 MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUMMARY

**BUILDING ITEMS** - Our utility bills, especially the water bill, have been high. We have fixed a problem with one of the toilets, which should correct the excessive water usage problem. Please turn off all lights and turn down the heat when leaving the building. Also please report any problems (like leaking bathroom fixtures) to any Board member. We are getting estimates to replace the cracked window, and have repaired the faulty garage door. Finally, please keep the building neat and orderly -- put back any equipment or chairs to the place where you found them.

**PARKING** - Toni will talk to the manager of the restaurant next door about his patrons using our parking spaces during evening classes.



## HOLIDAY PARTY - Over 50

people attended our holiday party on December 6 at Tambellini's. We enjoyed delicious food and each other's company. We exchanged doggie gifts and gave out awards for 2010. This year, 48 dogs earned 162 titles -- a new record for KCTC! Special thanks go to Lucy McCloskey (who organized the party and made all the arrangements), Lori Ritchey (who was in charge of the awards), Pam Lewis (who kindly donated new KCTC coffee mugs to all), Sue and Dave Wray (who gave doggie treats to all), and Amy Wustin (who brought the delicious Bethel Bakery cake for dessert).



## NEW MEMBERS VOTED IN AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING

Joanne Schreiber and her Shetland sheepdog, Skye were voted in.

Becky & Reed Sims were voted in with their Papillons and Cairn terrier, Reny, Raider, Jinxy and Fluko.

Crisanne L. Tellin and her Border Collie Cecil were voted in at the November meeting.

## APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

Myles & Laura Lilley are applying for membership. They are endorsed by Lucy McCloskey and Sharon Hareza. They have Border Collies Oliver and Emmy. They have gone to Basic Obedience II and beginner's agility and beyond beginner's agility.

## ANGEL RIDGE RESCUE DONATIONS

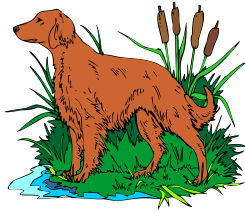
In keeping with our annual tradition, we are collecting doggie toys and treats for the Angel Ridge Animal Rescue. If you have any unused doggie items, please put them in the bin in the entryway at the club.



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## **NEXT CLASS SESSION AND NEW CLASSES**

Session I for 2011 will start January 3. The schedule is posted on our website, and we are now taking enrollments. The following new classes are offered in this Session:



### **Nose Work**

Dogs have an amazing sense of smell and a natural desire to hunt. The

sport of K9 Nose Work was developed by detection dog trainers. Level One (Introduction) will teach you how to encourage and develop your dog's natural scenting abilities by using their desire to hunt. It's a great class for your dog to have fun, build confidence, and burn lots of mental and physical energy. This class is Tuesday at 7:30 pm. Levels Two (Intro to Odor) and Level Three (skill development) will be offered after the Level One class.



### **Puppy and Young Dog Agility**

This class will work on agility fundamentals for puppies and young

dogs that may not be old enough for jumping and weaving. It will work on focus, control, and motivation, with groundwork for motion and turns, and work with tunnels and flat boards. Also there will be fun games for you and your pup. This class is Wednesday at 6:00 pm.

### **Agility Games**

This class will introduce games typically used in agility trials, where handler strategy and/or distance skills are needed. However, competition experience is not necessary - just come and have fun with your dog! This class is Friday at 7:00.

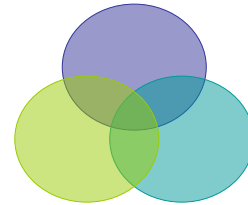
### **Puppy & Basic Obedience**

We are also starting a daytime Puppy Basic Obedience class (Wednesday at 10:00 am), and bringing back

### **Obedience Fun Night**

We are bring back an old favorite Obedience Fun Night (Thursday at 8:00 pm).

## **Community Outreach**



**Christmas break from December 5 2010 until January 1, 2011.**

**Southminster Day Care - January 7**

**Riverside Care Center - January 15**

**Washington County Health Center  
January 22 - Doggie Wedding**

# BRAGS

## From Elaine Kelvington:

Sawyer aka CH Kelvington's Talisman CDX RE AX AXJ OF HT CGC TDI VCX qualified at the Youngstown All Breed Training Club's agility trial today (Dec. 4, 2010) to get his 6th Master's leg in JWW. That puts him at 6 legs both in jww and in standard towards his Masters agility titles.

## From Joanne Schreiber:

Skye recently earned her Teacup Games 1 title (TG1) at the Keystone Teacup Agility Trial. Skye is also a certified therapy dog and has completed over 80 therapy visits.

## From Peter & Yvette Grandillo:

Peter & Yvette Grandillo Jr. are very proud to announce that Cammi, Dawson, and Bryce had a successful weekend of competition at the Mountaineer Kennel Club on November 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>.

