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MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

The next
regularly scheduled
KCTC
membership meeting
is scheduled for
Sunday, September 16.
at 7:00 pm
at the
Bethel Boro Building

VOTED INTO MEMBERSHIP

Stacy Podplesky and her Matese, *Flurry* were voted into membership.

APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

Devon Cole and his BlueHeeler mix, *Huck* and Am. Bulldog, *Kiwi* are applying for membership. They have taken Puppy Kindergarten and Basic Obedience I and II. They are endorsed by Ed Hanke and Lucy McCloskey.

Mackenzie Hafen is applying for membership along with her German Shepherd, *Zuko*. She has taken Puppy Kindergarten, Basic and Beginner's Agility. Mackenzie is endorsed by Amy Wustin and Pam Lewis.

NEW PAGE FOR OUR WEBSITE

One of our members suggested that we do something to help our area animal shelters and rescue organizations. We thought that was a great idea, so now we are asking our members to let me know what animal shelters and rescue organizations are in the area. I will contact them and ask if it is okay that we post a link to their website on ours.

Hopefully, if they need something and the animal shelter or rescue organization is close to someone they can donate items to help them. Also if anyone is interest in getting a shelter or rescue pet – they will be able to search the area animal shelters and rescue organizations from one place – our website.

Please send the info to
LMCCLOSKEY@LIVE.COM

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN (CGC) AND THERAPY DOGS INTERNATIONAL (TDI) TESTING OCTOBER 10

We will be holding CGC and TDI testing on Wednesday, October 10, from 5:00 - 7:30 pm. The cost is \$10 for KCTC members and \$15 for non-members. If you would like to have your dog tested, send your name, dog's name and breed, and preferred test time to Dan Goldberg at samoyed4@verizon.net. There is a limit of 8 dogs at 20 minute intervals.

THANK YOU

Keystone Canine Training Club

For All the Help With our First APDT Rally Trial of September 8 and September 9, 2012

Wow!

I am so impressed. There were so many people and you know who you are that made our first APDT Rally Trial a smooth running success.

So many of you volunteered time, money, tables, crockpots, easels, pop, water, orange juice, hot dogs, buns, candy, salads, desserts, wrapped dog treats, pulled pork and chicken, mac 'n cheese and a few small trees (the paper Clare and I used.)...if we named it you had it at the building.

So many of the volunteers arrived early and stayed late. The set up and cleanup crews made the building ready for the next day or Monday's classes. The building was commented on for being so clean.

Our baskets and workers' raffle are a cut above the rest. We even had a masseuse ...to help with the stress for the dog and us.

The photographer captured the moment for us forever!

The judges had a wonderful sense of humor. And the exhibitors were pretty complimentary about the whole experience.

Thank you all,

Bonnie McKeown
Trial Chairperson

THANK YOU

A special thanks goes to Bonnie McKeown, Clare Schmalz, Stephanie Barber, Paula Shimko, and Linette Evancic these ladies have worked tirelessly for months to put this Rally Trial together. Great Job Ladies!

Keystone Canine Training Club is the first in Western Pennsylvania

to have a APDT rally trial. The trial was a great success. Our judge on Saturday was Laurie Bushele from Ohio she did a great job of judging we had two trials and well over 50 runs. I am so proud of our members they entered and they got qualifying scores

Lucy McCloskey had classes on Saturday afternoons to instruct members on how much fun it is to do APDT rally. She did a great job because our members got allot of Q's It is very interesting to know that in this venue you can use treats on signs that are stationary so when you halt, before you move you can give the treat. I do understand that if you drop treats on the floor you lose points.

On Sunday our judge was Stephanie Capkovic from the Harrisburg area. We had allot of runs on Sunday and you won't believe it but our members got titles in 2 days 4 trials that is really great.

I would like to thank all the people that volunteered to help out for this trial without the support of the members who volunteer to help out we could not have done any events like this rally venue and teacup.

Well the next APDT rally trial will be at Splash n Dash on November 3rd and 4th. That will be there first APDT rally trial also. So we would like to support them like they did for our trial.

Moving forward we are trying to get a date for our next rally trial some time in the spring.

