



TOTAL RECALL—February 2010

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NOTES AND REMINDERS.....

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: FRIDAY, February 19, 2010 @ 8:00 pm at the Bethel Boro Building in the Council Chambers Room

CALLING ALL MEMBERS

Keystone Canine will be hosting our 3rd TDAA Agility Trial on the weekend of April 24 & 25, 2010. We are in need of your help to make this trial as big a success, if not bigger, than our two previous trials. If you are able to work just one day or just a part of either day, we not only would love to have you, we NEED to have you! Realizing that these are busy times for one and all, if you are unable to volunteer your time, please consider donating food or beverages or making a cash donation to be used to purchase the foodstuffs needed for our trial. You can sign-up to volunteer or donate items by contacting me at eand.me@verizon.net or calling my home phone - 412-854-4675. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

Help us maintain the solid reputation that we have as a club! It's with thanks to you, the members, that we are what we are.

Amy Wustin
 TDAA Agility Trial Chair

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**JANUARY 15, 2010 KCTC
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SUMMARY**

NEW MEMBERS - The following new members were voted in and given New Member Packets: Elaine Kelvington, Aaron and Kristen Hunt, Rita Slepceovich, and Marcie Parrish

TEACUP TRIAL - Our Teacup trial will be April 24 – 25. We plan to purchase an aluminum Teacup dogwalk, teeter, and A-frame using the profits from our two previous Teacup trials, and we will make bar jumps, the tire jump, dog height measurement apparatus, tunnel holders, and a pause table.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – We have instituted several new Policies and Procedures. They are explained elsewhere in the newsletter.

K9ERS - Since the last meeting, the K9ers performed 3 demos. Four demos are planned for the near future.

BYLAW REVISION – Dan has incorporated comments from the Board and from the membership. A revised version will be sent to the membership in preparation for a vote at the Feb. 19 membership meeting.

BUILDING SCHEDULING - Mitzie Lever currently is the contact person for scheduling things at the building, and has the Master Building Schedule. Longer term, we will set up a web-based scheduling and time reservation system.

20TH ANNIVERSARY – To commemorate our 20th anniversary (this year!), we will purchase commemorative pens and place a banner on the website and on all club advertising.

CLASS SIZE –Each instructor has a maximum class size limit preference. Dan will poll the instructors to find out what those limits are, place the limits on the class rosters, and notify enrollees when classes are full. Also, Rod suggested that we ask Bethel Park to put a registration date cutoff of two weeks prior to the first class on the Municipality's classes.

DOG FOOD RECALLS - Pete has posted a FDA link on the website for information on dog food recalls, which have become more frequent.

CALLBACKS - Darcy provided information on the number and types of phone calls she has been responding to. For the 4th quarter of 2009, she handled 132 calls, compared to 92 in the 3rd quarter of 2009. One new member cited her prompt callback as the reason for taking classes at KCTC instead of somewhere else.

CLASS ENROLLMENTS - Lucy noted that most of our classes are full or nearly full, and thanked all the Instructors and Assistants for the great job they are doing. Many of our students take additional classes because of their positive experience with a previous class, or from word-of-mouth recommendations.

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**[RECENTLY APPROVED
 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

The Board of Director recently approved several new Policies and Procedures, as described below.

CLUB PURCHASES – Board of Directors approval is required for any purchases over \$50. Exceptions are listed in the Bylaws. *REASON: This merely a relocation of this requirement from the Bylaws, to allow us more flexibility to change the dollar amount in the future if the need arises.*

LAPSED MEMBERSHIP – A person or family whose membership has lapsed but wants to rejoin the club may do so by submitting a new membership application and paying the membership dues. They must also take classes at the non-member rate and be voted upon by the membership in accordance with the following:

| <i>Time since membership has lapsed</i> | <i>Number of paying classes that must be taken at the non-member rate</i> | <i>Membership vote on the application</i> |
|---|---|---|
| 0 – 1 year | None | Not required |
| 1 – 2 years | One | Required |
| Greater than 2 years | Two | Required |

REASON: To allow a less restrictive policy for lapsed members who wish to rejoin within two years of letting their membership drop.