Cammi qualified in all four runs in Exc B P 12" earning her four 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes. Dawson qualified in two runs earning 32 MACH points and 1 double Q in Exc B 20". Bryce qualified in all four runs with two 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes, and one 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in Exc B 16". Bryce also earned two double Q's and 98 MACH points over the two day weekend.

More importantly, Bryce earned his Master Jumpers Title and Cammi earned her Master Jumpers Preferred 2 Title.

## From Bonnie McKeown:

Ian and Aiden got their first leg in Novice A in Rally on 10/2/10. Also Ian got fourth place in Novice A in Rally. This happened at the Westmoreland County Obedience Training Club, Inc. Rally Trial at Delmont, PA.

## From Pam Lewis:

Icey earned her 5th Masters title in Preferred Jumpers with Weaves. Icey is now over 12 years old, and luckily is still healthy, active, and loves agility!

## From Lucy McCloskey:



Well this will be the last brag for Sonny in 2010. He has had a great half a year at trials.

This past Thanksgiving Day weekend we attended 2 days, 5 trials and 2 runs per trial at Washingtonville, OH doing APDT Rally.

Sonny qualified in all 10 runs, earned multiple placements and three more titles, which are RLX1, RLX2 and his second championship title ARCHX. It is now time for Sonny to enjoy the Holidays and to get some well-deserved rest.

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### From Dee Farrell:

November was a busy month for us, with agility trials for three weekends in a row. Pebbles and Pixie were determined to keep each to a one-Q weekend, but I am pleased with each and every one of their accomplishments. On November 7, Pebbles earned a 2nd-place Q in Level 2 Snooker at the Four Seasons K9 Athlete Center CPE trial. On November 13, Pixie earned a 1st-place Q in Beginner Standard and completed her TBAD title at the Splash 'n Dash TDAA trial. At the same trial on November 14, Pebbles earned a 3rd-place Q in Games III. On November 20, Pebbles earned her first Q in her first attempt at Novice Preferred FAST at the Mountaineer Kennel Club AKC trial; and she had a 1st-place finish. It has been an amazing agility year for us, and it has been a pleasure and a privilege for me to compete on both Team Pebbles and Team Pixie this year.

### From Joanne Kerfonta:



### From the Donovans:



The Donovan dogs went to the Dog Scout Texas Mini Camp Nov 4-7 and earned a total of eleven badges. Gyp earned Carting and Search and Rescue, Faith earned Art of Shaping (painting) and Search and Rescue, Sadie earned four agility badges, Art of Shaping, Backpacking and Manners. Fiona learned to swim and will get her Puppy Paddlers badge once she completes the requirements of the Dog Scout Badge (similar to CGC). Sadie's painting won the people's choice award and she earned more badges than any other dog at camp. For more information about Dog Scouts go to their website [www.dogscouts.org](http://www.dogscouts.org).

**CONGRATULATIONS!**



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## Poisonous Holiday Plants

Bright ornamental plants are a great way to dress up the house during the holidays and a dreary winter. Pet owners should be aware; however, that many of these common plants are poisonous to pets.

Toxicity ranges from mild to severe, and the amount of plant consumed determines how sick a pet may become. In general, gastrointestinal upset is the most common finding, but if enough plant material is ingested, seizures, coma or death is possible. Read this Quick Tip to familiarize you with holiday poisonous plants.

Naturally curious puppies and kittens and pets may want to sample some of the new-in-the-house greens. Dose is size-dependent, so puppies and kittens are most often at greatest risk for plant poisonings.

### **Poinsettia Plant**

Many people associate the [Poinsettia](#) plant with extreme toxicity, but this is not entirely true. In fact, it is almost an urban legend, dating back to 1919, [according to Snopes](#). The sap of Poinsettias is considered to be mildly toxic/irritating, and will probably cause nausea or vomiting, but not death. It is better to err on the side of caution, though, and keep pets away from this plant.

### **Mistletoe and Holly**

A couple of holiday plants, specifically [Mistletoe](#) and [Holly](#), are considered to be moderately to severely toxic, and you should call your veterinarian or poison control center immediately for specific advice.

### **Lilies and Daffodils**

Additionally, plant bulb kits featuring [Amaryllis](#) and other plants in the lily family, [Narcissus](#) and other plants in the daffodil family, are popular gift items at this time of year. Pet owners should be aware that these plants are toxic to pets, sometimes with severe symptoms of gastrointestinal signs, cardiac arrhythmias, and tremors and convulsions.

