



TOTAL RECALL – JANUARY 2011

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NOTES AND REMINDERS.....

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: January 21 at 8:00 pm in the Bethel Park Council Chambers Room.



APRIL TDAA TRIAL AT KCTC

There will be a meeting on Sunday January 16th at KCTC at 1:00 pm to get us all back in the Teacup swing of things. If you are interested in helping out with this popular and fun event - COME ON OUT - we would love to have you. In the event of snow, Dan and Pam will hook up their Sammy's to sleds and pick us all up. (Ok, just teasing, but wouldn't that be cool??) And as usual, please remember, this is an H U G E fundraiser for the club. Our reputation is growing as are our number of competitors. So please consider doing your share with this key event for our club.

Thank you and Keep Warm :-)

Amy Wustin
TDAA Trial Chair

Please email me with any questions at eand.me@verizon.net

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUMMARY

There was no membership meeting in December. The next meeting is January 21 in the Bethel Park Council Chambers room at 8:00.

APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

Charlene Zeleznock is applying for membership with her Chinese Crested Powderpuff, Stella.

They have been taking teacup agility classes. She is endorsed by Bonnie McKeown and Joanne Schreiber.

Jessica L. Reyes has applied for membership with her Yorkshire Terrier, Elmo. They have taken Puppy Basic Obedience and Basic Obedience. They are endorsed by Marian Roznowski and Maryann Snyder.

DeAnne D'Orive is applying for membership with her Boston Terrier, Becky and her Boxer, Brenda. They have taken CGC classes and Puppy Agility classes. She is endorsed by Pete Grandillo Jr and Pamela Lewis

BUILDING UTILITIES

We knew when we moved that the new building would be more expensive to maintain. The rent is more than the previous building, and we expected that our utility costs would go up because of the increased size of the building. The electric bill was very expensive the first two months, probably due to the cost of running the air conditioning. It has come down some but please remember when you are there to close up for the day to check all of the

lights and make sure the thermostats are set all the way down to 45 degrees in the winter. (There is one in the blue room and two in the black room.)

Please especially check that the lights are off in (1) the potty area (the switch is right next to the potty area door from the blue room), and (2) in the garage area right outside the black room (the switch is on the wall just outside the black room). We have placed neon orange stickers on these switches to increase their visibility.

The water bills have been very high -- about 500 percent higher than in our old building! We attributed the increase in our September bill to all the water we used power washing the mats. However, the water bills for October and November remained way too high. We do know that one toilet has been "running" and we recently replaced the flapper. This appears to have fixed the problem. We also had the water company check our meter, and it appears to be working correctly. We will continue to monitor our water usage.

The bottom line on this is... we all know utilities are expensive. As members, it is everyone's responsibility to help keep us in business by helping to control these costs. If you notice anything unusual (such as a water drip or leak or running toilet), please report it to a board member. It takes all of us working together to make our club work. Finally, although not a utility issue, please leave the club the way you found it. If you move equipment or chairs, please put them back in an orderly manner, and please do not leave soiled paper towels or candy wrappers lying around. The building is our shared home!

Thanks,
Pam Lewis, KCTC Treasurer

From Ed Hanke.....

DOG SCOUTS

Do you like doing things with your dog? Would you like to have the opportunity to do doggie things with others? Are there things that you would like to do and be able to take your dog along on the adventure? Would you like your dog better socialized? Or perhaps you are just curious about what this thing called Dog Scouts is all about?

Right now the weather is a bit "iffy" so we are giving you a couple of different opportunities to pursue.

First, there will be a meeting of the troop on Saturday, January 29th at 10:30 am for a short informational and yearly activity planning meeting. Your second option is to contact either Ed Hanke (hanke42@hotmail.com) or Doree Donovan (doree.donovan@gmail.com) to answer your questions and get your input for the coming year.