CLASS FEES FOR NEW APPLICANTS – If approved by the

Board of Directors, an applicant who has taken two classes at the non-member rate and then submitted a membership application, may take a third class at the member rate if the class start date is prior to the date of the membership vote on the applicant. *REASON: Sometimes the membership vote on a new applicant is after the start date of the third class.*

SIGN-IN SHEET – Any person using the building during non-class hours shall sign in and out with their name, time in, and time out. The sign-in sheet will be near the main entrance, on or near the office wall. This does not apply to scheduled events. *REASON: There have been recent instances of people using the building during non-class hours, and leaving on lights or turning off breakers that should remain on (like for the heaters). Having a sign-in sheet will enable us to determine who was in the building and when.*

WEATHER OR SNOW

CANCELLATION – In the event of bad weather, each Instructor shall decide whether or not to hold his/her class. If class is cancelled, the Instructor shall notify the callback person and the website editor as soon as possible, but no later than one hour before the class start time. The callback person shall change the KCTC phone recording to state that a particular class (or classes) is/are cancelled on a given date, and the website editor shall post a cancellation notice to the website. If the callback person cannot be contacted, the Instructor shall notify the President. During the first night of class, the Instructor shall instruct the class to call the KCTC phone number on bad-weather days to find out if class is cancelled. It is also recommended that the Instructor poll the class the first night to determine how close they live to the club, and if they are willing to drive in bad weather, to help the Instructor

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decide whether or not to cancel class in the event of marginal weather. Another factor in the Instructor's decision should be whether their Assistant(s) are willing to drive to KCTC. *REASON: We need a formal cancellation policy so that everyone knows what to do.*

INSTRUCTOR AND ASSISTANT

PERKS - Instructor and Assistants are entitled to two free classes during the session that they actually teach, plus two free classes in one additional session even if they don't teach (for any reason).

After the additional session, this perk is rescinded. *REASON: The intent of this perk is to reward people who actually teach but may have to miss a session. They should not be rewarded indefinitely unless they continue to teach.*

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

At the last Board meeting, it was decided that some officers of the Board would be elected in even-numbered years and the remainder would be elected in odd-numbered years. In that way, we would always have some experienced members on the Board as well as new people coming on. This is reflected in our revised policies as well.

The positions, which will be voted on this year, are Vice President, Training Director, Corresponding Secretary/Membership Chairperson, and 2 Directors at Large. The responsibilities of these positions are as follows:

Vice President shall have the duties and exercise the power of the president in the case of the president's absence or incapacity, etc.

Training Director shall direct the scheduling of all classes, shall direct curriculum, and shall be available to counsel instructors. The training director (or his/her delegated representative) shall also revise the club's Policies and Procedures as needed, and submit such revisions to the Board for approval by majority vote.

Corresponding Secretary/Membership

Chairperson's duties are to prepare and mail (using electronic correspondence when appropriate) all club materials (including notification of the time and place of special membership and special Board meetings), to lend as much assistance as possible to committee chairpersons with mailings that pertain to the club's business, to maintain all correspondence of the club, and to maintain the club's membership list.

2 Directors at Large who may be assigned to special tasks (such as webmaster, community outreach, public relations, etc.) on an as-needed basis.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please email me at 19marian90@comcast.net or call me at 412-341-8109.

BRAGS

From Joanne Kerfonta:

Corey has been working hard visiting area nursing homes and made this picture his official Valentine for the residents to enjoy !



From Dee Farrell:

Pebbles earned her second Qualifying score in Intermediate Standard at the Teacup Dogs Agility Association trial at the Four Seasons K9 Athlete Center in Washingtonville, Ohio, on January 16 with a first-place finish! On January 30 she passed the Therapy Dogs International evaluation at the Western PA Humane Society! I'm so proud of my sweet little girl!



From Pete Grandillo:

Suntera Bryce Grandillo, call name Bryce, made his debut at the Altoona Area Kennel Association agility trial on January 23rd and 24th at the Penn State Ag Center. This was an especially difficult debut because Bryce had only run on grass or rubber matting whereas the Ag Center was packed dirt and saw dust. Plus, the Ag Center offered all new sites and smells. While waiting in line for Bryce's first run, Bryce watched each dog intently before him like he always does as a spectator. Then, to Bryce's surprise, it was show time. You could tell, that despite the warm-ups, Bryce thought it was only training time and/or spectator time. Little did he know that he was going to compete. Bryce, with all the enthusiasm of a 21-month-old puppy roared off the start line and around the course in under 26 seconds. All the stress of an agility first run was over in fewer than 26 resulting in a score of 90 and a 2nd place finish. Bryce went on to finish the trial with 4 qualifying runs out of 4. Bryce earned two 1st place finishes and two 2nd place finishes. What a great first weekend for the little guy. You better believe Bryce is letting Cammi and Dawson (his older siblings) know that he started off better than they did! Bryce even made sure he got a bigger piece of ice cream than his siblings during treat time at the PSU Creamery. Then again, I don't think anyone expected Bryce to try to take such a big chunk. (The sight of seeing him get chilled by the ice cream was hilarious! Whiskers shivered and all) Thanks for reading...

