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NOTES AND REMINDERS.....

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: FRIDAY, January 15 2010 @ 8:00 pm at the Bethel Boro Building in the Council Chambers Room

A REMINDER FROM MARIAN ROZNOWSKI

Please let me know if you would like to be a candidate for any of the positions that are described in this month's newsletter or if you know of someone who might be willing to be nominated. You may contact me by email at 19marian90@comcast.net or by phone 412-341-8109.

TRACKING SEMINAR - JANUARY 23

All the working spots are full. There is still room for auditors. You can download a registration form from our website, or contact Toni Yurkovic.

DONNA DAYS

Donna Rohaus will be at KCTC to give agility lessons on January 19, January 24 (2 to 6 pm for group sessions), February 9, and February 23 (with night group session).

**KEYSTONE CANINE
TRAINING ELECTIONS**

In accordance with the Bylaws of Keystone Canine Training Club, Section 1. Biennial Election. "The biennial election of Officers and Directors shall be held during the May membership meeting in even-numbered years, by secret ballot." I will be serving as Chairman of the Nominating Committee and need your help in preparing a good slate of candidates. In order to be eligible to be nominated for office, an individual must be at least 18 years of age and a member of the club in good standing for a period of at least one year as of the May meeting before she or he can be nominated for a Board of Director position. If you are this person please contact me and I will submit your name to the nominating committee. If you know of a person who fits this criteria and would be a good candidate for a Board position, please contact that person prior to nominating him/her to be sure they are willing to serve if elected. The Board positions and their responsibilities are as follows:

President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and the Board and shall have the duties specified by the KCC Constitution and Bylaws.

Vice President shall have the duties and exercise the power of the president in the case of the president's absence or incapacity, etc. The vice president will serve as Co-Chairperson for matches and trials.

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.

Treasurer shall receive and record all receipts and monies due or belonging to the club. He/she shall deposit same in a bank satisfactory to and in the name of the club. His/her books shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Board and, at the discretion of the Board, open for any audit. He/she shall report to the Board at every meeting the condition of the club's finances and a report of all monies received and expended during the previous month. All checks, notes, vouchers, drafts, acceptances and other orders for the payment of monies by the club shall be signed by the treasurer or other Board member(s) as approved by the club's financial institution.

Corresponding Secretary/Membership Chairperson's duties are to serve as a Board member, to prepare and mail 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 execute such other duties as are prescribed by the KCC Constitution and Bylaws.

Recording Secretary will serve as a Board member, record the minutes and transactions of the Board and Membership meetings, furnish a copy of the meeting minutes to the newsletter

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editor, furnish the president with a copy of the minutes prior to the next meeting, and carry out such other duties as are prescribed by the KCC Constitution and Bylaws.

Office Manager shall maintain class schedules, coordinate with website/call back person, respond to e-mails to the website "Contact Us" link, maintain class applications and participant listings, maintain building supplies, maintain the monthly schedule display at the building, deliver all needed information to the treasurer, coordinate with the cleaning person, coordinate with the training director and maintain a list of keys to the building.

Other Board Members may be assigned to special tasks such as webmaster, community outreach, public relations, etc. on an as-needed basis.

Please let me know if you would like to be a candidate for any of the above positions or if you know of someone who might be willing to be nominated. You may contact me by email at 19marian90@comcast.net or by phone at 412-341-8109. Thank you.

REVISED BY-LAWS

We have drafted a new revision of the club's Bylaws, to bring them up to date. An electronic copy was e-mailed to the membership, and a hardcopy is available on the desk in the office at the club. We will answer any questions at the Jan. 15 membership meeting, and vote on the new Bylaws at the Feb. 19 membership meeting.

SUMMARY OF NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

BUILDING RELOCATION COMMITTEE

We would like to form a committee to investigate the availability of a larger building for our club. We understand that some of our members are in the real estate business. If you would like to participate on this committee, please contact Pam Lewis.

BUILDING CLEANING

The building is cleaned every Wednesday from 9:00 to noon. Please do not plan to use the building at that time.

PARKING AT THE CLUB

For safety reasons, please do not park right alongside the building (in front of the benches or just beyond the door). You can park against the Bethel Park Transmissions wall (but not on their property) or in the lined spots behind the building. It is also not a good idea to park alongside the back of the building - one car parked there has been hit! This is for your own safety and protection, because some drivers are not careful when they drive around the building. Thanks for your cooperation!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Our elections for Board and Officer positions will be held next spring. If you are interested in a Board or Officer position, or would like to nominate someone else, please inform Marian Roznowski (Chair of the Nominating Committee). To be eligible for a Board or Officer position, you must have been a KCTC member since May, 2009.

