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NOTES AND REMINDERS.....

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

ALL KEYSTONE MEMBERS

Please remember that our 3rd TDAA - Teacup Agility Trial is just around the corner. To date the support has been wonderful but we still need food donations and some workers. Keystone's reputation, one that has been strong, is getting even stronger with the help of this trial. We are now known for our trials that are run well and supported by welcoming and friendly club members. And what a way to celebrate Spring! Goodbye snow, hello Spring and having more outside time with our fine four-footed friends :-)

Please contact me, Amy Wustin at eand.me@veizon.net or 412-854-4675 to let me know you are ready, willing and able to have some fun by working/donating for our trial in April.

Here's looking to Spring !!

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**KCTC MEMBERSHIP MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2010 -
HIGHLIGHTS**

BYLAW REVISION - The membership voted unanimously to approve the Bylaw revision previously circulated.

K9ERS - Caroline reported that since the last meeting, the K9ers performed 3 demos. Three demos are planned for the near future. The K9ers are currently on Bethel Park Cable Television on Monday nights, shown performing last summer.

20TH ANNIVERSARY - The 20th anniversary pens have arrived. Dan gave one to each member in attendance.

FINANCIAL AUDIT – A financial audit of the KCTC records has been completed. There were no problems, discrepancies or errors.

SNOW EMERGENCY PROCEDURE - The consensus of those present was that the procedure we recently adopted for notifying people of class cancellations (phone recording and post on website) worked well.

WEBSITE - Pete Jr. described some new website features (Rainbow Bridge for deceased pets, Rally page, Building Usage page, and Class photos). Additional features (Obedience page, Dog Titles page, and Guestbook) are planned. He also stated that we now have a Facebook page.

BUILDING SEARCH - To better coordinate our search for a larger building, Dan volunteered to be the Board Liaison to Marcie Parrish for the building search. To help Marcie, Dan will send Marcie a list of “Must-Have” items and a list of “Wish-List” items,

based upon Board and membership input.

MEET THE BREED - Toni suggested that KCTC could host a Meet the Breed event in conjunction with some local breed clubs. This would help our reputation, and would help the breed clubs meet their AKC obligations.

**CLASS ENROLLMENT
PROCEDURE**

As you are probably aware, our classes are very popular and many fill up quickly. In order to be fair to everyone, enrollment will be in chronological order, in accordance with the following procedure:

After the "Class Schedule" is officially posted on the website, you can fill out an enrollment form and send it in. You can either mail it to our PO Box or place it in an envelope and put it in the cash box on the wall in the office along with your payment. (Note - you may not enroll for a class before the class schedule is posted on the website.) You can pay for more than one class with a single check (or cash). We will then enroll you in the order in which the enrollment forms are received. If you enroll after the class limit is reached, we will inform you that the class is full.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

BRAGS



**From
Paula
Shimko:**

**Our
Debut
Agility
Trial**

On March 6th Shane and I entered our first agility trial. The first day, Saturday, did not go so well. Shane and I were extremely nervous, to say the least. At the beginning of the run the judge gave his little speech and clearly said “ Do not touch your dog when you are in the ring” and what do I do? I touch my dog! He was so nervous that when I led him to the tunnel he went in, but when I stepped away to meet him at the other end he came with me. This is when I touched my dog to lead him back into the tunnel, like he was a bowling ball! A big DQ! Things got better on Sunday though. After watching the video that my Granddaughter Sammie took of our run on Saturday I was able to see where we went wrong and vowed not to repeat those same mistakes. Sammie should be my camera person from now on because she does a fantastic job. I was very impressed with her video. She caught the whole run. My friend Lynn advised me to worry more about getting a nice clean run and less about speed, that speed would come later with other agility trials. She was right and we had a beautiful clean run. We went a little over time, but that’s O.K. We qualified and as a bonus came in first place. I have a big blue rosette to prove it!

A special thanks to Pete, poor guy, I hounded him for advice while he was walking the course for his own run. He

was gracious enough to take the time to help and I thank him. You’re the best Pete! I also would like to thank Amy and her helpers for all their invaluable instruction. We simply could not have done as well as we did without them so thank you all. It can only get better from here.

From Dee Farrell:

I am so pleased to report that my precious little Pebbles earned her TIAD (Teacup Intermediate Agile Dog) title on February 28! She earned her first Q in Teacup Games II and her third Q in Intermediate Standard at the Splash N Dash TDAA trial.