Don't forget our TDAA teacup trial is coming up the date is October 5, 6, 7.

AND ANOTHER THANK YOU

A very big thank you to Ed Hanke for donating a very nice, very big refrigerator to the club. It is up and running and working well!
Thanks Ed!

Exhibitors' Comments on our September 8 & 9 APDT Rally Trial

Lisa Bauer from Splash 'n Dash commented that the building was clean, everyone was friendly and the judge awesome. Lisa's dog was one of the first to be registered for our APDT Rally trial and the first dog to run. Lisa's dog is a Dalmatian named Jazz and was appropriately numbered 101.

Another exhibitor Cathy Artes who owns Quincy, a Shetland Sheepdog who is deaf, was thrilled that APDT Rally allows deaf dogs as AKC Rally does not. This was their First APDT Trial. She thought the Judge was bubbly and nice. Her experience with us was very good.

Other comments: well organized, building clean would come again, registration very smooth, lots of room and the crating room is beautiful.

Overall the general comment was "would come back again and they liked APDT Rally".

Linette Evancic and
Bonnie McKeown

MORE THANK YOUS

I wanted to extend my personal thanks to the following volunteers who helped make our presence at the Washington County Pet Expo on August 25th a great success! The trek to the fairgrounds was not easy that morning. It was a very warm day and there was a monumental traffic jam due to a Marathon Race that was also taking place at the fairgrounds that morning. However, all volunteers arrived happy and smiling. My thanks goes to: Betty Camus, Ed Hanke, Amanda Norton, Marcie Parrish, Mary Phifer, Diana Squicciarini, Dave & Sue Wray, and Toni Yurkovic.

A special thank you to Sue Wray for a great Agility and Rally demo and Ed Hanke for an informative Hunting demo.

KCTC SESSION V ENROLLMENTS

The Session V schedule has now been posted to the CLASS SCHEDULE page on our website. You can enroll by sending an email to Dan Goldberg (samoyed4@verizon.net) with the following information:

- Your name
- Your phone number
- Your dog's name and breed
- The class you want to take
- The class day, time, and start date (some classes have multiple days, times or dates)

Dan will acknowledge all emails. If you do not hear from him within 48 hours, please resend your email.

You can bring your payment to the first class, or put it in an envelope with your name and class, then put the envelope in the cash box in the office.

Finally, to help keep our building clean, please take your dog to the potty area when you arrive at the club, before each class.

DOG SCOUTS

Dog Scout Troop 189 will be meeting from 6:30 to 8:00 pm September 26 at Keystone Canine to plan for the Octoberfest demo and work on the Dog Scout or obstacle/agility badges. Please bring a friend if you know someone who is interested, call if you have questions my cell is 720-256-8088.

Doree Donovan, ANWI, CATT



KCTC MEMBERSHIP MEETING July 15, 2012

NEW MEMBER

Stacy Podplesky was voted in unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

The Board can modify the regularity of the membership meetings without any changes to the Bylaws. Therefore, the plan is to reduce the frequency of membership meeting to every-other month. The membership meetings will be held on the odd numbered months. We do not meet in December. The changes do not affect the annual election in May; however, nominations from the floor will take place in March rather than April.

SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP

This will be a new classification in the Bylaws. This membership is for individuals who do not have a dog or who do not enroll in classes, but wish to remain active with the club. These individuals will pay \$35.00 instead of \$70.00 (50% of annual dues) but if they get a dog and wish to enroll in classes they would have to pay the full membership fee.

MEMBERSHIP

A person must enroll in two sessions of classes prior to applying for membership. The applicants for membership will be eligible for the members' rates for classes after they have taken the two class sessions and after receipt of their application for membership. The members in attendance voted to approve Bylaw changes to reflect the new Social Membership category and the policy about eligibility for members' rates for classes.

AKC STAR PUPPY PROGRAM

This program has been implemented with Session IV.

NEW BUSINESS

Ed Hanke is donating a refrigerator to the club.

There are a number of lights throughout the building that need to be replaced and Dave Wray has agreed to replace these lights.

All dogs should be taken to the Potty area prior to attending a class. All instructors and/or assistants are asked to check the building for any "accidents" after each class.