BRAGS

From Dee Farrell:

On New Year's Eve, Pebbles earned a Level 1 Handler Games Title and a Level 1 Strategy Games Title at the CPE agility trial at the Four Seasons K9 Athlete Center in Washingtonville, Ohio!

Happy New Year!

by Dee Farrell

Pebbles and I said good-bye to 2009 (a wonderful agility year for us) and welcomed the new year of 2010 with more agility competitions. As a Christmas gift, my husband John gave us a four-day trip to Washingtonville, Ohio – not the greatest vacation spot, not the “happiest place on Earth,” but the site of a CPE agility trial; and it did turn out to be a happy place for us, as Pebbles exceeded my expectations. Part of the gift was that John would take care of Pixie while we were away, which is probably what made it such a happy place for Pebbles – with “Mommy & Me” time at a motel (where she was a well-behaved guest) and without Pixie to bother her.

We ended the year by earning four 1st-place blue ribbons, with two of them representing Qualifying scores, one of which was actually 15 seconds under time! As a result of those two Qs, Pebbles completed two Level 1 titles – Handler Games and Strategy Games.

Then we started 2010 on a particularly high note. I decided that Pebbles must have made a New Year's resolution to stay with me on the agility course because she had four perfect runs on January 1. Only one of those was a Qualifying score, but it was a 4th-place finish in Level 2! The other three were 1st, 2nd, and 3rd-place finishes which were respectively three, six, and two seconds over time, an amazing accomplishment as far as Pebbles and I are concerned.

Just as most New Year's resolutions seem to be, Pebbles' was apparently short lived. We slept in on Saturday morning, as I reasoned it was not a vacation if we didn't sleep in at least once; so we had only three

runs that day. Even though Pebbles didn't stay with me consistently, she did return to me two of the three times. We ended up with a 1st-place NQ and a 3rd-place Q, again in Level 2! I learned that news of Pebbles' Level 1 titles had been spread at the KCTC Hair of the Dog Party on New Year's Day, and it was easy to determine the source since a limited number of people had been informed and since I couldn't persuade John to attend the party with Pixie. Isn't it fun to have friends to share our agility victories?

On the last day of the trial, Pebbles wavered between staying with me and running off on her own to investigate yet another distraction. However, we managed to get one 1st-place NQ and two 4th-place Qs in Level 2! So we earned a grand total of six Qs during our 16 runs, which was quite a record for us. We ended the trial really tired but really happy and returned on Monday morning in time to say a quick “hello” to John and Pixie before going to our agility class. There were so many enjoyable moments – earning Qs and winning ribbons and completing titles, of course – but also just being with my dog and watching her sleep on my lap as we waited for our next turn. I also read three (fairly short) books and started a fourth over the long weekend. (I heartily recommend *Saturdays with Stella*.) And I reflected on how my life has changed. It used to be that CPE for me represented “Continuing Professional Education” credits that I needed to earn each year to maintain my accounting certification; now I think of CPE as “Canine Performance Events.” I definitely like this phase of my life better; it's a lot more fun!

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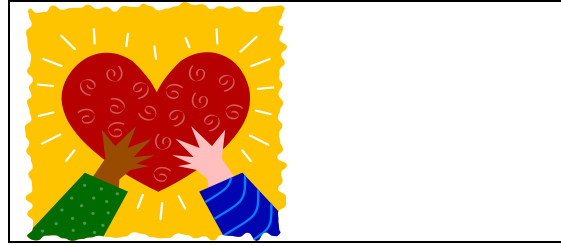
From Denise Letterman:

During the December 31 through January 3 CPE trial held in Washingtonville, OH, I entered Caesar, Troy and Hector for two long days of agility competition. This was Caesar's second agility trial and he was entered in 9 events over the 2 days. He qualified in all 9 events with three 1st place and six 2nd place wins. He also earned his first agility titles which were CL2-R (Standard level 2) and CL2-H (Handler level 2). Troy was entered in 8 events and qualified in all 8 taking home two 1st, two 2nd, three 3rd, and one 4th place wins. Troy earned his CL3-S (Strategy level 3) title on Thursday. Hector was also entered in 8 events and qualified in all 8 taking home eight 1st place wins. Hector also earned his CL3-S (Strategy level 3) title on Saturday. Way to go my little boys -- that was 25 Q's out of 25 runs and 4 titles.

LEXIE PHOTO CONTEST

A Message from Linette Evancic

I entered Lexie in WPXI Holiday Photo Contest. She could use some help with getting votes -- is it possible to ask some members if they would cast a vote for her? If you go to www.wpxi.com on the right hand side it will have a place that you can click on an Album to vote. If you click on Album 3, it will take you to all the candidates in that album. Lexie is toward the bottom -- **Lexie - I refuse to wear boots.** click on that then on vote. You can hit your backspace key and do it a few more times for a few additional votes. Thanks.



