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MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

The Next KCTC

Membership Meeting is scheduled for

Sunday,
January 20, 2013

at

7:00 PM

at the

Keystone Canine Club
Building

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Is your dog a TDI dog? If so hospice senior homes need help. Betty Jean Maier received a request from the volunteer coordinator at one of her hospice companies for a contact person at Keystone to recruit hospice volunteers. The volunteers would primarily be needed to visit outlying area nursing homes.

If you are interested please contact Betty Jean Maier (bettyjmaier@gmail.com) for more information.

Your help will really be appreciated.

I would like to say thank you to Lori Ritchey and all her elves for making our Christmas party 2012 a great success.

If you are interested in helping for Christmas party 2013 please contact Lori Ritchey

(ritchey.prudential@gmail.com)

I would like thank all of you that have helped in our TDAA trials and in our APDT trial. Lets keep the motivation going for 2013.

Every one that has volunteered this year please don't forget to give Toni your hours so you can receive your bonus bones.

Don't forget our meetings are now in our building and we will have meetings every other month. The first meeting at the club will be January 20 2013 at 7:00pm (Please leave your dogs at home)

Thank you all for a good 2012 and I hope that 2013 is just as good!
Toni

APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

Sandy McDowell and her German Shepherd **Daisy Kay** are applying for membership. She has taken Basic Obedience and Beginners Agility. They are endorsed by Marian Roznowski and Maryann Snyder.

Diane Valley is applying for membership with her Cockapoo, **Missy**. Diane has taken Basic Basic II and I. Marian Roznowski and Maryann Snyder endorse her.

OUR PUPPIES ARE S.T.A.R.s!!

We have now completed our second session offering the AKC S.T.A.R. PUPPY Award - with a 100% PASS rate.

The AKC's new award, STAR Puppy, can now be earned through KCTC's Puppy Kindergarten class. The STAR Puppy test consists of 20 activities including owner responsibilities such as veterinary care, identification tags, and carrying clean-up bags, along with puppy skills like walking politely on leash, sit, down, coming when called, and giving up a toy or treat. The STAR Puppy test is the puppy version of the AKC's Canine Good Citizen test.

Keystone's puppy instructors decided to offer testing for this award because the test items were already taught in the Puppy K class curriculum. We're proud to say that in each of the two sessions where testing for the award was offered, all of the puppies and their owners passed! That brings our total to 17 puppies.

The owners have been excited, as they have been able to measure their team accomplishments and receive recognition for their work. All owners have indicated their interest in continuing to train with their canine partner.

For more information on the AKC STAR Puppy award, see www.akc.org/starpuppy/.

The Puppy Team: Joyce, Barbara, Sue, Lori, Lynda and Mackenzie



K-9ers

The K-9ers have 2 demos for the month of January.

January 19 at Arden Courts in Jefferson Hills. Performance time 10:30 AM with a Valentine theme.

January 26 at McMurray Hills Manor in Peters Twp. Performance time 2:00 PM also with a Valentine theme.

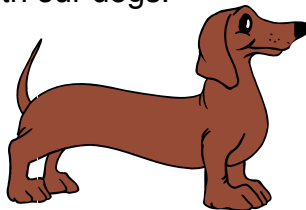
The picture is from the K-9ers get together at Calabria's restaurant on Sunday, January 6, 2013.

Happy New Year!!
Caroline

DOG SCOUTS

Dog Scout Troop 189 will be meeting at Keystone Canine Training Club Friday January 11 at 2pm in the Back Room. We will be evaluating dogs for the Dog Scout Badge and planning meetings/outings for the remainder of the year. If you have questions, please call, text, fb or email Doree Donovan.

The dates for the Dog Scout Blue Ridge Mini Camp have been announced, it will be held July 3-7 in Swanton, MD. If you are interested in going and would like to know what it is like, talk to Lynda Kuzbel, Paula Shimko or Doree Donovan who went last year. We had a marvelous time and learned many skills with our dogs.



ALL KCTC MEMBERS

Happy New Year! I hope 2013 is a happy and productive year for one and all.

This is just a reminder that our Spring TDAA Trial is around the corner. The date is April 13 & 14 and we are pleased to announce that our own Laura Leonard will be our judge! Let's give her a big welcome by coming out and supporting our club in this important fundraiser.

