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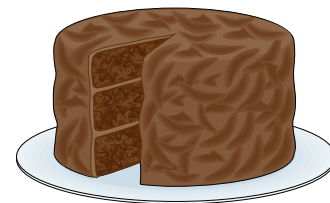
**Content of this Newsletter
has been proof read and approved
by selected Board Members.*

**Don't Forget KCTC
Chocolate Fantasy Night
& Membership Meeting
Sunday, September 15, 2013
7:00 pm at the KCTC Building**

Please, No Dogs...

Chocolate isn't good for them!

PS: We will have a dessert for Non-Choloholics



From the President

Dear KCTC Members,

It was great to see so many members at our July meeting. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our next membership meeting on Sunday, September 15, at 7:00 at the club. The agenda will be similar to the last meeting – officer and committee reports, then old and new business, then brags. Please note that the minutes of the July membership meeting are posted to the Members Only (password-protected) page on our website, for you to read prior to the meeting. The summary version of the minutes is no longer published in the newsletter. The version on the website is the full, unabridged version.

After the meeting we will have our chocolate social. We will even have a chocolate fountain! We will also have some non-chocolate items too for the non-chocoholics. We have two major events coming up back-to-back – a Teacup Agility trial the last weekend in September, and a Rally trial the first weekend in October. Both of these

events attract a lot of outside people, and they are good opportunities to show off our club and put our best foot forward. As members, we are each expected to volunteer to help out in events like this at least once a year. Volunteering in these events is a good way to meet fellow club members, and is also a lot of fun. Plus volunteers get a free lunch and are eligible to win a workers raffle basket! If you would like to help, please contact Amy Wustin (Teacup trial Chair) at eand.me@verizon.net, and/or Bonnie McKeown (Rally trial Chair) at mckeown-bonnie@comcast.net).

We recently found a black umbrella that was left in the front room. We put it in the Lost and Found bin. If you were not aware, our Lost and Found bin is in the crate room adjacent to the kitchen area. If the umbrella is yours, or if you lost anything at the club, you can look in the bin to see if your article has been found.

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From the President (continued)

I would like to thank Stan Stephenson of our Maintenance Committee for fixing the framing of the half-doors that lead from the back room to the hallway. The ugly gaps between the wall and the doors are now gone!

Our next session of classes is tentatively scheduled to begin October 7. Then we will have a short break during Thanksgiving week, followed by a 3-week mini-session in December. If you have any suggestions for topics for the mini-session classes (including things we do not offer during our normal 7-week sessions), please mention them to Lucy McCloskey, our Training Director, or send your ideas to the Training Committee at training@keystonecanine.com.

**Remember,
have fun with your dogs!**

Dan Goldberg, President

Applying for Membership

• **Maribeth Hook** is applying for membership with **Potter** her Border Collie and **Spencer** and **Kobi** her Australian Shepherds. She has taken several Nosework Classes. Maribeth is endorsed by Lynda Kuzbel and Amy Wustin.

Teacup Agility And WCRL Rally Trials

Our Teacup Agility and WCRL Rally Trial are fast approaching. Please sign up for helping on the forms posted at the club.

Also donations of desserts would be appreciated. Please specify what you are bringing. We need at least 2 each day on 9/28, 9/29, 10/5 and 10/6.

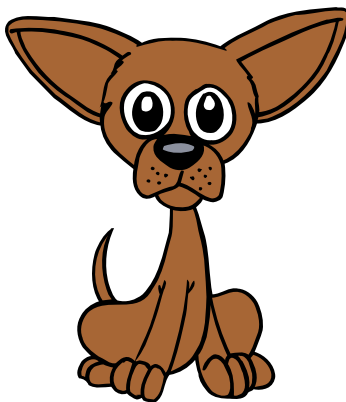
We can be reached at:

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By contacting us we save you time, effort and expense due to possible duplications.

Thanking you in advance,
Amy and Bonnie
Trial Secretaries



August K-9er Demos

September Demos:

The K-9ers have Country Western Demos scheduled for:

1. Saturday, September 7 @ Arden Courts in Jefferson Hills @ 10:30 AM
2. Saturday, September 14 @ The Baptist Home in Castle Shannon @ 2:00 PM
3. Tuesday, September 24 @ Tender Care Learning Center in Robinson Town Center @ 10:00 AM. Also a visit with the Preschool Children.

