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Come to the next Membership Meeting for AWESOME APPETIZERS

Sunday, January 19 @ 7:00 pm

KCTC Building

No (Appetizer Eating) Dogs Please

From the President

It was nice to see so many members at our Holiday Party. I'd like to thank Joanne Kerfonta and her entire committee (Mary Benedetti, Lori Ritchey, Lucy McCloskey, and Bonnie McKeown) for organizing this festive affair. Also, thanks to KCTC member Suzie Smith of the Gab and Eat restaurant for catering the event with delicious food! And finally, thanks to Virginia Weida for her great slide show that featured many of our dogs.

It is also nice to see so many members trying something new with their dogs in our "short session" of classes in December.

I was invited (along with our dog Crystal) to participate in the "Lets Talk Healthy Pets" cable TV program with Dr. Ed Sulkowski. I talked in general about dog training, and specifically about our classes and programs at KCTC. The half-hour show was taped last month, and will appear on the Peters Township and Bethel Park cable TV stations. In addition, you can watch it by going to either of our Facebook pages and clicking on the link to the show, which is

posted on the Peters website. Dr. Ed asked a lot of good questions, and hopefully I gave some good answers!

Our next membership meeting will be Sunday, January 19, and the food theme will be "Amazing Appetizers". You are invited to bring your favorite appetizer to share.

Looking back on 2013, we had a good year thanks to all our volunteers (both instructors and workers). Our class enrollments were high, our Teacup and Rally trials were successful, our committees did a lot of work, and many of our dogs have progressed through classes into competition. I'd like to share a quote from a friend (Marti Wiseman, who some of you may know), regarding competition: "Sharing our lives with pets is really about the love, not the ribbons." I think she hit the nail on the head!

I wish you Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. And remember, have fun with your dogs!

Dan Goldberg, President

Voted Into Membership

Kristen Murray with her Siberian Huskies Islay & Fridh and Border Collie, Patrick was voted into membership.

Maribeth Hook was voted into membership with her Australian Shepherds Spencer and Kobi and Border Collie, Potter.

Applying for Membership

Marge and Brian Rhodes are applying for membership. They have their mixed terrier Sophie and their Lhasa Apso, Jasper. They have taken Puppy Kindergarten, and Puppy Family Manners. They are endorsed by Paula Shimko and Pat Warnick.

Annette Mucci is applying for membership. Annette has her Boxers, Cash, Apollo and Casey and her Bassets, Sophie, Schroeder and Lucy. She has taken Obedience, CGC and Agility. She is endorsed by Lucy McCloskey and Pat Warnick.

Dee Farrell and her Yorkshire Terriers, Pebbles and Pixie are applying for membership. They have taken Teacup Agility. Dee is endorsed by Tom Bandi and Phyllis Bandi.

Holiday Party Slide Show DVD

We are offering DVD copies of the 6-minute Slide Show with music shown at our Holiday Party, featuring many of our dogs, to club members for \$2 each. To place an order, members can deliver \$2 in an envelope marked "DVD order" with their name on it to the club payment box, or email their DVD order request to Virginia at vweida@comcast.net. She will have copies available for pick-up at the next Membership Meeting.



Winter K-9er Demos

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

The K-9ers are looking forward to our bi-annual get together on Sunday, January 6 @ Calabria's Restaurant. The gathering time is 5:30 PM. We will be collecting money that day to donate to Animal Friends Shelter.

I have received one demo request from Harbour Living Center in Greentree. The residents would like the K-9ers to perform the first Saturday in June.

Thank you so much for all your support,
Caroline

KCTC GIFT CERTIFICATES

Looking for the perfect holiday gift for a dog lover? Consider a KCTC gift certificate. They are available in any denomination. You can order one by emailing Dan Goldberg at samoyed4@verizon.net.

KCTC Logo Embroidered Hand Towels for Sale

If you were not able to attend the holiday party but would still like to have one of the embroidered towel and bracelet packages, please contact Joanne Kerfonta either by email at jkerfonta@verizon.net or in person at the club. Joanne is there Friday nights from 7:00 - 9:00. The towel/bracelet combo package is \$10.00 and she will have some at the club Fri night.



Hair of the Dog Party

January 1, 2014

Doors open at 9:30 a.m.

Potluck Lunch 11:30 a.m. -- Ed Hanke will be preparing the southern style pork BBQ for your enjoyment. Sarah says its "yummy inna tummy".

The annual "Hair of the Dog Party" will begin at 9:30 am January 1, 2014 and will continue in somewhat subdued mode at the Club until noon in deference to those of us revelers who may have imbibed a bit too much of the holiday spirit(s) from the night before. Come join us as we kick off the New Year with a jumpstart of the activities we hold near and dear, which include our furry four-footed friends.

Should you happen to have some comestibles left over from the night before which you would care to share, we can help you dispose of them. Bringing something is not mandatory. Staying the whole three hours is not necessary. What is mandatory is that you bring your dog and a strong commitment to spend quality time with your dog and share in the responsibility of making this a memorable year for Keystone Canine Training Club.