From Rose Nicotra:

Moxie and Kit Kat were at the TDAA trial at Splash N Dash on Feb 27. They ran 3 runs each – Kit Kat had 3 1st place ribbons and 3 Q’s and Moxie had 2 1st place ribbons and 1 2nd place and all Q’s too.

From Elaine Kelvington

Sawyer, aka CH Kelvington's Talisman CDX, RE, AX, AXJ, CGC, TDI got a Master's Standard leg at the Puli Agility Trial, Zanesville, OH on Saturday, March 6, 2010. That makes his 4th towards his title.

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From Pete Grandillo:

Pete & Yvette Grandillo Jr. are very proud to announce that... Cammi, Dawson, and Bryce competed at the Puli Club of America agility trial in Zanesville, Ohio over the first weekend in March. It was a new facility that none of the dogs had ever competed on. Furthermore, this was only Bryce's second agility trial, and yet another new surface, equipment, sights, sounds, etc. Bryce overcame the new environment with a 1st place finish in Nov B Jumpers and a 1st place finish in Nov B Standard. These qualifying runs earned him both his Novice Jumpers Title and his Novice Standard Title. Cammi responded by earning four qualifying 1st place finishes in Exc B P Jumpers and Exc A P Standard. Dawson couldn't let anyone do any better than him. Dawson competing in Exc B Jww / Standard qualified in all four runs with a 4th in Standard and a 3rd in Jumpers (out of 38 entries). For the entire family, 10

qualifying runs out of 12 earned the kids another McDonalds. The two-hour trip home, not a peep was to be heard, only rapid paw movement from their dreams, and an occasional whimper in their doggie dreams.

Pete & Peggy Grandillo Sr. are very proud to announce that... Molly competed at the Splash N Dash TDAA agility trial the last weekend in February. For the entire weekend, Molly had 9 runs (5 in standard and 4 in games). Of the 9 runs, Molly qualified in 6 runs. In Games on Saturday, Molly qualified and earned two 2nd Place finishes, one in CopyCat and one in Bowling. This also earned Molly her Games TG1 title. Also on Saturday, Molly had three standard runs in Beginner's Agility. Molly earned two 1st place finishes and one 2nd place finish resulting in her Beginner's Agility Title. In Games on Sunday, Molly moved-up into TG2 or Intermediate Games and continued her success with Chutes & Ladders and Football. In both, Molly qualified with 1st place finishes. Also on Sunday, in Intermediate Standard Agility, Molly did not qualify in either run, but did well enough to earn a 2nd and 3rd place finish. Molly is so strutting her accomplishments in front of Cammi, Dawson, and Bryce (her fur cousins).

To be continued... Bryce and Molly get to compete head-to-head in AKC Open Agility Standard and Jumpers in their next trial. There will be no living with the winner!

CONGRATULATIONS!

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR KCTC

FUTURE DEMOS:

Locust Grove Assisted Living – March
20 – St. Patrick's Day Theme

Hawthorne Woods Assisted Living –
April 10

Birthday Party on May 8 – Doggie
Wedding Theme

A BIT OF NEWS:

The K-9ers ordered and received new shirts. They are red and will be used for Valentine and Christmas themes.

February has been a very snowy month. The K-9ers are hoping that spring will come soon.

Respectfully submitted by,
Caroline Chapman

APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Mimi Clavir with her Jack Russell, Ricky. They have taken Basic Obedience and the Terrie class.

Cindy & Joe Alexander with their Border Collie/Lab Zeplin, and Shepherd/Husky Bella and Zoe. They have taken the Shy Dog class and Beginning Agility.

Patty Degnan and her Daschund, Clancy. They have participated in Puppy Kindergarten and Puppy Obedience and are endorsed by Darcy & Paul Battisti.

Mary Benedetti and her Golden Retriever, Gemma, who have taken Puppy Kindergarten and Puppy Basic Obedience. They are endorsed by Darcy and Paul Battisti.

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

From Becky Butler:

My dog Jack passed away on February 21, 2010. Jack was a Jack Russell terrier and was involved with the dancing team for quite awhile. We had to quit because of work reasons. Jack was 9 years old my and my best friend ever. I miss him dearly.

My Memorial to My Josh



All that has been said or thought by other persons for their dogs cannot and will not ever convey my thoughts or feelings on loosing my Josh. His memory will always be forever in my heart and mind. I feel that I was blessed for having such a wonderful and gentle dog. He loved all the K9r's and was my first therapy dog. He opened a whole new world for me and didn't even know it.