### **Christmas Tree**

Don't forget about the [Christmas tree](#). Christmas trees are considered to be mildly toxic. The fir tree oils can be irritating to the mouth and stomach, causing excessive drooling or vomiting. The tree needles are not easily digested; possibly causing GI irritation, vomiting, gastrointestinal obstruction or puncture. As noted earlier, the amount of trouble depends on how much is consumed. Many times, pets don't consume mass quantities of tree material.

### **Common Clinical Signs Seen**

Signs most commonly seen with toxic plant ingestion relate to the gastrointestinal tract: vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, and sometimes excessive salivation (drooling). In some cases, such as holly berry ingestion, tremors or seizures may be seen, followed by coma and death.

### **Stay Safe - Watch Your Plants and Your Pets**

Monitor your pet's interest in the plants. To be 100% safe, do not bring toxic live plants into your home. If unsure about a plant, [look it up to check toxicity](#). Monitor your pet's interest in eating plants, and place plants out of reach. Check the plants for any signs of chewing or missing leaves. If unsure, plastic plants are an option (with care taken not to let those get ingested, either!).

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**KEYSTONE CANINE TRAINING CLUB**

**Schedule of Classes - Session I – 2011 Classes are for Seven Weeks Unless Noted**

**Specialty Classes**

Class	Day	Time	Start	Instructors
Puppy Kindergarten (Class is open to puppies up to and including 6 months of age).	Friday	7:00 PM	Jan 7	Joyce Petrow (Lori Caruso, Barbara Newman)
Feisty Fido	Friday	8:30 PM	Jan 7	Joyce Petrow (Lori Caruso, Barbara Newman)
TDI/CGC (4 Weeks) (Week 5-CGC Testing)	Tuesday	8:30 PM	Jan 4	Pam Lewis & Dan Goldberg
Conformation (Trial prep) (Drop-ins Welcome)	Wednesday	8:00PM	Jan 5	Clara Marie Schmaltz
Nose Work (6 Weeks )	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Jan 4	Doree Donavan, (Lucy McCloskey & Toni Yurkovic)
K-9er's	Sunday	6:00 PM	Ongoing	Caroline Chapman

**Obedience Classes**

Class	Day	Time	Start	Instructors
Puppy Basic Obedience (Puppies 6 months up to one year)	Monday	6:45 PM	Jan 3	Pauline Kitchen (Toni Yurkovic)
Puppy Basic Obedience (Puppies 6 months up to one year)	Wednesday	10:00 AM	Jan 5	Ed Hanke & Rod Sabatini
Puppy & Basic Obedience (No age restrictions) (Combined class)	Thursday	7:00 PM	Jan 6	Ed Hanke (Paula Shimko)
Basic Obedience	Saturday Sunday	11:00 AM 11:00 AM	Jan 8 Jan 9	Rod Sabatini (Joanne Kerfonta) Marian Roznowski (Maryann Snyder)
Basic Obedience II	Monday	8:00 PM	Jan 3	Sally Tress (Toni Yurkovic)
Beginners Novice & Novice Obedience Trial Prep Free To Members - Drop-ins Welcome	Saturday	10:00 AM	Jan 8	Rod Sabatini
Rally Obedience	Wednesday	6:45PM	Jan 5	Sue Wray & ClaraMarie Schmalz
Advanced Rally (Drop-ins Welcome)	Sunday	4:00 PM	Jan 9	Barbara Newman
Fun Obedience (Free to Members) (Drop-ins Welcome)	Thursday	8:00 PM	Jan 6	Ed Hanke (Paula Shimko)

**Agility Classes**

Class	Day	Time	Start	Instructors
Agility Run-Thrus (Nested Courses) (Drop-ins Welcome)	Monday	7:00 PM	Jan 3	Agility Instructors
Puppy Agility (4 Weeks, 45 Minutes)	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Jan 5	Amy Wustin
Agility Games (6 Weeks)	Friday	7:00 PM	Jan 7	Sharon Hareza (Lucy McCloskey)
Beginners Agility	Thursday	7:00 PM	Jan 6	Pam Lewis, Lucy McCloskey, Joanne Kerfonta, Lynda Kuzbel
Beyond Beginners Agility	Saturday	5:00 PM	Jan 8	Pam Lewis & Lucy McCloskey
Intermediate Agility I & II	Wednesday	7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Jan 5	Amy Wustin (Sharon Hareza) Terri Chasser
Advanced Agility I & II	Tuesday	7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Jan 4	Pete Grandillo, Jr. & Amy Wustin (Pete Grandillo, Sr.)
Excellent Agility (Drop-ins Welcome)	Thursday	8:00 PM	Jan 6	Dan Goldberg & Lucy McCloskey
Teacup Agility (Drop-ins Welcome)	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Jan 4	Dan Goldberg & Emil Pohodich
Teacup Agility (Daytime Class)	Monday	4:00 PM	Jan 3	Dan Goldberg, Tom Bandi