EXERCISE REGIMEN

It's been a looong winter already and in another couple of weeks the weather will break and there are all those titles and ribbons just waiting to be won in Rally, Obedience, Agility, Hunting Retriever, Fly Ball, Herding, Tracking, etc. Are you ready? More important, is your dog ready. Sure, he knows the commands and does them eagerly for the treats you have been feeding him for doing such a good job as

You polish your training. But perhaps you may have been just a little too free with the hot dogs, liver treats and ohhh that good squeezeie cheese!

Time to check for that waist you know you dog is supposed to have and maybe you can't find right now. Even a couple of extra pounds can spell trouble for your faithful companion making the heart, liver, kidneys work that much harder and the potential for more serious long term problems. Extra weight equates to a shorter life expectancy and there is a correlation to an increase in joint pain, diabetes, breathing problems and the greater potential for certain types of cancer.

Right after this first series of classes, and beginning in March, there will be classes set up for your dog to begin that exercise regimen that you marked down for yourself as a New Year's Resolution #1. Date, time and location will appear in the February newsletter. Meanwhile, you along with your Veterinarian need to assess your dog's caloric intake, body mass index and conditioning. With your Veterinarian's approval and recommendations you can prepare to join us as we work on fitness and conditioning. The program will be tailored to meet the needs of the individual participant. We will take into consideration the kinds of activities you anticipate and provide guidance to achieve your goals. The course will prepare your dog for vigorous activity through the use of both individual and group games and play.

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Hair of the Dog Day

Just a note of "thank you" to those of you who were able to clear the cobwebs of the night before and come on out to the club on New Year's Day to do a little work with our fur kids. I think a good time was had by all and if you went away with less than a full tummy, I can only say that it was your own fault as there was a myriad of party left-overs as well as some brand new items on the menu. Those South Carolina Boykin people had their traditional southern pulled pork BBQ on the table along with fresh rolls to cradle the fine fare.

Those of you who have not tried "southern style" BBQ are in for a different kind of treat as those at the event can attest. Here is the recipe for the fixin's:

Pork shoulder slow cooked eight hours in root beer. The BBQ sauce is made from one cup of yellow mustard, 1/2 cup balsamic vinegar, 1/3 cup brown sugar, 2 Tbsp. butter, 1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce, 1 tbsp. lemon juice, 1 tsp. cayenne. I left out the pepper for the party in case you are wondering. Mix all the ingredients and cook for 30 minutes. Pull the pork apart with a fork, discard the bone and fat, add the sauce, mix well and reheat. Dig in, enjoy, wipe the excess sauce off your chin and sit back with a satisfied smile on your face. See you all next year.

THANKS TO ED HANKE FOR ALL HIS HELP AND THOUGHTS ON MAKING OUR CLUB BIGGER AND BETTER AND FOR THE GREAT RECIPE

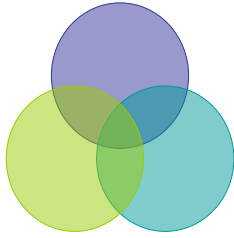


Thanks to Rod Sabatini for installing the new light switch for the long hallway area. The switch is just inside the door to the hallway (garage) from the main building entry. Also thanks to Rod for installing the half-door at the entrance to the black room from the hallway and for installing the door buzzer that sounds in the black room.

Thanks to Amy Wustin and Sharon Hareza for building new agility dogwalk planks from scratch. They are full AKC regulation length. (Our old dogwalk was shorter, to better fit into our old smaller building.)

Thanks to Sharon Hareza and Lucy McCloskey for building nice-looking white lattice room partitions. They will be very useful for classes when a room needs to be divided in two, such as Puppy Kindergarten.

All these efforts required many hours and a lot of hard work, and are greatly appreciated.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

January 7 @ Southminster Day Care
w/ Children's theme.

January 15 @ Riverside Care Center
w/ Valentine theme.

**January 22 @ Washington County
Health Center w/ Doggie Wedding.**

January 29 @ Golden Living Center
(Canonsburg) w/ Valentine theme.

**February 12 @ Bethel Park Manor
Care** (not confirmed) w/ Valentine
theme.

**A big THANK YOU to Caroline
Chapman and ALL the K-9ers and
their canine companions who give
so much of their time to bring
happiness into the lives of others!**



TICK REMOVAL

This is some good information since most of us encounter ticks now and then.

