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has been proof read and approved
by selected Board Members.*



Sundaes on Sunday and the KCIC Membership Meeting

You are invited to the Membership Meeting
and to

Enjoy the Ice Cream Social

Immediately Following

Sunday, July 21st

7:00 pm

at the Keystone Canine Club Building

No dogs please.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am honored to have been elected the KCTC President. One of my goals is to increase communication with the membership, and I plan to keep everyone informed about what's going on at the club. I also welcome your input -- please feel free to contact me with any suggestions you might have.

On June 1, we held an all-Instructor meeting to discuss ways to improve club operations. A lot of good ideas came out of this, as listed later in this newsletter. I agree with all the suggestions, and plan to take action to implement them.

We have also established a number of committees to work on specific projects or areas, and these too are listed later in this newsletter. This list shows the purpose of each committee, and an email addresses for each committee. We also plan to list the committees

and their email addresses on our website.

As you can see from the list, some people who have already volunteered to be on the committees! If you have a suggestion for any committee, please contact the committee via the email address given. We still have openings on the following committees: Community Events, Publicity/Public Relations, and Building Clean-Up. If you would like to volunteer to join any of these committees, please let me know or contact the committee directly via the email address shown on the list of committees.

Finally, information and a registration form for our July 14 Dog Grooming Seminar are included in this newsletter.

Remember, have fun with your dogs!
Dan Goldberg

KCTC BY-LAWS UPDATE

Due to the growth of KCTC in recent years, it has been determined that the current Bylaws do not adequately address all of the Club's needs. In order to address this, a Bylaw Review Committee consisting of Rod Sabatini, Pat Warnick, and myself has been assembled to review and update the Bylaws. The Bylaw Review Committee would like this to be as open a process as possible, and welcomes input from the membership concerning suggestions or comments on the current Bylaws and Policies and Procedures Manual. If you believe that there are sections of the current Bylaws, or the Policies and Procedures Manual, that are not working as intended, that differ from our current practices and need to be adjusted or removed accordingly, or an issue that is not covered that you believe should be added, please let the Committee know. All input will be considered by the Committee.

Once the review is complete, a draft will be presented first to the Board for approval and then to the membership for a final vote. However, consideration of membership comments early in the process will allow for a more comprehensive review and reduce the need for additional changes later. The Committee's goal is to have a draft to present to the membership at the July membership meeting; therefore we ask that any comments be submitted to the Committee no later than June 30. Comment may be submitted either by email to by-laws@keystonecanine.com or by placing written comments in the cash box in the KCTC Office.

The Bylaw Review Committee thanks all Keystone Members in advance for any comments or input.

Janine Smith, Rod Sabatini,
Pat Warnick

KCTC MEMBERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

MAY 19, 2013

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were voted in:

Mary Politowski
Alex Hauptman
Deanna Dean & Tony Matz
Susan & Naomi Smith

THIRD ANNUAL DOG GROOMING SEMINAR

DeAnne Orive is giving a seminar on How to Maintain Your Dog Between Grooms, on July 19. Past participation has been very good. If interested, the registration form is on the website. Sign up early to guarantee a spot for you and your dog.

PET EXPO

Toni Yurkovic announced that we are again participating in the Monroville Pet Expo on June 29. Anyone interested in helping staff our table was requested to contact Toni or Diana Squicciarini. You can bring your dog and even do a short demonstration of some skills (like obedience).

LOW TURNOUT AT MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Maryann Snyder noted that the attendance at membership meetings is normally low. Others offered suggestions on how to increase attendance at these meetings (make a certain number per year mandatory, have a speaker, raffle off Bonus Bones, have some type of social event right after the meeting). The Board will take these ideas under advisement.

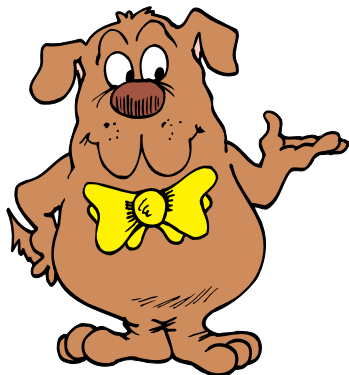
BONUS BONE PROGRAM

Sandy McDowell volunteered to be in charge of the Bonus Bone program, which rewards members who help out at club activities.

FAMOUS DOG BOOK

Tiffany and Phyllis Bandi are in a chapter in a new book called "Famous Dogs." They are cited for having made over 700 Therapy Dog visits, and for Tiffany's Teacup Agility Champion (TACH) titles. They received a loud round of applause!

