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KCTC Membership Meeting
and
Holiday Cookie Exchange
November 17, 2013
@ 7:00 PM

No Dogs Please,
They'll eat all the cookies!
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From the President

We recently had two successful trials – Teacup Agility (over 150 runs) and WCRL Rally (over 100 runs). One nice thing about these trials is the opportunity to watch some of our younger dogs compete for the first time after having trained in our classes. In the Teacup trial, Laura Leonard and Addie racked up the points! And in our Rally trial, Lynda Kuzbel and Declan did very well! Thanks to everyone who helped out in any way – ring workers, gate stewards, scribes, timers, donators of food or money, clean-up people, etc. It takes a lot of people to make our trials run smoothly. And a special thanks to our Trial Chairs, Amy Wustin and Bonnie McKeown. They did their usual great job organizing everything. These trials are very important to us because they enhance our reputation, and they also bring in some income to help pay the bills. If you have never helped at one of these trials, I encourage you to do

so. It will benefit of the club, will be personally satisfying, and you will have a good time with a good team!

We are co-sponsoring the Teacup Agility National Championships (called the Petit Prix) on October 25 – 27 at the B&D agility facility in Latrobe. We are running a “Mr. Rogers Challenge” as a fun thing for the dogs and handlers between agility runs. It involves putting on a cardigan sweater, throwing fake poop into a trash can, then taking the dog over 3 jumps while holding a potato in a spoon in the leash hand! We need volunteers to help run this event Friday 11:00 – 4:00; Saturday 10:00 – 4:00, and Sunday 10:00 – noon. No experience needed – we will tell you what to do. Please contact me if you can help any or all of those three days. And we will try to organize a carpool to save on gas money.

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From the President (continued)

Our November 17 membership meeting will feature a Cookie Exchange. Please read the Cookie Exchange Guidelines in this newsletter. You'll need to bring enough cookies for a cookie exchange and some extras for people to munch on after the meeting. Be prepared to share you recipes after the members taste test the cookies!

The Holiday Dinner committee has issued the invitations for our annual event, to be held on Monday, December 2. Then menu looks good! There are copies of the registration form at the club if you need one. Each member who attends will receive a special member appreciation gift -- one that you can actually use! I am not at liberty to tell you what it is, but I am sure you will like it.

I would like to thank Deb Aheimer, our new Office Manager, who has done a great job compiling the Session V class rosters. I used to do this job when I was Office Manager, so I know how much work is involved. Deb has redesigned the process and it is now much improved! Deb has spent many hours behind the scene working hard on the rosters and getting them to the instructors. It is hard workers like Deb who are instrumental to the success of our club.

I am glad to report that enrollments are good for our Session V classes, with many classes full. We plan to hold a 3-week "mini-session" after Thanksgiving. Stay tuned for more details.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the November membership meeting and at the December Holiday Dinner. As always, please let me know if you have any suggestions.

Remember, have fun with your dogs!

Dan Goldberg, President

Applying for Membership

Kristen Murray is applying for membership with her Siberian Huskies, Islay and Feidh and her Border Collie, Patrick. She has taken several Rally classes and would like to continue with other classes. Kristen is endorsed by ClaraMarie Schmalz and Toni Yurkovic.

Voted Into Membership

Donna Latham and her Yellow Lab mix, Miley, **Joe Lemley** and his English Bulldog, Rocco and **Elaine Stewart** and her Lab-Mix, Dazie, her Beagle mix, Gracie, her Pitt mix, Zoey and her Boxer mix, Katie.

To All KCTC Members

Thank you all for the hours and dedicated work during our WCRL Rally Trial on 10/5 & 10/6/13.

The judges remarked about the cooperation of the volunteers. They were also happy with the comfortable atmosphere.

Since our trials this year were back to back, this made the volunteers twice as appreciated if that is possible.

From the run-thrus, the wonderful baskets, the variety and abundance of food, the donations and the workers...Thank you. I Also want to thank Amy Wustin, and Pam as Trial Secretary and Dan 's availability for fill in.

With some members with illness in their families, we send you our best wishes.