During the membership meeting on August 19, the attached revision of the Bylaws was approved. The major changes are as follows:

- Added a Social Membership category for current or previous members who do not have a dog and do not take classes. The dues are 50% of the regular dues.
- Clarified that a person must complete two classes prior to applying for membership.
- To reflect current policy, stated that applicants for membership are eligible for members' rates for classes after taking two classes and after receipt of their application for membership by the Membership Chair.
- Changed the dates of various actions regarding elections, to reflect an every-other month membership meeting schedule.

MEETING DATES

Although not a Bylaw change, we will now hold membership meetings every-other month instead of monthly. We will meet in odd-numbered months. The next meeting will be September 16, and the following meeting will be November 18.

Our annual Holiday party and awards banquet will be held Monday, December 3 at the Royal Place on Route 88.

TDAA TEACUP TRIAL **October 6 & 7, 2012**

KCTC Members,

First I would like to offer **CONGRATS** to Bonnie and her wonderful support team on putting on a terrific APDT Rally Trial !!!! Way to go ladies, all your hard work paid off in a big way:

But don't stop reading there.....It's time again for our **TDAA Teacup Trial**. Our trial is October 6-7 and is just a few weeks before the Petit Prix. We are hoping to pull in a large entry of people getting ready for that trial. Soooooo, yes I am again looking for all of your support for our trial. In the past, you have all stepped up to the plate and I am hoping that I can count on your help once again. We will be calling you in a few short weeks looking for donations of food, raffle items or good ole cash, to help support the trial. And the worker signup sheet is posted at the building. So don't be shy - come on out and help. Don't worry if you don't know anything about agility, come and help and learn about this cool sport and you will get to watch some fun and interesting runs.

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

Looking forward to seeing you at the trial or seeing your donations

Pawsatively Excited About This Trial.....

Amy Wustin
TDAA Trial Chair

GOOD MANNERS

KCTC is revising our Obedience Classes. The first classes that will be changed are our Basic Obedience Class and Puppy Obedience Class. To help stop the confusion with the names of these classes, we are calling the classes "Family Manners Obedience" and "Puppy Family Manners Obedience." Along with the name change, we are revising our curriculum to help

teach you how to have a well-mannered family pet. Below is the description of our new curriculum for both classes and what you need for class.

Puppy and Family Manners Obedience!

Here, you will learn how to teach your dog using positive reinforcement methods. By the end of the session, your dog should be able to walk on a loose leash. They will also learn household manners such as off, sit, down, stand and stay. You will enjoy teaching them to come when called, and to go to a specific "place" when asked, plus much much more.

Please bring a towel or mat with your dog's scent on it for your dog to use during class. No flip-flops or Flexi leads are permitted in class.

Thank You
KCTC

KEYSTONE K-9ERS

The K-9ers had a busy August. We finished up with two demos back to back. Riverside Care Center August 25 and the Vincentian Nursing Home, August 26. We all had a great time.

There is only one demo scheduled so far for next month. September 22 at Golden Living Center. Performance time at 2:00 pm with the Country Western Theme.

The K-9ers will have to start boning up on their Halloween format. October will be very busy also with four confirmed Halloween demos complete with costumed dogs and spooky music.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Once again, I am looking for volunteers to advertise our club by handing out flyers etc. and to answer questions about our classes. Since the event is being held in South Park this is an excellent opportunity for us to attract new members from an area close to

KCTC. All volunteers will receive Bonus Bones for their time at this event. Please contact Linette at 724-941-5956 no later than September 18, 2012. All help will be greatly appreciated! P.S. If anyone is interested in doing a demo at this event, let me know your idea.

Thanks,
Linette

DOG WALK AND FAIR

Second Chance at Life is having a Trails of Tails Dog Walk/Fair that will be held on September 23, 2012 at the South Park Fairgrounds beginning at 9:00 a.m. It is sponsored by CORE (Center for Organ Recovery and Education) and will be raising funds to help transplant patients afford their medical expenses. This event will be held rain or shine. Second Chance at Life has reserved the building under the clock at the South Park Oval for this event.