JUNE K-9ER DEMOS



Tuesday, June 18 – There is a Dog Wedding scheduled for the residents of Mt. Vernon of South Park – Performance time is 6:30 PM.

Sunday, June 23 – Possible K-9er practice at the club at 6:00 PM.

Thank you,
Caroline Chapman

APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

Linda Wostein and her English Cocker Spaniel, **Oliver** and her Sheltie, **Cash**. They have taken Obedience twice, Beginners Agility and Contacts and Weaves. Linda is endorsed by Dan Goldberg and Pam Lewis.

Steve Novicki and his Lab, **Harley** and his Collie, **Bear**. They have taken Obedience I and Puppy Kindergarten. Steve is endorsed by Toni Yurkovic and Sally Tress.

VOTED INTO MEMBERSHIP

Alex Hauptmann and his Redbone Coonhound, **Lucy**.

Mary Politowski with **Jazzie** her Golden Retriever.

Deanna Dean and **Anthony Matz** with their Cockapoo, **Moogie** and their Bull Terriers, **Tullia and Rocky**.

Susan Smith and **Naomi Smith** with **Teeberri**, their Japanese Chin.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

It is time to renew your membership. A Membership Renewal Form can be found later in this newsletter, and renewals are due by August 31. Please send your renewal form directly to Clare Schmalz (our Membership Chair), not to the KCTC PO Box. Please also send your payment and a copy of each of your dog's vaccination records along with your renewal form. There is a new Page 2 to the form this year, requesting emergency contact information. It will be kept on file at the club in case of an emergency. We strongly recommend that you fill out this form, but it is not mandatory.

If you joined in the previous fiscal year, your dues will be prorated. Clare will send you an email informing you how much you owe. Please do not send in your renewal form until you hear from her if you are in this category.

KCTC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

"Rocky", the colored Bull Terrier puppy from Wed Conformation class took best of breed at Tallmadge with Keystone Trainer Bill Colbert handling, in his very first competition. Rocky also took both a Group 2 and Group 3 placement in terriers at the Carnation Kennel Club UKC show handled by Keystone club member, Pat Zapf of Shadow Moon Aussies. Congratulations Bill, Pat & Rocky!
Deanna Dean

Rocky achieved his Games III title at Splash N Dash on 5-5-13. He ran four for four in Q's. Two Q's in Standard and 2 Q's in Agility games. My little guy was working hard and staying focused all the way!

Joanne Kerfonta

Blaze and Jackson had an amazing first weekend in May at the Edinboro Agility Trial. They Q'd in everything! Jackson had 3 double Q's for the weekend with a first, a second and 2 third places. Blaze qualified in all 3 of his jumpers runs! They sure surprised us. They know how to make mom and dad very happy!
Debbie Aheimer

According to the Samoyed Club of America's (SCA) rating system, **Crystal** was the Number 1 ranked Samoyed in the SCA for Rally in 2012.

Pam Lewis



On May 15, **Missy** passed her tests for Therapy Dog International (TDI) and Canine Good Citizen (CGC). We are so very proud of her. Missy has come a long way. ...Thank you to the instructors at Keystone and to my parents for being so kind and patient with Missy and teaching her so much over this past year.

Diane Valley



EXERCISING WITH YOUR DOG

American Kennel Club Offers Advice On Starting an Exercise Routine With Your Dog

The obesity epidemic has officially gone to the dogs! The National Academy of Sciences reports that one out of every four dogs and cats in the western world is now overweight. Exercise can improve your dog's physical and mental health, but it is important to research the best exercise routine for you and your dog. The American Kennel Club (AKC®) offers the following workout tips for dog owners:

- Consider your dog's age, health, condition and current activity level. Check with a vet before beginning anything vigorous.
- Make sure to keep your dog on a leash at all times when you are exercising in public. You don't want your dog to get distracted by cars, people or other dogs.
- Letting your dog out in your backyard doesn't qualify as exercise; however, a good game of fetch may do the trick.
- When exercising your dog, try to keep it on a grassy or earth surface. A hot sidewalk or sharp gravel surface is hard on a dog's paws. Always remember to bring along clean water and a portable bowl so you can offer your dog a drink if needed.
- Stop exercising immediately if your dog begins to pant too rapidly. Dogs can suffer from heat stroke, so make sure your dog is not overexerting itself.
- Pay special attention to your dog's footpads and toenails. If there are any abrasions or cuts, stop exercising until they have completely healed.
- When starting your dog on any exercise program, begin slowly to build up its endurance level; too vigorous a workout may cause injury.



THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

Puffy lived in our neighborhood all his life. He adopted us as his family of choice, coming to our house and watching my husband, Hank, work on our cars whenever he escaped from his "home". Puffy finally came to live with us permanently when his "family" planned to move & turn him loose for animal control to catch. Despite early abuse Puffy was the most loving dog. As is usual with any rescued dog, the first two years were difficult as we learned his ways & he learned ours. His next ten years with us were wonderful. After my husband's stroke in 2010, Puffy became his therapy dog, demanding to be let out or taken for walks, which did both of them a world of good. Puffy's health declined rapidly over the last three months and on Tuesday, May 28th, he let us know it was time for him join our other dogs across the Rainbow Bridge. We miss him greatly.

Rosanne Minich

COMMITTEES - 2013

BYLAWS - bylaws@keystonecanine.com

Purpose: To draft proposed revisions to the Bylaws and the Policies and Procedures to correct deficiencies and reflect current practice and make needed updates. Perform periodic review of the Bylaws.

Janine Smith (Chair)

Rod Sabatini

Pat Warnick

***COMMUNITY EVENTS - communityevents@keystonecanine.com**

Purpose: To get information about Pittsburgh area dog-related events, determine which ones KCTC should participate in, and arrange for KCTC staffing.

Diana Squicciarini (Chair)

Stacy Podplesky

Pam Lewis

BUILDING MAINTENANCE – buildingmaintenance@keystonecanine.com

Purpose: To perform routine building maintenance and make minor repairs.

Dave Wray (Chair)

Tom Bandi

Mike Kuhlman

***PUBLICITY/PR - publicity@keystonecanine.com**

Purpose: To publicize club events, and to inform potential sources of students (vets, groomers, pet stores) about our classes.

Laura Lilley

TRAINING - training@keystonecanine.com

Purpose: To coordinate all club training, to identify the need for new classes, and to develop syllabuses for such classes.

Lucy McCloskey (Chair)

Emil Pohodich

Sharon Hareza

Paula Shimko

Linette Evancic

***SEMINARS - seminars@keystonecanine.com**

Purpose: To organize and schedule seminars and demonstrations on topics of interest to club members, using both members and outside people as speakers.

Pat Zapf (Chair)

Lucy McCloskey

INSTRUCTORS' HANDBOOK (Temporary) - instructorshandbook@keystonecanine.com

Purpose: To revise and update the Instructors' Handbook.

Lucy McCloskey (Chair)

Rod Sabatini

Sally Tress

BUILDING CLEAN-UP (Temporary) - buildingcleanup@keystonecanine.com

Purpose: To go through all the club equipment, determine what needs to be disposed of (after review by instructors), and to better organize the storage of what remains.

Joanne Kerfonta (Chair)

Pam Lewis

Amy Wustin

**These committees still have openings, including Chair of the Publicity/PR committee. If you would like to volunteer, contact the committee via the email address given above.*

SUMMARY OF SUGGESTIONS

INSTRUCTORS MEETING 6/1/13

SUGGESTIONS

Follow the Bylaws and Policies and Procedures in all matters.

Provide any needed equipment for both rooms, or relocate the storage of existing equipment, so that classes do not to be interrupted to move equipment between rooms.

Establish a Building Clean-Up Committee to inventory what we have in storage, and recommend to the instructors what should be disposed of. Joanne Kerfonta volunteered to be the Chair.

Establish a Training Committee with representatives from Obedience and Agility (as a minimum). Lucy McCloskey will be the Chair. Publish the list of committee members, so that instructors (and students) will know who to contact to offer comments and suggestions.

Increase communication among instructors by having periodic all-instructor meetings to exchange ideas and offer suggestions, in addition to any as-needed agility or obedience instructor meetings. Issue an agenda for all meetings. Invite all instructors to all meetings. Also invite the membership to attend these meetings, specifically those who may be interested in instructing.

Have the Training Director and possibly the President visit all classes to better understand how they are taught, and to monitor how they are going.

Publish all meeting results in the newsletter.

Expand the use of student feedback forms to classes other than first-level classes. Specifically ask students if they are having any problems.