KCTC Accomplishments

Rocky, my little dog with a big heart. So proud of my little man who accomplished so much this year. Rocky earned eight agility titles and his Therapy dog International title. He finished off the year at Washingtonville Ohio's ASCA trial with two first place Q's and his Open Jumpers title.

Joanne Kerfonta



Rocky

I'm pleased and excited to announce that **Ratitatt It's Jamboree Jade** has achieved the level of Master JWW as well as Master Standard in Agility. Now, game on!

Rose Nicotra

Mimi had a first place Q in games at B&D's October trial, and earned her TMAG title. It was a dog's choice game, her favorite kind of game. It was fun, pedal-to-the-metal, mad dash, and the perfect run to win our TMAG. Not too shabby for a little dog who refuses to do the teeter!

Laura Leonard



Becky and I had a blast in Teacup Agility this year! Our weekly classes at Keystone as well as our daily practice sessions at home really paid off. We were able to attend 6 Sunday matches in the Pittsburgh area, which resulted in Becky receiving her Teacup Games III (TG3) and Teacup Intermediate Agile Dog (TIAD) Titles. We want to thank all our instructors who helped us this year and look forward to next year's teacup agility matches. Deann Orive



Becky

It is official on 11/2/2013 at Splash 'n Dash; **Aiden Mist** won his WCRL Rally Level 3 Title. Also and equally important to mom, **Ian** earned his WCRL Rally Veterans Championship title on 11/3/2013 at Splash 'n Dash.

Mom was so pleased. They worked hard and although Ian still loves to look at all the exhibitors instead of working on the course, he is the best! Just being Ian.

Bonnie McKeown



Ian

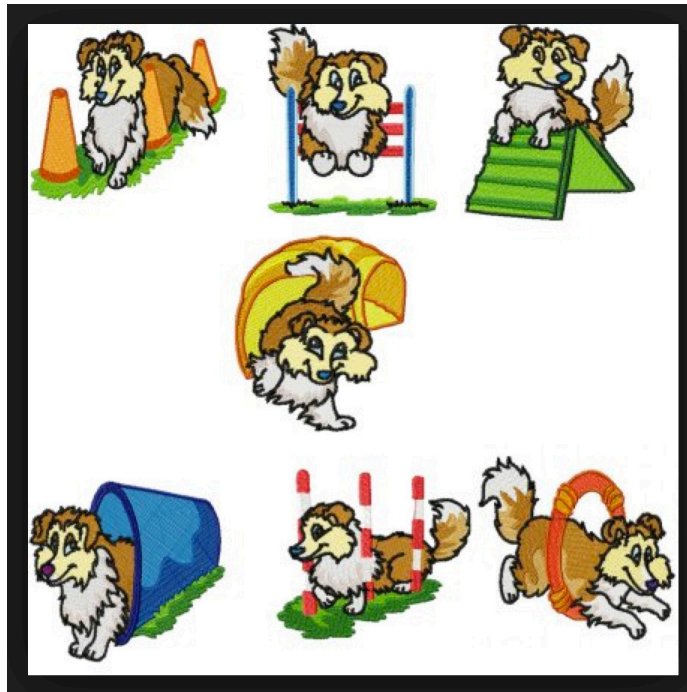
My little

Gracie earned her Beginner Novice on Saturday November 16, 2013 At Westmoreland County Obedience Training Club under Mrs. CC Botko earned a 3rd Place with a score of 194 for her 3rd leg. Her 2nd leg she earned at Golden Triangle Obedience Sunday October 13, 2013 under Mrs. Gormley 2nd place with a score of 189. Her first leg was at Westmoreland September 29, 2013 earned 3rd place with a score of 197 under Mrs. L. MacDonald. She's following in her mother's footsteps. Lisa Paciorek

Weather Cancellations

In the event of bad weather that results in cancellations of our classes, we will post a cancellation notice of the home page of the website at least two hours before any scheduled classes. So if in doubt, please check our website for cancellation information. In addition, we send cancellation notifications to WPXI and KDKA for their TV scrolls. And we call any members without computers to advise them of cancellations. Instructors – please remind your classes to check the website for cancellation notices in the event of bad weather.





New Classes

- Family Manners I - Wednesdays 2:00
- Family Manners II - Saturdays 11:00
- Family Manners III - Saturdays 12:00
- Intro to Scent Work Class - Saturdays 4:00
- Beginners Teacup Class - Wednesdays 6:30
- Agility Flatwork Handling - Sundays 6:30

New Class information

Agility Flatwork Handling - This class is geared toward answering the question of “what do I need to do to get in tune to what takes place in between obstacles?” We will be working on call offs, accelerations, deceleration, forward and lateral sends, along with incorporating front, rear and blind crosses in the mix. It will be a fast paced class with jumps, tunnels, barrels and occasionally some weave poles. Contact obstacles will not be in the mix. Bring your running shoes and get ready to take your team to the next level.

Perquisites: Taken at least one session of Beyond Beginners Agility.