MORE ABOUT ADPT

The first APDT trial in Western Pennsylvania was held at our Club on September 8 and September 9. It was a smoothly running success.

We had 108 runs which was just remarkable. All the advertising and word of mouth had paid off.

The club is so very fortunate to have such generosity from its members to make this trial possible.

The food was great and varied. The breakfast choices were creative.

The volunteers contributed time, money, tables, crockpots, easels, pop, water, orange juice, hot dogs, buns, candy, salads, desserts, wrapped dog treats, pulled pork and chicken, mac 'n cheese and a few small trees (the paper Clare and I used.). If we named it you had it at the building. Plus the time and energy with the set up and clean up made the building so clean and friendly. What a talented

group we have. I thank you all.

I want to thank Phyllis Huber, Trial Chairperson, from Splash 'n Dash for all her help with all the countless details that needed to be ironed out to make our event exhibitor and volunteer friendly. Some of their members entered our trial and were very pleased with our event. Splash 'n Dash will be having their first APDT Rally trial November 3 and November 4. Please support them as they did us.

Bonnie McKeown
Trial Chairperson

KEYSTONE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Skye Schreiber earned her TSAD title at the B & D Creekside August Teacup Agility Trial. Skye is an 8 year old Shetland Sheepdog.

My collie bitch, **Tartanside Cadence (Lily Rose)** was rated in the Top Ten Obedience Collies listing for 2011 and first quarter 2012. She is listed as No. 8. Lily is now relaxing, having been bred this past weekend and hopefully if breeding takes will have a litter due the third week of October.

Thanks,
Stephanie Barber

MY collie, **Sara**, finally received her TDI recognition for her first 50 visits. I received a certificate and pin for her TDIA title.

Thank you,
Caroline

Logan DSA graduated from Cadet to earning his Dog Scout Badge along with also earning his Puppy Paddler, Nose Discrimination and Backpacking Badges at the Dog Scout Camp August 16-19 2012. We had a great time with Doree (Faith), Paula (Blaze) who also earned several badges along with Doree helping to train alot of teams NoseWork and Trieball.

This August **Doree Donovan** invited **Lynda Kuzbel** and I (**Paula**) to go camping in the Blue Ridge Mountains. First we had to join the Dog Scouts of American though. I haven't been camping in 20 years, but dog camp now that I had to check out. It was the one of the best decisions I have made in a long time. Every day there were many activities to choose from in order to earn badges just like the Girl Scouts or the Boy Scouts. There was trie-ball, swimming, canoeing, fly- ball, nose work, freestyle obedience dancing, and impromptu obedience. There was also a camp fire every night and a best doggie costume parade. It was just a super good time with really great people. Oh I forgot, backpacking in the mountains also.

Blaze is now a Dog Scout having completely the required testing. He also earned his Manners Badge and his Backpacking Badge. We had such a good time and look forward to participating with our fellow Dog Scouts again in the near future. Anyone interested in joining Troop 189 should because it was an absolute blast. If anyone is interested in joining our Troop 189 please let one of us know. We will be glad to fill you in. In the meantime please check out dogscout.org it has a ton of info and I mean a ton. It is all very reasonable. It only cost \$25 for a yearly membership and bonus, Doree is an evaluator so one can earn badges right here on home turf.



Logan



Blaze



Rocky earned his TBAD title in agility at B&D Creekside on Sunday August 26, 2012.

Little legs were traveling fast this weekend. He started the weekend on Saturday with a second place Q in TG2 games.

Sunday he ran for two First Place's with two Q's in his standard runs. I'm having lots of fun with my little guy!

This weekend (Sept 1-3) **Sawyer** and I were in the Westmoreland County Agility trials. We got our 8th double Q on Sunday. On Monday we qualified in JWWs to earn our Master Jumpers Bronze title. He was really running fast and seemed so happy to be out and about doing agility. It was great to be out running with him. He sure isn't happy when we are doing conformation shows, and he stays home.

And...