Prepare a list of people or outside trainers or organizations who can provide help to reactive or aggressive dogs that are too disruptive for regular classes. Paula Shimko agreed to prepare this list. Barbara Pohodich noted that Misty Pines does this training.

For "brags" in the newsletter, ensure that people's first and last names are given.

ACTIONS ALREADY TAKEN

A Bylaw Committee has been established (Janine Smith, Rod Sabatini, and Pat Warnick) to revise our Bylaws and Policies and Procedures.

Lucy has established a committee to revise the Instructors' Manual (Lucy, Rod, and Sally Tress).

Lucy will establish a website email address for all committees, to allow direct communication from members to any committee.

Lucy also plans to work with Pete Grandillo Jr. to establish a Members-Only section (or parts) of the website, accessible to members via a password to be changed yearly and sent out with membership renewal acknowledgements. It will contain things like the full version of the membership meeting minutes (including the Treasurer's Report).

Have Instructors review the current class size limits, to ensure class sizes are manageable.

DOG GROOMING SEMINAR

(How to keep your dog looking good between grooms)

Purpose This class is designed to assist the dog owner to keep his/her dog looking good between grooms.

When Sunday July 14, 2013, 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Maximum of 10 students with one dog per student

Where Keystone Canine Training Club
5167 Brownsville Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15236

Instructor DeAnne D. Orvie
Owner of Grand Slam Grooming, Inc.
Certified IPG Master Groomer
Certified Dog Obedience Trainer/Instructor - Penn Foster Career School



What to bring Grooming equipment you have for your dog
Pad and pencil for taking notes

Cost Members - \$25 Instructors - \$20 Non-Members - \$30

How to Sign Up See Attached Registration Form

What you will learn

- How to properly comb, rake and/or brush your specific breed
- How to properly clean your dog's ears, eyes and teeth
- How to properly cut/grind your dog's nails
- And other general maintenance secrets to use between grooms

GROOMING SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM JULY 14, 2013 – 1:00 TO 4:00 PM

Owners' Name _____ Phone Number _____

Email _____

Dog's Name _____ Dog's Breed _____

Cost – KCTC Member - \$25 – Non-Member \$30 – KCTC Instructor \$20

Amount Enclosed _____

Make check Payable to KCTC
Mail to: Keystone Canine Training Club,
PO Box 921, Bethel Park, PA 15102

**Keystone Canine Training Club
Membership Renewal Form
July 2013 – June 2014**

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Dog's Name: _____ Breed: _____

Dog's Name: _____ Breed: _____

(Please attach a separate sheet for additional dogs, if necessary.)

How would you like to help out at the Club? _____

I/we agree to abide by the Constitution and By-laws of the Keystone Canine Training Club.
Also, I/we agree with the Liability Waiver below.

_____ (Please sign here)

Please mail this form, along with your check payable to Keystone Canine Club (\$70 for first member plus \$35 for a family membership if there are two or more names above, unless pro-rated) and a copy of your dog(s)' vaccination records to:

**ClaraMarie Schmalz
2915 Amy Dr.
South Park, PA 15129**

Due date: August 31, 2013.

Also please fill out the Emergency Contact Information on Page 2. Thank you!

LIABILITY WAIVER

I hereby certify that the Keystone Canine Training Club (KCTC), its events, and its staff, and any location or referring organization, and/or other participants, will not be liable for any damage or loss resulting from failure of my dog to respond to any signals, commands, or cues taught during the course of instruction or resulting from counseling, instruction, or advice supplied to me. My dog's behavior now and in the future is solely my responsibility. Should any behavior of my dog now or in the future result in damage to property, owner, or persons of some third party, I agree to assume full responsibility and liability to such third party for any and all such damage, and to indemnify and hold harmless KCTC and its staff from all obligations to pay such damage to some third party. All dogs are trained by KCTC without any liability whatsoever on KCTC for loss or damage from disease, death, running away, theft, fire, injury to persons, other dogs, other animals, or property by said dog, or other unavoidable causes. In consideration of KCTC permitting us to participate in KCTC classes and events, and for other goods and valuable consideration, I hereby release, indemnify and forever hold harmless KCTC from any liabilities, losses, costs, expenses, and damages or injuries whatsoever, which my dog or I may incur or sustain in connection with a KCTC class or event. I also agree that any damage caused by my dog shall be my responsibility and not the responsibility of KCTC.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

(This page will be kept on file at the club in case of an emergency.)

Your printed name: _____

Your signature: _____ Date: _____

Emergency contact name: _____

Phone number(s): _____