Clara Marie Schmaltz

TDI CANDIDATES WANTED

Have you ever considered your dog as one of those special damp nosed furry friends who through snuggles and puppy kisses could bring some love and kindness into someone's life? Ms Sarah Wiggle Butt and I have been welcomed in all kinds of settings around Pittsburgh; assisting elementary students to feel more comfortable with the written word through the Reading With Rover program, visiting long term nursing homes to help ease Alzheimer and hospice patients through difficult times, playing "fetch" with Veterans who are trying to re-acclimate to the civilian world with counseling and job search.

When I first started my journey into the area of pet therapy, I had some doubts. Not about Ms Sarah (I knew she had plenty of puppy kisses to give away) but about my being able to interact with the clients and make a difference in quality of life. It seems that wherever I go and somebody finds out that I have a Therapy Dog, they want us to come and visit. Having a dog along often is the means to easily begin a conversation. The two ladies outside the VA Hospital who saw Ms Sarah and asked that I stop by and see their Dad in the hospice wing that was not expected to last the night. The wheelchair bound lady veteran psychiatric ward whose conversation during the week was the question of when Sarah would be back to visit.

Being retired, I do have a lot more time on my hands but none-the-less, it is still limited. There are seventeen assisted living facilities in the Bethel Park area and I don't know a single one of them that wouldn't like to have a four-legged volunteer. Please consider getting your dog-qualified CGC/TDI and becoming part of the program by sharing your dog with others who really appreciate your efforts.

Ed Hanke
Ms Sarah Wiggle Butt: CGC, TDIRVA,
TT, CDSA, 1/4 SHR

THE THERAPY DOG READING PROGRAM



What could be more helpful and comforting than reading to a dog? That is another wonderful program in which my therapy dogs, Heidi and Colby, participate. This program has been proven to be of great help to many shy children, beginning readers, or children with speech impediments. Many children just have great fear of speaking or reading in front of a group of their peers. This is where the dog becomes the best non-judgmental listener for these children.

The reading program can last from one to two hours. Therapy dogs must be calm and able to sit or lie down for 15 or 20-minute sessions at a time. There could be eight different children reading to one dog in the two-hour period. Stress can become a problem in this length of time for some dogs, but what dog would not like all of the attention and petting that they get from the children. It is a win--win situation to all involved. An immediate bond is formed with the dog and reader, which is comforting to both. This is a one-on-one program when the stories are read to the

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interested dog, but the dog will sometimes get so comfortable hearing

the story that it will fall asleep. Any anxiety of reading out loud that the child may have is easily and quickly removed by the gentle petting he gives to the dog as he continues to read. The child reads with no interruptions, corrections or help, unless he asks the dog's handler for assistance with a word.

Depending on the facility, whether a library or a classroom setting, the structure of the program may vary. Some readers like to visit and read to multiple dogs and others prefer to read to the same dog at each session. A close relationship builds and is made evident when the smiling little faces enter the room and joy and excitement is expressed as they seek out their favorite reading partner. The dogs respond very enthusiastically with their wagging tails when they see their friend approach them. The dogs remember their reading buddy each week and there is a very mutual and happy greeting.

It was five years ago when I researched this program and was totally impressed when I read a story about a child who was very, very shy at reading out loud. His first reading-to-the-dog session was a bit of a struggle, but he looked forward to returning the next time to the same dog. His teacher noticed a very remarkable improvement in this child's reading skills after the completion of this program. The boy had received a photo of his reading dog and put it on the refrigerator where he would sit and read to the picture. This is just another example of therapy dogs helping people, just by doing what they do best and what comes naturally.

So, if you like to read and love children, get your therapy dog and get involved. You will be glad that you did.

Betty Jean Maier
Heidi and Colby

LOW STRESS VET VISITS



Gain Credibility with your vet by using solid handling skills. Use a no-pull harness or head collar if necessary.

Teach your dog helpful behaviors such as how to lay flat on her side, accept restraint, and have her body handled.

Take frequent non-medical field trips to the vet hospital; call ahead, but stop in and feed your dog high-value treats outside the office and in the waiting room, and ask the staff to offer treats, too.

If you are not comfortable with this particular veterinarian, consider switching to another practice.

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Please refer to last month's newsletter concerning our upcoming election.

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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 Drago
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