The day started off with lightning, thunder and a cloudburst of rain. It didn't get much better as the rain continued most of the day! But we are smiling because **Saintonio** was Winner's dog and Best of

Winners for his first major today at the Altoona shows at Ebensburg. That gives him 4 points (1 major). And boy was I glad to get home to change. Everything is wet. Thanks for listening.
Elaine



On September 9, 2012, **Beau Jangles**, aka – Beau, at six months old, participated in his First Trial, which was the First APDT Trial held at KCTC. Beau is my rescue puppy that I have been working with for the past two months. He has made great strides and been a good little trooper through his clicker training. In his first trial, Beau placed Second with a score of 204. In the second trial, he placed First with a score of 205. Beau now has two qualifying scores toward the Puppy Level title. I'm proud of my little rescue puppy.
Linette



SONNY

The Aheimer Boyz have been busy this past month. We tried our hand/paw at Novice Rally at a 2 day Cavalier Specialty in New York. **Blaze** earned 2 second places in Novice Rally only to be out done by his little brother **Jackson**. Jackson got 2 first places and took highest scoring Rally dog at the trial. He won this beautiful plate with to Cavaliers painted on it.

Blaze is now in Excellent B JWW. He earned his first Q toward his Master Jumpers title.

Jackson earned his Excellent A JWW title with a first place and two Q's towards his Excellent A Standard title with a first and second place at B&D Activity Center over Labor Day weekend. I was also excited because he double Q'd in both Standard and Jumpers, which proved to me that he can do it. He earned 13 points in Excellent B JWW.

Debbie Aheimer



HAMILTON'S

MYSTIC LORD OF THE DANCE

Sonny and I participated in the first Western PA APDT trial held at Keystone Canine Training Club. We had a great time doing what Sonny does best in front of his peers. He had one of the best trial scores ever. We did all four trials and all three levels – 12 runs in total - and he earned 12 first place rosettes.

He earned his Third ARCH Master's title. It was so nice to earn it in his home field among his friends.

We are eagerly waiting for Splash n Dash's APDT trial on Nov. 3rd & 4th.

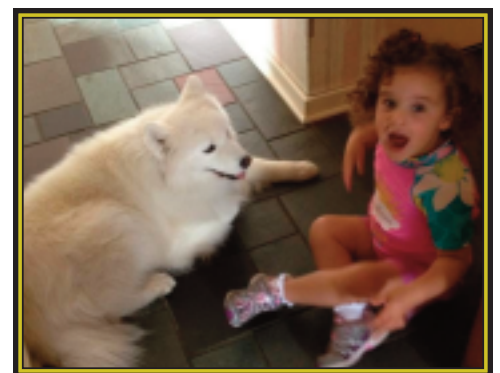
A DOG WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE

This is not exactly a brag, but a short story about how our dog Crystal made a difference in a little girl's outlook on dogs.

Our niece, her husband, and their two daughters (ages 3 and 1) recently visited us from out of town. The 3-year old, Serena, was very afraid of dogs after being viciously barked at by a dog in their neighborhood. When she arrived, we explained that we had a dog but that she was very different from her neighborhood dog because she was VERY friendly and liked little girls. Of course Serena wasn't too sure about this, but we let her see Crystal lying very calmly in our back yard. Then we slowly walked her out to see Crystal, who (as we expected) did not react and played the part of a Therapy dog perfectly! We eventually convinced Serena to more closely approach Crystal, then lightly pet Crystal, and finally give her a hug!

By the end of the weekend, she and Crystal became fast friends. Serena would sit on the floor next to Crystal and "pant" just like Crystal was doing and then ask "why does she do that?" Crystal exemplified her Therapy dog training by calming a 3-year old who was very afraid of dogs. She will not earn a Q ribbon for this accomplishment, but we are very proud knowing that she made a big difference in Serena's attitude toward dogs.

