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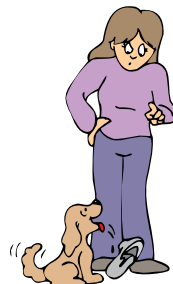
The Next KCTC Membership Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 17, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Keystone Canine Club Building.

The Nominating Committee will present its slate of officers for the May elections.

APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

Mary Politowski and her Golden Retriever, **Jazzie** are applying for membership. They have taken puppy basic and basic obedience. She is endorsed by Dan Goldberg and Teresa Wild.

Susan Smith and **Naomi Smith** are applying for membership with **Teeberri** their Japanese Chin. They have taken obedience and teacup agility. They are endorsed by Joanne Kerfonta and Phyllis Bandi.



TO OUR AGILITY STUDENTS

Sometimes it happens...

Our Agility instructors always try to set up their courses early so that classes can start on time. However, there are times when a class, for reasons beyond the instructor's control, does not start on time. When something like this happens – please be patient. Our agility classes are often proofed by working the instructor's dog(s), to be sure that what we are trying to teach will work, and to be sure that the course is correctly set up. This helps assure that there is adequate distance between obstacles and that the sequence is "doable," and to preclude injuries to dogs because of an incorrect course lay-out..

One thing that you, as students, can do when this happens is to watch how the instructors work their dogs and how they handle the course. All of our agility instructors have been trialing for quite a few years and have experience behind them.

When a class time is delayed – the class is still worked for the full 50 minutes even if that means that the next class will also have a late start.

Please remember that we are all volunteers and are trying our best to help you – our students.

Lucy McCloskey,
Training Director

NEW CANINE GOOD CITIZEN (CGC) TITLE

Did you know that the American Kennel Club (AKC) has made the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certification a titling event? That's right, as of January 1, 2013, when you and your dog successfully complete the CGC test your dog can receive the CGC title. This is a wonderful recognition for all the hard work you and your dog have put into passing the test.

For those of you who are not familiar with the CGC program, it is a program designed to see how well mannered your dog is . . . around other people, other dogs, with some loud and distracting noises, as well as some basic obedience skills such as sit, down, stay & come. For more information go to http://www.akc.org/dogowner/training/canine_good_citizen/index.cfm or pick up one of the Canine Good Citizen brochures at the club. Your dog may have most of the skills already!

KCTC has several certified evaluators and offers a CGC prep class on Wednesday nights. This is a perfect opportunity for your canine companion to get an AKC title.

AKC USE OF BREAK-AWAY TIRE

The AKC Board voted to modify its Regulations for Agility Trials, to change the Agility Tire Jump from a solid tire to a breakaway tire. This will be a safety enhancement for the sport. There will be a six-month trial period (March 1 – September 3) during which clubs which host Sanctioned Trials may use either the solid tire or the breakaway tire. Starting September 4, 2013, such clubs will be required to use a breakaway tire at Sanctioned Trials. The size of breakaway tire is identical to the solid tire. Our solid tire at KCTC is not weighted down and is very forgiving, so we do not plan to purchase a breakaway tire in the short term.

MARCH K-9ER DEMOS

1. Saturday, March 9 @ Bethel Park Manor Care Performance time 1:30 PM with a St. Patrick's Day theme.

2. Saturday, March 16 @ Cedars of Monroeville Performance time 10:00 AM also with a St. Patrick's Day theme.

3. Saturday, March 23 @ Hawthorne Woods Performance time 2:00 PM with our last St. Patrick's Day theme.

The K-9ers are booked up to May.

TDAA TRIAL

KCTC Members,

Our TDAA Trial is coming up quickly. Any and all donations for our Chinese Auction or monetary donations to help offset the food costs can be dropped off up until the week before the trial, which is April 13-14.

All of your efforts are greatly appreciated and as a group this club always comes thru. Thank you in advance!

There will be a sign up sheet for workers and food donations posted with the start of the next session. I know I have said it before and you all know I will say it again, but the TDAA Trials are our biggest moneymaker for the club, so please consider either working or donating. And workers can eat for FREE. Good food, great baskets and super people make up this trial. Come and join us.... we would love to have you.