At this point in time, I only ask that anyone with any raffle items to donate would place them in the purple bin under the table in the front room. All items are greatly appreciated and they do not have to relate to just dogs.

Of course, in the future I will be sending out more emails detailing any meetings etc.

For now - keep warm and again...
HAPPY NEW YEAR :-)
Amy Wustin

KCTC 2012 DOG TITLES

Last year, 38 of our dogs earned 148 titles! This is a great accomplishment for our dogs, our handlers, and KCTC. What exactly is the significance of a title? The paragraph below, author unknown, provides a good perspective. We encourage all our members to compete! It is a challenging but rewarding experience.
Dan Goldberg

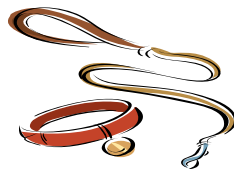
WHAT IS A TITLE?

Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores, a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain in the record and in the memory for about as long as anything in the world can remain. And although the dog doesn't know or care that the achievements have been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans where such things count. A title says your dog was intelligent, adaptable, and good-natured. It says your dog loved you enough to do the things that pleased you, however crazy they may have seemed. In addition, a title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with your dog because your dog was a good dog, and that you believed in your dog enough to give your dog another chance when your dog failed, and in the end your faith was justified. A title proves that your dog inspired you to that special relationship, enjoyed by so few, that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a title was greatly loved and loved greatly in return. And when that dear, short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend. Volumes of praise in one small set of initials after the name. A title is nothing less than true love and respect, given and recorded permanently.

KCTC ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Sonny (and Lucy McCloskey) and Crystal (and Pam Lewis) had a great time at the show at the IX Center in Cleveland during December. Both dogs were entered in Rally and Agility for 3 days. Sonny did very well in Rally qualifying in all 6 of his runs with several placements as well as qualifying in 1 of his Standard Agility runs. Crystal also qualified in all 6 of her Rally runs and earned her RAE2 and had 5 qualifying scores in Agility that included one first place and 3 fourth place finishes. As usual there were lots of vendors for Sonny and Crystal to pick their treats from.
Pam



My husband and I were asked to appear on BP TV to be interviewed by Susie Roberti. Susie's show can be seen on Youtube.com.

If anyone is interested in seeing LET'S TALK TAILWAGGERS, it was taped on 12-12-12. . Susie has also taped a few of our

K9er demos. The doggie wedding for one appeared on one of her regular shows Susie's program airs every Tuesday and Thursday on Bethel Park TV.

Thank you,
Caroline and Phil

What we did on our Christmas Vacation by Blaze Aheimer.

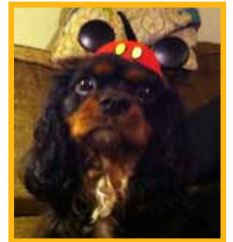
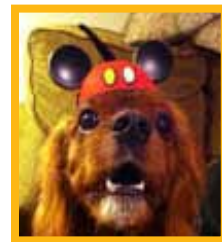
My parents decided to drive to Florida this year to visit our sister, Alison and her husband Brian and my nephew (their dog) Chester.

Mom and Dad and Alison volunteered to work as the ring crew at the Agility Invitational in Orlando. Apparently they had a good time. It was a huge trial and they even knew some of the teams.

From Orlando we drove to West Palm Beach to spend Christmas with our Gram and her dogs DJ and Rylie. Chester came too. We had a "doggone" good time with 5 of us running around Gram's house.

We entered the Tail Wagers' Agility Trial in West Palm Beach. For the first time we entered Time 2 Beat. We had a blast! Jackson earned 7 points each day for a total of 14 T2B points. I on the other hand earned 1 point each day. I may be slow but I am very accurate!

Our human family went to the Magic Kingdom (not sure why Cavalier King Charles Spaniels wouldn't be permitted in the Kingdom?) They brought home these silly hats with ears.



We got home from Florida on Thursday and on Friday packed up the car again for a trip to Edinboro for the Erie Kennel Club Agility Trial. Jackson qualified in JWW both days. My mom put me in "Preferred Excellent" JWW (she knows how special I am) and I got First Place both days!

We've got lots more fun planned for the next few weeks so we'll keep you posted!