Pam Lewis and Dan Goldberg



KEYSTONE CANINE TRAINING CLUB

Schedule of Classes - Session V – 2012 Classes start Wednesday Oct. 17

Classes are for Seven Weeks Unless Noted

NO CLASSES WILL BE HELD ON – Nov. 21 thru Nov 25 – Thanksgiving Holiday Break

Specialty Classes - Rear Training Room

Class	Day	Time	Start	Instructors
Puppy Kindergarten (Class is open to puppies up to & including 6 months of age).	Friday	7:00 PM	Oct 26	Joyce Petrow, Lori Caruso, Barbara Newman, Lynda Kuzbel, Sue Schweitzer
Feisty Fido	Friday	8:30 PM	Oct. 26	Lori Caruso, Joyce Petrow, Barbara Newman, Sue Schweitzer
Continuing Odor-Exteriors & Vehicles-Birch	Friday	5:00 PM	Oct 26	Linette Evancic
Introduction To Nose Work (6 Weeks)	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Oct. 23	Doree Donovan
Continuing Nose Work (Trial Preparation)	Tuesday	8:30 PM	Oct 23	Lynda Kuzbel (Mary Benedetti)
TDI/CGC (4 Week Class)	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Oct 24	Dan Goldberg (Mitzie Lever)
Conformation – Drop-in Class	Wednesday	8:30 PM	Ongoing	Bill Colbert, Clara Marie Schmalz
Introduction To Conformation	Wednesday	8:30 PM	Oct 17	Clara Marie Schmalz
K9er's	Sunday	6:00 PM	Ongoing	Caroline Chapman

Obedience Classes - Rear Training Room

Class	Day	Time	Start	Instructors
AKC Open Obedience – Drop-In (See website for specific dates)	Saturday	9:00 AM	See Website	Julie Agosti
Family Manners Obedience	Saturday	11:00 AM	Oct 20	Rod Sabatini (Ken Cellupics)
APDT Rally (See website for specific dates)	Saturday	7:00 PM		Lucy McCloskey
Family Manners Obedience	Sunday	11:00 AM	Oct 21	Marian Roznowski (Maryann Snyder)
Puppy Family Manners Obedience (6 months to 1 year)	Monday	6:30 PM	Oct 22	Toni Yurkovic (Pauline Kitchen)
Basic Obedience II	Monday	7:30 PM	Oct 22	Sally Tress (Toni Yurkovic)
AKC Rally Obedience	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Oct 23	Sue Wray & Clara Marie Schmalz & Toni Yurkovic
Puppy & Family Manners Obedience (over 6 months)	Thursday	6:30 PM	Oct 25	Ed Hanke (Linette Evancic)
Clicker – Family Manners Obedience	Thursday	7:30 PM	Oct 25	Paula Shimko
AKC Novice Obedience	Thursday	8:30 PM	Oct 25	Rod Sabatini

Standard Agility Classes - Front Training Room; Teacup Agility - Rear Training Room

Class	Day	Time	Start	Instructors
Teacup Agility (Daytime Class)	Monday	4:00 PM	Oct 22	Tom Bandi & Phyllis Bandi
Puppy Foundation Agility	Monday	7:15 PM	Oct 22	Amy Wustin & Sharon Hareza
Beginner's Foundation Agility	Monday	8:15 PM	Oct 22	Amy Wustin & Sharon Hareza
Advanced Agility	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Oct 23	Emil Pohodich (Pete Grandillo, Sr.)
Advanced Agility	Tuesday	8:30 PM	Oct 23	Terri Chasser (Pete Grandillo, Sr.)
Teacup Agility (Drop-ins Welcome)	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Oct 24	Emil & Barbara Pohodich
Intermediate Agility	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Oct 24	Pam Lewis/ Lucy McCloskey/Dan Goldberg
Intermediate Agility	Wednesday	8:30 PM	Oct 24	Pam Lewis/Lucy McCloskey/Janine Smith
Contacts & Weaves & Handling Skills	Thursday	7:30 PM	Oct 25	Pam Lewis, Dan Goldberg, Lucy McCloskey, & Joanne Kerfonta
Beyond Beginner's Agility	Thursday	8:30 PM	Oct 25	Pam Lewis & Lucy McCloskey & Rosanne Minich
Agility Games, Barrel Racing and/or Other Fun Things (Drop-ins Welcome)	Friday	7:30 PM	Oct 26	Joanne Kerfonta & Lucy McCloskey
Beyond Beginner's Agility	Saturday	5:00 PM	Oct 27	Pam Lewis & Lucy McCloskey