Regards
Amy Wustin

LUKE THE DETECTIVE DOG

Recently KCTC member DeAnne Orive had a book published about her Business – Grand Slam Grooming Salon. Here is an excerpt from that publication.

Hi, I'm Luke the Detective Dog – also known as Luke the Investigative Reporter. Last year I wrote my first book of interviews with dogs – and a cat! I loved talking to all of them.

Early this year, DeAnne Orive from Grand Slam Grooming asked me to interview the dogs that visit her shop. She told me they were all cool characters like me. It wounded like fun 'cause I'm a friendly sort of guy who loves meeting dogs and people. Can't say as much for a cat though.

Anyway, after interviewing all the dogs in this book, I am even more proud to be a dog. We have such an important – and rewarding – role within our families. I'm only two in dog years but it didn't take me long to know how much my mom and dad love me. They depend on me too – to make them take walks and play, to laugh – and take plenty of breaks from work. I haven't taught Mom to take naps yet, but I'm working on it.

Like me, the dogs I interviewed know that it's important to be well rested so we can play at a moment's notice. You just never know when the opportunity will come along. Read our stories. We are always ready o do fun things. We're always ready for treats and hugs.

Luke the Detective Dog (continued)

Here are fifteen things I've learned from my new friends.

1. Greet each day with plenty of tail wagging.
2. Always make time to play.
3. Take plenty of naps.
4. Potty when you have to.
5. Drink enough water.
6. Eat your food.
7. Always enjoy a treat.
8. Stay in tune with the outdoors
9. Find a favorite spot in your house.
10. Know when it's bedtime.
11. Keep up the chase even if you've never won.
12. Try again tomorrow.
13. Give plenty of hugs and kisses.
14. Take care of what's important.
15. Love your family with all your heart.

If you would like to read the interviews with DeAnne's dog clients, you can contact her to get a copy of the book.



Mimi was eager to get down to business at WCOTC's February AKC agility trial at B&D Creekside, following a five-month hiatus from agility. She earned a first place Q in Open Jumpers, which also gave her a title. We are happy to be running together again!

Laura Leonard

KCTC ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Poltergeist's Lake Effect (Laika) did very well at the AKC agility trial in Latrobe the weekend of February 23rd & 24th. She took first place in Novice Jumpers on both days and second place in Novice Standard on Saturday. She likes to run very fast but is learning to watch her handler! We're very proud of her!
Pam Lewis & Dan Goldberg



Copper attained his BN title at the Three Rivers Shetland Sheepdog Club of Greater Pittsburgh specialty show. BN is an obedience designation and represents Beginner Novice. What is even more surprising that he did not bark once in the ring. In other developments, Onyx entered the Rally ring for the first time and proceeded to get a nice qualifying score. I was prepared for her to be the clown of the event but she made me proud. The attached photos are Onyx and Copper.

Barbara Newman



Sit. Down. Stay. Good dog! This March 15, Tulsa, Oklahoma will be filled with some of the most well behaved dogs in the nation, all aiming for the top spot at the first ever AKC Rally® National Competition. KCTC's Training Director, Lucy McCloskey and her Border Collie, Hamilton's Mystic Lord of the Dance aka Sonny will be among the contenders.

Lucy McCloskey and Sonny qualified to compete against some of the best AKC Rally® dogs in the Advanced Excellent class. They had to earn an AKC Rally AE Title during the qualifying period and also have at least a minimum of three perfect scores and five double Q's.

AKC Rally® combines elements of Obedience and Agility. The dog and handler move through a course of numbered exercises, all while the handler is communicating with and praising the dog. Rally demonstrates a sense of teamwork and provides an excellent opportunity for the dog and handler team to have a wonderful time.



Blaze (Chasing Angels in a Blaze of Glory) and I are pleased to announce that we have won our first title as a team. We won our first title (Novice Rally) at the Sheltie Specialty, which is appropriate since Blaze is a Sheltie. Blaze did an awesome job staying with me and was quite focused. We only had three weeks to prepare for the trial and he worked hard getting his behaviors just right. I am proud of my rambunctious boy and hope to have more fun winning our titles in the future.