DEMOS

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR KCTC

FUTURE DEMOS:

January 23 – Arden Courts Assisted Living – Circus Theme

January 30 – St. Norbert's Personal Care, Overbrook – Valentine Demo

February 6 – Locust Grove Assisted Living, West Mifflin

February 20 – Riverside Care Center, McKeesport

The K-9ers welcome a new member – Pam Lewis

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS:

Aaron and Kristen Hunt, who have a Golden Retriever named Brodie. They were endorsed by Terri Chasser and Lucy McCloskey

Elaine Kelvington and her Shetland Sheepdogs, Sawyer, Solomon, Saintonio, Sidney, Sony & Sarris who have taken Puppy Obedience and Rally and are endorsed by Toni Yukovic and Lucy McCloskey.

Rita Slepcevich and her Shetland Sheepdogs, Hayley, Hannah and Addisyn who have taken Basic Obedience II and Intermediate Agility and are endorsed by Denise Letterman and Sally Tress.

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Marcie Parrish and her Aussie, Sadie, who have taken agility and obedience and are endorsed by Sharon Hareza and Sue Wray.

Lynda Kuzbel and her Shelties, Shelby and Logan who have taken Beginners Agility and are endorsed by Pam Lewis and Joanne Kerfonta.

Meatballs...for your dog ☺

Full Recipe Half Recipe

5 lb hamburger	
	2 ½ lb hamburger
½ of a large box of Total cereal	
	¼ of a large box
of Total cereal	
½ of a large container of oatmeal	
	¼ of a large container of oatmeal
½ jar of wheat germ	
	¼ jar of wheat germ
¾ c. vegetable oil	
	¾ c. vegetable oil
¾ c. unsulfured molasses	
	¾ c. unsulfured molasses
5 raw eggs, shells included	
	2 – 3 eggs, shells included
5 envelopes gelatin	
	2 -3 envelopes gelatin
a pinch of salt	
	small pinch of salt

Mix all ingredients together in a really LARGE bowl. Shape into balls. Form larger balls for larger dogs, smaller balls for small dogs. Bake at 350 degrees until done. Freeze and defrost 1 or 2 per day as needed.

NOTES: Use higher fat vs. leaner hamburger if you're trying to put weight on your dog. You can crumble the egg shells with your hands or chop them finer in a food processor, whichever you want....your dog won't care! The actual

recipe calls for these to be served raw but I do bake them for my dogs (they don't care but I feel better about it).

From the Kitchen of
Lori Ritchey

NEED YOUR HELP!

The Animal Rescue Site is having trouble getting enough people to click on it daily to meet their quota of getting free food donated every day to abused and neglected animals. It takes less than a minute (How about 20 seconds) to go to their site and click on the purple box 'fund food for animals' for free. This doesn't cost you a thing. Their corporate sponsors/advertisers use the number of daily visits to donate food to abandoned/neglected animals in exchange for advertising.

With the purchase of any product at The Animal Rescue Site - you automatically generate funding to provide food and care for rescued animals in need.

Here's the web site! Pass it along to people you know.

<http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com/>



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THERAPY DOGS AT WORK

This is a story of giving in the spirit of Christmas. We all individually may have our favorite charities, but it seems that almost everyone has that common thread of love of dogs and cats and are very happy to support the less fortunate pets.

The Western Pennsylvania Humane Society had a gift wrapping service at Robinson Mall and Century III Mall with four weeks of collections. It has been proven that the attendance of therapy dogs increases the amount of donations.

I and my two therapy dogs were invited to participate at Century III Mall. We were only available to volunteer the week of Christmas. It was just the three of us there to be visible near the gift wrapping desk. No other therapy dogs ever attended our mall this year since it

is in a mall with many closed stores and much less human traffic. We attended four days of volunteering, totaling 14 hours.

After our first two days of great fun, the donations were quite good. I then set my goal at \$1,000.00 to benefit the shelter dogs. So we went out again for two more days

Yea!! My dogs and I met my goal and collected MORE than \$1,000.00 for the Western Pennsylvania Humane Society. What a thrill it was to be involved in charitable giving and at this festive and giving time of year. My dogs did a SUPER job.

The money started to fill my basket before we entered the building and still more as we walked back to our station. I just put the basket down on the ground and immediately, the money started coming as I was taking my coat off and filling my pockets with treats. PEOPLE JUST LOVE DOGS. Even when we went outside for their breaks people even dropped money into the basket as I stood outside waiting for their break to be finished, and then more people donated as we were walking back in.