Class begins Jan 5th start date, Sundays 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Beginners Teacup - Is for the teacup size dogs that have already taken our agility foundation class.

Family Manners III - Is for dogs who have taken Family Manners I or II successfully and want to improve their obedience skills and learn new skills.

Moved Classes

- Puppy Family Manners I - Fridays 8:15
- Family Manners II - Mondays at 7:30
- CGC/CGCA/TDI Preparation - Mondays 8:30

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Session I, 2014 Schedule of Classes - Classes are for Seven Weeks Unless Noted

Weather Alerts - Check Website Homepage for any Class Cancellations

Please Register At Least One Week Before The First Class

Obedience /Speciality Classes - Rear Training Room

Class	Max # Dogs	Day	Time	Start	Instructors
Family Manners I	8	Sunday	11:00 AM	Jan 5	Marian R/Maryann S
Tricks Class	6	Monday	3:45 PM	Jan 6	Diana S
Tricks Class	6	Monday	6:00 PM	Jan 6	Diana S
Family Manners II	8	Monday	7:30 PM	Jan 6	Sally T/Linette E
CGC/CGCA/TDI Preparation	8	Monday	8:30 PM	Jan 6	Dan G/Mitzie L
AKC Rally Obedience (All Levels)	7	Tuesday	6:00 PM	Jan 7	Sue W/Clare S
Continuing Scent Work (Level 3)	6	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Jan 7	Amy W
Intro To Odor (Level 2)	6	Tuesday	8:30 PM	Jan 7	Lynda K/Sue S
Family Manners I	8	Wednesday	2:00 PM	Jan 8	Marian R
Intro to Conformation (5 Weeks)	6	Wednesday	11:00 AM	Jan 8	Clare S
Conformation Drop-in Class		Wednesday	8:30 PM	Website	Bill Colbert/Clare S
Puppy & Family Manners I	8	Thursday	6:30 PM	Jan 9	Ed H/Linette E/Mackenzie H
AKC Beginners Novice / Novice	8	Thursday	7:30 PM	Jan 9	Rod S/Mackenzie H
Puppy Kindergarten	7	Friday	7:00 PM	Jan 10	Paula S/Betty C/Lucy M
Puppy Family Manners I	7	Friday	8:15 PM	Jan 10	Paula S/Lucy M
AKC Open Obedience Drop-in Class		Saturday	9:00 AM	Website	Julie Agosti
Family Manners II	7	Saturday	11:00 AM	Jan 11	Rod S/Betty C/Toni Y
Family Manners III	8	Saturday	12:00 AM	Jan 11	Toni Y/Rod S
Intro to Scent Work (Level 1) 6 Weeks	6	Saturday	4:00 PM	Jan 11	Lynda K
WCR Rally 6 Weeks	8	Saturday	7:15 PM	Jan 11	Lucy M/Imogene S

Agility Classes - Front Room Standard Agility - Back Room Teacup Agility

Class	Max # Dogs	Day	Time	Start	Instructors
Agility Flatwork Handling	8	Sunday	6:30 PM	Jan 5	Joanne K
Teacup Agility	8	Monday	2:00 PM	Jan 6	Tom B/Phyllis B
Puppy Foundation Agility	7	Monday	7:15 PM	Jan 6	Amy W/Sharon H
Beginners Foundation Agility	7	Monday	8:15 PM	Jan 6	Amy W/Sharon H
Advanced Standard Agility	8	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Jan 7	Rose N/Pete G, Sr.
Advanced Standard Agility	8	Tuesday	8:30 PM	Jan 7	Terri C/Rose N
Advanced Standard Agility	8	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Jan 8	Pam L/Rose N
Beginners Teacup Agility	8	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Jan 8	Emil P/Barbara P
Advanced Teacup Agility	8	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Jan 8	Emil P/Barbara P
Intermediate Standard Agility	8	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Jan 8	Pam L/Fiona S
Intermediate Standard Agility	8	Wednesday	8:30 PM	Jan 8	Fiona S/Amy S
Beyond Beginners Agility	8	Thursday	7:30 PM	Jan 9	Pam L/Rosanne M/Lucy M
Teeter & Weaves & Jumping Skills	8	Thursday	8:30 PM	Jan 9	Pam L/Dan G/Lucy M/Janine S
Agility Games	8	Friday	7:30 PM	Jan 10	Joanne K/Amy S
Agility Games	8	Friday	8:30 PM	Jan 10	Janine S/Joanne K
Beyond Beginners Agility 6 Weeks	8	Saturday	5:00 PM	Jan 11	Lucy M/Pam L

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Agility Flatwork Handling - Sundays 6:30; Family Manners I - Wednesdays 2:00;

Beginners Teacup Class - Wednesdays 6:30; Family Manners II - Saturdays 11:00;

Family Manners III - Saturdays 12:00: Intro to Scent Work Class -Saturdays 4:00

Moved Classes -

Puppy Family Manners I - Fridays 8:15; Family Manners II - Mondays at 7:30;

CGC/CGCA/TDI Preparation - Mondays 8:30