Thank you one and all.....for our second and successful WCRL Rally Trial

Bonnie McKeown
WCRL Trial Chairperson



Fall K-9er Demos

K-9er Halloween Demos for the month of October:

1. Sunday, October 6 - Halloween demo practice @ KCTC @ 6:00 PM.
2. Saturday, October 19 @ Golden Living Center in Canonsburg with performance time 2:00 PM.
3. Wednesday, October 23 @ Mt. Vernon of South Park with performance time 10:30 AM.
4. Thursday, October 24 @ Overlook Green in Baldwin with performance time 10:30 AM.
5. Saturday, October 26 @ Cedars of Monroeville with performance time 10:30 AM.

So far, the K-9ers have three requests for the month of November:

1. Sunday, November 3 Christmas demo practice @ KCTC @ 6:00 PM.
2. Thursday, November 7 @ Tender Care Learning Center in Ross Township with performance time 10:30 AM.
3. Tuesday, November 12 @ Bethel Park Community Center for the Stroke Victims Group with performance time 11:45 AM.

The K-9ers decided to close their 2013 demo season on December 7. They are taking a Christmas break to spend time with their families.



KCTC COOKIE EXCHANGE GUIDELINES

For the November KCTC Members Meeting we have decided to try something fun. We're going to have a holiday cookie exchange and taste testing.

If you would like to participate in the Cookie Exchange you need to bake a large batch of your favorite cookies a few days ahead of time. We're not sure how many people will actually participate so we'll set the rough minimum cookie quantity at 6 dozen. It's important to bake a few days ahead of time to allow the cookies to cool and set. This will help make the cookies more portable and less prone to crumbling. Cookies fresh from the oven smell and taste wonderful, but they seldom travel well. It's a good idea to steer clear of cookies that are too perishable, like some no-bake recipes and cookies with soft frosting on top. Also, bring a copy of your recipe to share.

If you would like to participate, we need to know what kind of cookie you are going to bake so we don't end up with all chocolate chip cookies. Let us know by November 10th what kind of cookie you will make. Please contact Debbie Aheimer by email or phone: newsletter@keystonecanine.com or 412.302.4675.

One last thing... we'll be exchanging at the membership meeting so all members are entitled to taste test the cookies. Please allow extra cookies for this taste testing.



Dog Walking Etiquette

By Stacy Mantle

Following commonsense rules when walking your dog makes the experience enjoyable for everyone.

Walk Your Dog Each Day

In a world where many different species enjoy walking each day, it's important to understand the rules of the road for canines. The rules below are not hard and fast, they aren't legally binding and they aren't meant to be regulated. They are intended as good "common sense" rules for any pets who enjoy walks.

1. Respect personal space. Whether you're on a trailhead or at the dog park, there are people who will not love your dog. Even fellow dog lovers are hesitant around other breeds. Some small-breed lovers will be in complete fear of your large-breed dog no matter how friendly, and vice versa. Never force your dog on another person or animal.

Teach your pet to keep his nose to himself. People don't generally like to be sniffed—particularly if they are running or walking or just enjoying the day. Keep your pet under control and never allow her to pull at the leash in search of a quick sniff of another dog or person.

2. Leashes are required. Besides being good common sense, leashes are required by law in nearly every state and that includes state and national forests. It doesn't matter if your dog is friendly, it doesn't matter if your dog always listens. If any other person views your pet as a threat, they can legally defend themselves, which can lead to tragic results.

Keep your leash short. This can help eliminate problems with tangled leashes, territorial sidewalk users and other such problems. The only exception to using a leash is in a designated off-leash area.

3. Clean up after your pet. You should not allow your pet to urinate or defecate in a person's yard, a golf course or in a public park. Urine can leave ugly brown spots and create problems for a property owner. Look for a public, remote area for your pet to do her business. If an accident does happen, be courteous and clean up after your pet. It's the law in most municipalities and it makes for good neighbors.

4. Not all dogs are friendly. You should never assume that because your pets are friendly, other people's pets are friendly, too. Don't al-

low your pet to approach other animals without an invitation. You never know how controlled the other animal may be.

5. Be respectful of other species. Cats are going out on walks more frequently, as are birds, ferrets and even other lesser-known and more unusual species. This is why you should never allow or encourage your dog to chase any type of animal. Your dog may interpret a cat to be a squirrel, leading to disastrous consequences. Train your pets to recognize and be receptive to other species.

6. Announce your arrival. When running or walking with your dog, it's always polite to inform those ahead of you that you're coming up behind. This can be done with a simple "Behind you" or "To your left" announcement, letting them know you're planning to pass. This is particularly important when using public walkways.