I can't tell you how many people wanted to adopt these dogs, thinking that they were there for that reason. Then I explained the situation to their disappointment. We did many tricks which

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attracted more money and more often. It was a wonderful feeling to be able to give back to the shelters where I got 9 of my 12 pets over the past years.

Colby attracted the crowds. His unique Australian Shepherd blue merle coloring is so unique that he gets most of the attention and compliments. Many people have never seen that merle coloring. He and Heidi are so obedient and perform their tricks so very well that as they sit there waiting for my command, people asked if they are real dogs because of their stillness and attentiveness. Their attention on me is amazing and doesn't break until they are released. As they would sit and wait, a crowd would gather to see them respond to more commands. The money magically and continually dropped into our basket. Heidi, my Golden Retriever, certainly did get her equal share of compliments and requests to adopt, but together, these two dogs were the dynamic duo.

MANY photos were taken as the dogs posed alone or with the people, especially the children. The dogs received lots of petting and hugs. Both dogs love people and respond calmly and personally to children. One little toddler was crying because of his fear of dogs and didn't want to get close to them. I had them do a few tricks,

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at a distance, and the little boy smiled and laughed and forgot his fear. These were therapy dogs at work, doing what they are supposed to do and what they do best.

Most every person had a story to tell about their dog or cat and proudly told me that they got their pet at the Humane Society. Knowing how happy their shelter pet made them, they then dropped their donation into the basket to help the present shelter dogs as they wait to be adopted by a loving family.

Now that is the spirit of giving and at this special time of year, Christmas. This entire experience and the stories told to me filled my heart with such happiness and appreciation. It was such a pleasure to have been invited to volunteer my time with my therapy dogs for such a worthy cause.

Betty Jean Maier
Heidi, TDIRVA
Colby, TDIA

Thank you to Betty Jean for emailing this article to me.

I look forward to receiving articles from club members regarding their canine companions!

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KEYSTONE CANINE TRAINING CLUB Schedule of Classes - Session I - 2010				
CLASS	DAY	TIME	STARTS	INSTRUCTORS
Puppy Kindergarten <i>(Class open only to puppies up to and including 6 months of age).</i>	Friday	7:00 PM	Jan 8	Joyce Petrow (Lori Caruso, Wendy Allison)
Shy Dog (5 Week Course) FULL	Friday	8:30PM	Jan 8	Lori Caruso (Joyce Petrow, Wendy Allison)
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	Jan 7	Lori Ritchey (Paula Shimko, Arden Reihing)
Puppy Basic Obedience <i>(Puppies 6 months up to 1 year old)</i> MONDAY CLASS IS FULL	Sunday Monday	12:30 PM 6:30 PM	Jan 10 Jan 4	Lori Miller (Maryann Snyder) Ed Hanke & Toni Yurkovic (Pauine Kitchen)
Basic Obedience	Saturday Sunday	11:00 AM 11:00 AM	Jan 9 Jan 10	Rod Sabatini (Paula Shimko) Marian Roznowski (Lori Miller, Maryann Snyder)
Basic Obedience II	Monday	7:30 PM	Jan 4	Sally Tress (Pauline Kitchen, Toni Yurkovic)
Obedience Fun	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Ongoing	Ed Hanke
Novice Obedience	Saturday	9:45 AM	Ongoing	Doris Reilly
TDI/CGC (4 Weeks)	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Jan 6	Pam Lewis (Denise Letterman)
Conformation (3 Weeks)Ring Preparedness	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Feb 10	Clara Marie Schmaltz
K9ers	Sunday	6:00 PM	Ongoing	Caroline Chapman
Rally Obedience FULL	Monday	8:30 PM	Jan 4	Toni Yurkovic (Sue Wray)
Intermediate Agility I FULL	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Jan 6	Amy Wustin (Lucy McCloskey)
Beginner's Agility FULL	Thursday	7:30 PM	Jan 7	Lucy McCloskey & Terri Chasser (Pam Lewis & Dan Goldberg)
Intermediate Agility II	Thursday	8:30 PM	Jan 7	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	Jan 4	Shelley Wolf
Excellent Agility	Wednesday	8:30 PM	Jan 6	All Excellent Level Instructors
Advanced Agility I & II	Tuesday	7:30 PM 8:30 PM	5 Jan 5 Jan 5	Pete Grandillo, Linda Dragoo

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – KTCC BUILDING
2010**

Donna Rohaus	Tuesday, January 19	2 pm - 6 pm
Tracking Seminar	Saturday January 23	1 pm – 5 pm
Donna Rohaus	Sunday, January 24	2 pm – 6 pm group sessions
Donna Rohaus	Tuesday, February 9	2 pm – 6 pm
Donna Rohaus	Saturday, February 23	2 pm – 6 pm, and 7:00 pm Group Session