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And... Suntera Cammi Grandillo, call name Cammi, also competed at the same trial as Bryce above. Cammi earned four 1st place finishes in Open P Std, Exc A P Std, Exc A P Jww, and Exc B P Jww. Cammi also earned title in Open P Standard and Exc A P titles.

And... Suntera Dawson Grandillo, call name Dawson, also competed at the same trial as Bryce and Cammi above. Dawson did extremely well earning two 1st place finishes, one in Exc B Standard and one in Exc B Jww. Dawson also earned a 2nd place finish in Exc B Jww. For the entire weekend, the Cammi, Dawson, and Bryce went 11 for 12, placing in each round that they ran. Thanks for reading...

Paula Shimko and Shane



From Barbara Newman:

Although Cleveland was not friendly to the Steelers on Thursday, Lori and Ben Ritchey, Sue Wray and I, along with four dogs set out for Cleveland at 5:00 am Friday morning. It was a rainy trip but the travel was uneventful.

We arrived at the Cleveland IX Center and learned Ring 4 was our home for the next 3 days and was at the furthest point from our entry, literally about a half mile away. We schlepped wet dogs, chairs, crates dog and people drinks and treats, etc. to Ring 4.

I was first in the ring everyday with a 9:00 a.m. walkthrough. For those who want a “cliff notes” version of the weekend and the results: **Paula Shimko** arrived Saturday with Shane for her first show ever. They qualified for 2 legs of Rally Novice taking second place on Sunday. **Ben and Casey** got Reserve Winners Dog in the conformation ring both days. **Lori and Frances** attained a new Rally Novice title qualifying all 3 days. **Sue and Heidi** attained a Rally Novice title plus one leg of Rally Advanced and, last but not least, **my Sterling** is now RE-Rally Excellent! Honorary club member, Cookie, came back from Cleveland with a new Confirmation Champion! Toni, our ever-supportive President, was there to root us on all weekend. We still hate the Browns, But Cleveland treated us well. Keystone Canine Club has sure moved forward in our development as a fully rounded club. I am proud to be associated with all who during 2009 attained titles and qualifications in all venues of dog sports from teacup, to earth dog, conformation, obedience, rally agility, field work and just the outright uncensored love of our 4 legged partners.

Lori Ritchey with Casey and Frances, Sue Wray with Heidi and Barbara Newman with Sterling



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Sara, Caroline & Phil's new puppy,
meets **Lovey**



Applying for membership:

Kelly Choate who has a Portugese Water Dog named Santos. Kelly and Santos have taken Puppy Kindergarten and Basic II classes and are endorsed by Ed Hanke and Pauline Kitchen.



Voted into membership at the January meeting:

Aaron and Kristen Hunt and their
Golden Retriever, Brodie.

Elaine Kelvington and her Shelties,
Sawyer, Solomon, Saintonio, Sidney,
Sony and Sarris.

Rita Slepcevich and her Shelties,
Hayley, Hannah and Addisyn.

Marcie Parrish and her mini Aussie,
Sadie.

Lynda Kuzbel and her Shelties, Shelby
and Logan.

IT'S NEVER EASY TO SAY GOODBYE!

It's something that we as pet owners eventually have to face – saying goodbye to a beloved pet.

REMEMBERING PEACHES.

I began working with my Peaches at Keystone Canine Club a number of years ago. She was high energy, but learned well. Peaches was an excellent therapy dog for ten years. We went to nursing homes and she made a beautiful bride at the wedding ceremonies. The people loved watching her and the other dogs perform. She loved life, people and me. She taught me to laugh at myself. Peaches won many battles with cancer for four of those years. She lost the war finally on Friday, November 13, 2009. Peaches was my very best friend.
Caroline Chapman

REMEMBERING ZACH

I was privileged to have had my Zach for thirteen years, three months and 12 days. He was put to rest on January 4, 2010. Yes, they are that important to us that we count the days we are able to have them share our lives. He was a joy and sometimes as my daughter would say a bit of a 'head-case'. I took him to obedience trials (much against his wishes) and he actually did get his Companion Dog title. It boosted his self- confidence and did wonders for mine! He was truly a friend and a wonderful companion, and I will sorely miss him. **BUT**, I am so grateful that he was a part of my life!
Mitzie Lever

HELP FOR THE HAITIAN VICIMS

Everyone is aware of the devastation in Haiti. If you are like me, you also are aware of unscrupulous people, organizations and corrupt governments, of which Haiti has its share. There are thousands of homeless people, death and destruction to deal with in the coming years. Monetary donations through worthy and honest organizations are being sought. In addition, medical supplies are in dire need. I have already taken a half dozen crutches to a "drop off point" in Washington County and would be glad to do the same for anyone in the Club who would like to make equipment donations of gently used, no longer needed items to be used in the relief effort. Placing them in the Office for my pick up over the next couple of weeks will help those in need as well as an early start on spring clean up around your house.