October Demos:

So far the K-9ers have 2 confirmed HALLOWEEN demos:

1. Saturday, October 19 @ Golden Living Center in Canonsburg @ 2:00 PM
2. Saturday, October 26 @ Cedars of Monroeville @ 10:30 AM

November Demos:

1. Tuesday, November 12 in the AM @ Bethel Park Community Center for the Stroke Support Group.

Thank you,
Caroline Chapman

Impulse Control Seminar

KCTC will be offering an Impulse Control Seminar on October 20th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Our guest speaker is Michelle Yackovich. I met Michelle a few years ago, and was very impressed with what she has accomplished with Geo, her Sheltie. When I first met them, I thought what a wild child Geo is. He only did what was fun for him. I followed their successes and failures and was wonderfully surprised by the results that she and Geo have achieved. Because of all that they have accomplished, the Seminar Committee decided to ask her to come to KCTC and share her experiences and successes with us.

Check your emails. The complete flyer and registration form will be sent to you and posted on our website shortly.

Lucy McCloskey

KCTC Accomplishments

Rocky the bull terrier completed his CA title at Chagrin Falls, becoming what we think is the first colored bull terrier with a CA!

Congrats to his owners
Deanna Dean and Tony Matz!

Trump, the Australian Shepherd owned by Pat Zapf, was breeder/owner handled at two different shows on two different days and was Winners Dog, Best of Winners, Best of Breed at both shows from the classes. Way to go Trump!

Pat Zapf

My **Aiden** at B&D Creekside Activity Center surprised me on 7/6/13 by not only achieving his Rally Champion (ARCH) title but also his Rally Level 1 Championship (Individual) title.

Ian, Aiden and I look forward to future WCRL Rally trials.

Trial on....Bonnie McKeown

At the TDAA trial at B&D Creekside on August 24th, I managed to find a way to keep the "Flurry-ing around" to a minimum and **Flurry** completed 5 out of 6 runs. Oh yeah... she also earned her Games I title and her first standard Q - Yay!
Stacy Podplesky

Crystal earned her Preferred Agility Excellent (PAX) title over Labor Day weekend. In order to earn that title, she had to earn 20 double qualifying (2Q) scores. A "2Q" is earned when a dog qualifies in both the Master Preferred Standard and Master Preferred Jumpers With Weaves class on the same date at the same trial. This has been our long-time goal, and I am very proud of her earning her title at age 10! She now has high level titles in both Agility and Rally, and also is an active Therapy Dog.

Pam Lewis

A Great Tea cup weekend at B&D Creekside Activity Center in Latrobe on Saturday August 24th and Sunday, August 25th, by the Bandi's.

Tiffany had 8 out of 10 qualifying runs and received her TMAG 7 title and her long awaited TACH 4 title.

Amber Star hopefully has returned to the Tea Cup agility ring. Our little Yorkie tried her best on Saturday and qualified in 4 of 6 runs with 4 Second Place Ribbons and received her TMAG 4 Title.

We are blessed with our little Yorkies.
Great Work!

Tom & Phyllis Bandi



Amber Star



Tiffany



Teacup Agility Petit Prix October 25-27

KCTC is again co-sponsoring the Petit Prix at B&D in Latrobe, which is the Teacup Agility National Championship, October 25 – 27.

We need the following items:

- Cardigan sweaters for the Mr. Rogers Challenge that we are in charge of. There is a box for sweaters on the table in the long hallway.
- Four or five items for an Italian Raffle Basket (dried pasta, sauces, Italian wine, etc.). Please leave your donations on the desk in the office.

Please contact Pam Lewis (samoyed4@verizon.net) before you donate items for the basket, to avoid duplication of donations.

Fun Day At Winfield Pines

"It was a dark and stormy night" and heck, Winfield Pines wasn't much better the next morning as we loaded up the truck on August 3rd and off Sarah Wiggle Butt and I went to set up a mini agility course with tunnels from the club and some odds and ends we had around the basement with the idea of letting people know that you can do more with your dogs than just go for a walk and it doesn't take all kinds of expensive gear, just a little imagination. The light rain that fell didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the participants as they entreated and cajoled their neophyte canines through the makeshift course. We did a little behavioral problem solving in a question and answer session and provided the participants with information on Keystone and the many opportunities that our Club has to offer.

If you get the chance and you want a new place to take your dog, Winfield Pines, in Upper St Clair across from the Recreation Center on Mayview Road is a dog friendly area which is one of the few places around where you can take your dog "off leash". It is one of several areas available to the public thanks to The Allegheny Land Trust. We are indebted to them for inviting our Club to assist in their inaugural "Dog Days of Summer" event and we look forward to doing this again next year.

Ed Hanke