A School Nurse has written the info below -- good enough to share -- And it really works!!

I had a pediatrician tell me what she believes is the best way to remove a tick. This is great, because it works in those places where it's sometimes difficult to get to with tweezers: between toes, in the middle of a head full of dark hair, etc.

Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and let it stay on the repulsive insect for a few seconds (15-20), after which the tick will come out on its own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away. This technique has worked every time. I've used it (and that was frequently), and it's much less traumatic for the patient and easier for me. Unless someone is allergic to soap, I can't see that this would be damaging in any way. I even had my doctor's wife call me for advice because she had one stuck to her back and she couldn't reach it with tweezers. She used this method and immediately called me back to say, "It worked!"



BRAGS

From Pam Lewis:

Crystal earned her Rally Excellent title at the Cleveland IX trial in December.

From Dee Farrell:

Pebbles ended her 2010 "roller-coaster" year of agility by earning her first Q in Standard Level 2 at the CPE trial at Four Seasons K9 Athlete Center in Washingtonville, Ohio, on December 31. She began 2011 with her first Q in Jumpers Level 2 on January 1 and a Q in Snooker Level 2 on January 2. Her Qualifying scores were accompanied by finishes in 1st, 4th, and 2nd places, respectively. We are anticipating a great year of agility in 2011 and wish the same for our fellow agility enthusiasts!

From Mitzie Lever

Buddy, the stray who found me back on July 3, 2010 has completed his first Basic I Obedience class with Marian Roznowski. We are now onto Basic Obedience II and then CGC. My goal with Buddy is to do therapy work. He is really a sweet dog and I'm sure he has found his new home.



MORE DOG LOGIC

Hair of the dog that bit you -A deliberate second experience with something that was a bad first experience, typically a drink of liquor taken when one is recovering from drinking too much liquor and has a hangover, often the same type of liquor as one got drunk on. *Origin:* ancient folk wisdom says that "like cures like," in Latin – "Similia similibus curantur;" likewise a cure for a dog bite in ancient times was placing hair (often burned first) from the dog that bit on the wound. The expression was used in 1546 in John Heywood's "Proverbs" - "I pray the leat me and my felow haue a heare of the dog that bote us last night."

Happy as a flea in a doghouse-Very happy

Have a bone to pick -A point to argue or a complaint to settle. *Origin:* in the 16th century, it was a comparison to how a dog worries about a bone; in the 19th century, the expression expanded to what happens when two dogs battle over one bone.

Specialty Classes - Rear Classroom

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 14	Joyce Petrow (Lori Caruso, Barbara Newman)
Feisty Fido	Friday	8:30 PM	Jan 14	Joyce Petrow (Lori Caruso, Barbara Newman)
TDI/CGC (4 Weeks) RESCHEDULED TO MARCH	Tuesday			Pam Lewis & Dan Goldberg
Conformation (Drop-ins Welcome)	Wednesday	8:00PM	Jan 5	Clara Marie Schmaltz & Bill Colbert
Nose Work (6 Weeks) TUESDAY CLASSES FULL	Tuesday Wednesday	7:30 & 8:30 11:00 AM	Jan 4 Jan 5	Doree Donovan, (Lucy McCloskey & Toni Yurkovic)
K-9er's	Sunday	6:00 PM	Ongoing	Caroline Chapman

Obedience Classes - Rear Classroom

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 - Standard Agility - Front Classroom - Teacup Agility - Rear Classroom

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) CLASS FULL	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Jan 5	Amy Wustin
Agility Games (6 Weeks)	Friday	7:00 PM	Jan 7	Sharon Hareza (Lucy McCloskey)
Beginners Agility CLASS IS FULL	Thursday	7:00 PM	Jan 6	Pam Lewis, Lucy McCloskey, Joanne Kerfonta, Lynda Kuzbel
<i>Beyond Beginners Agility</i>	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 Equipment Schedule	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) CLASS IS FULL	Monday	4:00 PM	Jan 3	Dan Goldberg, Tom Bandi