Hope you all had as much fun as we did over Christmas!

And we wish you all the Best in the New Year too!

KEYSTONE CANINE TRAINING CLUB

Schedule of Classes - Session I – 2013 Classes start Monday January 7, 2013

Classes are for Seven Weeks Unless Noted

Check website homepage for school closing information during inclement weather

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	Jan 11	Joyce Petrow, Lori Caruso, Barbara Newman, Lynda Kuzbel, Sue Schweitzer
Feisty Fido	Friday	8:30 PM	Jan. 11	Joyce Petrow, Lori Caruso, Barbara Newman, Sue Schweitzer
Continuing Odor-Exteriors & Vehicles-Birch	Friday	5:00 PM	Jan 11	Linette Evancic & Doree Donovan
Introduction To Odor (6 Weeks)	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Jan 8	Doree Donovan
Continuing Nose Work (Trial Preparation)	Tuesday	8:30 PM	Jan. 8	Lynda Kuzbel (Mary Benedetti)
TDI/CGC (4 Week Class)	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Jan 9	Dan Goldberg (Mitzie Lever)
Conformation – Drop-in Class (See Website Homepage for Specific Dates)	Wednesday	8:30 PM	See Website	Bill Colbert, Clara Marie Schmaltz
Introduction To Conformation	Wednesday	8:30 PM	Jan 9	Clara Marie Schmaltz
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 Homepage for Specific Dates)	Saturday	9:00 AM	See Website	Julie Agosti
Family Manners Obedience I	Saturday	11:00 AM	Jan 12	Rod Sabatini, (Paula Shemko)
APDT Rally (See Website Homepage for Specific Dates))	Saturday	7:00 PM	See Website	Lucy McCloskey
Family Manners Obedience I	Sunday	11:00 AM	Jan 13	Marian Roznowski (Maryann Snyder)
Puppy Family Manners Obedience I (6 months to 1 year)	Monday	6:30 PM	Jan 7	Toni Yurkovic (Pauline Kitchen)
Family Manners Obedience II	Monday	7:30 PM	Jan 7	Sally Tress (Toni Yurkovic)
AKC Rally Obedience (All Levels)	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Jan 8	Sue Wray & Clara Marie Schmalz
Puppy & Family Manners Obedience I (over 6 months)	Thursday	6:30 PM	Jan 10	Ed Hanke (Linette Evancic)
AKC Novice Obedience	Thursday	7:30 PM	Jan 10	Rod Sabatini

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

Class	Day	Time	Start	Instructors
Teacup Agility (Daytime Class)	Monday	2:00 PM	Jan 7	Tom Bandi & Phyllis Bandi
Puppy Foundation Agility	Monday	7:15 PM	Jan 7	Amy Wustin & Sharon Hareza
Beginner's Foundation Agility	Monday	8:15 PM	Jan 7	Amy Wustin & Sharon Hareza
Advanced Agility	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Jan 8	Emil Pohodich (Pete Grandilo, Sr.)
Advanced Agility	Tuesday	8:30 PM	Jan 8	Terri Chasser (Pete Grandillo, Sr.)
Teacup Agility (Drop-ins Welcome)	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Jan 9	Emil & Barbara Pohodich
Intermediate Agility	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Jan 9	Pam Lewis/Lucy McCloskey/Dan Goldberg
Intermediate Agility	Wednesday	8:30 PM	Jan 9	Pam Lewis/Lucy McCloskey
Contacts & Weaves & Handling Skills	Thursday	7:30 PM	Jan 10	Pam Lewis, Dan Goldberg, Lucy McCloskey, Janie Smith
Beyond Beginner's Agility	Thursday	8:30 PM	Jan 10	Pam Lewis & Lucy McCloskey & Rosanne Minich
Agility Games (Drop-ins Welcome)	Friday	7:30 PM	Jan 11	Joanne Kerfonta & Lucy McCloskey
Beyond Beginner's Agility	Saturday	5:00 PM	Jan 12	Pam Lewis & Lucy McCloskey

Notes: Clicker Class has been canceled for this session

Teacup Agility Class on Mondays is now at 2:00 PM instead of 4:00 PM

AKC Obedience Novice Class on Thursdays is now at 7:30 PM instead of 8:30 PM