Thanks for all your help!
Ed Hanke

DOG'S BODY LANGUAGE

1. **Fear:** In order to protect himself from real or imagined danger, the fearful dog will hold everything tight to his body. He will keep his ears down. The ears may be held back close to the head. His tail may be tucked in close to his body. He may hold his head low, and exhibit trembling.
2. **Aggression:** He may try to make himself appear as large as possible. His ears may be up and slightly forward. His hackles, the hair along the crest of his shoulders may stand up. He may

hold his tail straight out behind him. His lips may be pulled back showing his teeth.

3. **Dominance:** He may show his dominance to you by staring, mounting your leg, shoving ahead always trying to get ahead of you. He may ignore you or even take your favorite spot. He may try to mount another dog, raise his hackles, growl or even attack.
4. **Submission:** The submissive dog uses postures that all dogs understand. What they're saying is "Look, I'm no threat, so please don't attack me." He may crouch, paw the air, grin, roll over and even urinate.
5. **Friendliness:** He will look relaxed. He may wag his tail, wiggle his body or offer his paw. He may play bow to another dog leaving his rump in the air and wagging his tail.

Your dog is an expert at nonverbal communication. He will let you know what he is feeling by using the body postures described above. Your dog also knows what you are feeling! Yes, he knows when you are mad, sad, anxious or happy. Since he uses his own body language as well as his ability to feel the emotions of those around him, it's important when working with your dog to keep your actions and feelings in conjunction with the task at hand. Don't correct your dog and smile at the same time. Don't tell your dog he's a good dog when your face is showing anger. And don't ever work with your dog when you are angry, frustrated or upset. Wait until your mood is better. He'll know what you are feeling and this causes great confusion in his life.

KEYSTONE CANINE TRAINING CLUB
Schedule of Classes - Session II - 2010



| 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 | March 12 | Joyce Petrow (Lori Caruso, Barbara Newman) |
| Feisty Fido <i>First class no dogs</i> | Friday | 8:30 PM | March 12 | Joyce Petrow (Lori Caruso, Barbara Newman) |
| Basic Obedience | Saturday Sunday | 11:00 AM 11:00 AM | March 13 March 14 | 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 | 6:30 PM | March 18 | Amy Wustin (Arden Reihing, Paula Shimko) |
| Puppy Basic Obedience <i>(Puppies 6 months up to 1 year old)</i> | Sunday Monday | 12:30 PM 6:30 PM | March 14 March 15 | Ed Hanke (Maryann Snyder) Ed Hanke & Toni Yurkovic (Pauline Kitchen) |
| Basic Obedience II | Monday | 7:30 PM | March 15 | Toni Yurkovic (Ed Hanke, Pauline Kitchen) |
| Obedience Fun | Tuesday | 6:30 PM | Ongoing | Ed Hanke |
| Novice Obedience | Saturday | 9:45 AM | Ongoing | Doris Reilly |
| TDI/CGC (5 Weeks) | Wednesday | 6:30 PM | March 10 | Pam Lewis & Dan Goldberg (Denise Letterman) |
| K9ers | Sunday | 6:00 PM | Ongoing | Caroline Chapman |
| Rally Obedience | Monday | 8:30 PM | March 15 | Toni Yurkovic (Sue Wray) |
| Intermediate Agility I | Wednesday | 7:30 PM | March 17 | Amy Wustin (Dan Goldberg) |
| Beginner's Agility | Thursday | 7:30 PM | March 18 | Lucy McCloskey & Terri Chasser (Pam Lewis & Dan Goldberg) |
| Intermediate Agility II | Thursday | 8:30 PM | March 18 | Pam Lewis & Dan Goldberg (Lucy McCloskey & Terri Chasser) |
| Agility Handling Competition (Small Dogs) Competition (Large Dogs) Non-Competition | Monday | 12:00 PM 2:00 PM 3:30 PM | March 15 | Shelley Wolf (Pete Grandillo, Sr) |
| Advanced Agility I & II | Tuesday | 7:30 PM 8:30 PM | March 16 | Pete Grandillo, Jr & Linda Dragoo |
| Excellent Agility | Wednesday | 8:30 PM | March 17 | All Excellent Level Instructors |
| Conformation (4 Weeks) Ring Preparedness | Wednesday | 6:30 PM | April 14 | Clara Marie Schmaltz |

THE KCTC BUILDING SCHEDULE IS NOW POSTED ON THE WEBSITE