Paula Shimko

KEYSTONE CANINE TRAINING CLUB**2013 Schedule of Classes - Session II****Classes are for Seven Weeks Unless Noted****No classes March 31 (Easter) and April 12 - 14 (Teacup Trial)****Check website homepage for school closing information during inclement weather
(Think Spring!)****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	Mar 8	Joyce Petrow, Lori Caruso, Barbara Newman, Lynda Kuzbel, Sue Schweitzer
Feisty Fido	Friday	8:30 PM	Mar 8	Lori Caruso, Joyce Petrow, Barbara Newman, Sue Schweitzer
Continuing Nose Work	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Mar 19	Amy Wustin
Continuing Nose Work (All levels)	Saturday	3:30 PM	Mar 23	Lynda Kuzbel (Mary Benedetti)
TDI/CGC (4 Week Class)	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Mar 20	Dan Goldberg
Conformation – Drop-in Class (Every week except as noted on the website homepage)	Wednesday	8:30 PM	See Website	Bill Colbert, Clara Marie Schmaltz
Introduction To Conformation (5 Weeks)	Wednesday	8:30 PM	Mar. 20	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 (6 Weeks)	Saturday	11:00 AM	Mar 16	Rod Sabatini (Betty Camus)
APDT Rally (See Website Homepage for Specific Dates)	Saturday	7:00 PM	See Website	Lucy McCloskey
Family Manners Obedience I	Sunday	11:00 AM	Mar 3	Marian Roznowski (Maryann Snyder)
Puppy Family Manners Obedience I (6 months to 1 year)	Monday	6:30 PM	Mar 18	Toni Yurkovic (Pauline Kitchen)
Family Manners Obedience II	Monday	7:30 PM	Mar 18	Sally Tress (Toni Yurkovic)
AKC Rally Obedience (All Levels)	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Mar 19	Sue Wray & Clara Marie Schmalz
Puppy & Family Manners Obedience I (over 6 months)	Thursday	6:30 PM	Mar 21	Ed Hanke (Linette Evanicic)
AKC Novice Obedience	Thursday	7:30 PM	Mar 21	Rod Sabatini & Linette Evanicic
Family Manners Obedience (Clicker Trained)	Sunday	1:30 PM	Mar 3	Paula Shimko (Lori Ritchie)

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

Class	Day	Time	Start	Instructors
Teacup Agility (Daytime Class)	Monday	2:00 PM	Mar 18	Tom Bandi & Phyllis Bandi
Puppy Foundation Agility	Monday	7:15 PM	Mar 18	Amy Wustin & Sharon Hareza
Beginner's Foundation Agility	Monday	8:15 PM	Mar 18	Amy Wustin & Sharon Hareza
Advanced Agility	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Mar 19	Emil Pohodich (Pete Grandilo, Sr.)
Advanced Agility	Tuesday	8:30 PM	Mar 19	Terri Chasser (Pete Grandillo, Sr.)
Teacup Agility (Drop-ins Welcome)	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Mar 20	Emil & Barbara Pohodich
Intermediate Agility	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Mar 20	Pam Lewis/Fiona Stewart
Intermediate Agility	Wednesday	8:30 PM	Mar 20	Pam Lewis/Amy Sandhager
Beyond Beginner's Agility	Thursday	7:30 PM	Mar 21	Pam Lewis & Lucy McCloskey & Rosanne Minich
Contacts & Weaves & Handling Skills	Thursday	8:30 PM	Mar 21	Pam Lewis, Dan Goldberg, Lucy McCloskey, Janine Smith
Agility Games (Drop-ins Welcome)	Friday	7:30 PM	Mar 8	Joanne Kerfonta & Lucy McCloskey
Beyond Beginner's Agility (6 Weeks)	Saturday	5:00 PM	Mar 16	Pam Lewis & Lucy McCloskey

Notes: Thursday Night Agility Handling will move to 8:30 & Beyond Beginners will move to 7:30
Teacup Agility Class on Mondays is now at 2:00 PM instead of 4:00 PM