7. Teach children. Nearly 4.5 million people are bitten by dogs every year and more than 72 percent of those are children. We have to begin educating kids (even other people's children) on the proper way to approach an animal. This begins with you and your dog. Let parents and children know they need to approach slowly, ask to pet your dog and always keep their faces away from the dog.

8. Elevators and enclosed areas. When in an elevator or other enclosed area of a public building, your dog should move to the back corner of the elevator and sit quietly near you as people get on and off. Keep your pet on a short leash, as some people have a real fear of being in an elevator with a dog.

9. Stop and sit at crosswalks. Your dog should always stop before a crosswalk and sit quietly beside you. While not all dogs can be trained to do this, it's important to work up to it. Not only that, it could save their lives if they ever got loose.

10. The five training commands. Come, drop, leave it, heel and sit-stay are the five basic commands every pet should know before walking out the door. If your pets cannot do these things, you should focus your training until they can.

Owning a pet is about being a responsible pet owner. You are responsible for teaching your pets good etiquette as they will not learn from others. Together we can make the world a better place for our animals and other humans.

KCTC Accomplishments

Brandy got her intermediate teacup agility title (TIAD) at our KCTC Teacup Trial this weekend. On to Superior!!!!
Amy Sandhagen

My boys participated in our KCTC Teacup Trial on September 28th and 29th. It was **Bullet's** first trial, and everyone could see that he really loved to run (and run...and run...and run) all around the ring. He made his mom dizzy chasing him in all those circles and really earned his name. In all that running, **Bullet** earned his first Q with a first place, qualifying score! Not to be outdone, **Diesel** earned two qualifying scores with a first and a second place. Congrats to my boys! Janine, Diesel and Bullet Smith

DeClan attempted his first Cynosport Rally trial at the Keystone Canine Club on October 5. His first run was an NQ due to Mom being so nervous. After Bonnie McKeowin let us use her magic vest with the best chicken treats, Declan scored a 204 point run and took a First Place Blue Ribbon. What a good time we had.
Lynda Kuzbel



DeClan



There is a good reason why I put this magnet on my car, just ask Mimi. At the last Teacup trial at B&D Creekside in Latrobe, **Mimi** & I ran in a dog's choice game.

I calculated a course that would give us the exact number of points needed to Q. At the start line I ran right and.....Mimi ran left. She raced through a tunnel, up over the A-frame and continued on her course of choice. In the end, her course had 25 more points than mine, and she Q'd. I'm fortunate that she loves me, in spite of myself.

At KCTC's Teacup trial in September, Mimi earned a third place Q in a game. Two more to go for our TMAG.

At KCTC's Teacup trial in September, I was hoping that **Addie** & I could get her first Q, but Addie had bigger plans. She surprised me with 5 first place Q's, plus her Beginner Standard title. Not too shabby for a little dog that only started agility earlier this year!

Finally, I would like to thank **Miss Sadie Pohodich** for agreeing to run a standard course with me at KCTC's trial. She prefers to run with her Dad, but he's injured, so she was stuck with me for one run until her Mom arrived to save the day. I learned what it is to think three obstacles ahead while running a fast, non-velcro dog. So, thank you, Sadie - You made me a better handler in that one run.
Laura M. Leonard, RP, Pa.C.P.

Zuko got 1st place at his very first rally trial at Westmoreland Obedience Training Club. I'm so proud of him!!
-Mackenzie

At the TDAA trial at KCTC on September 29th **Glinda** qualified for the first time ever with a first place finish in Games1 - Double Scamper. She "scampered" the course in a blazing 43.6 seconds! Go-Go Glinda!
In Standard1 and Jumpers she took non-qualifying second place. Most importantly she completed the teeter and dogwalk for the first time in competition!
"Team Glinda" looks forward to future TDAA trials - Diana Squicciarini



Glinda

Rally Trial Saturday 10/5
My dear, sweet **Ian** got his Individual Level championship for Rally Level 1. He moved at his slow and deliberate speed.....but he finally got there....
2 out of 3 runs in time.
Lucky to have him!
Bonnie McKeown

Laika earned her Level 1 WCRL Rally title at the KCTC October trail.
Pam Lewis

Blaze and **Jackson** recently earned their Novice and Intermediate Tricks Title in the KCTC Tricks Class witnessed by our instructor, Diana Squicciarini. We didn't realize how many tricks the boyz already know. A couple of smart pooches!
Debbie Aheimer

TDAA Teacup Dog Agility Trial

