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January Membership Meeting Pizza, Pizza, Pizza

Sunday, January 18th @ 7:00 pm
KCTC Building

No Pizza eating Dogs Please

From the President

It was nice to see so many members at our Holiday Party. The food was great and so were the gifts and raffle baskets. Thanks to the party committee for a great job -- Donna Latham (Chair), Janine Smith, and Lucy McCloskey.

Our WCRL Rally trial was a big success. We had over 160 runs and lots of new titles, and two competitors came all the way from Virginia! Thanks to all who volunteered. And special thanks to Bonnie McKeown (Chair) and Pam Lewis (Trial Secretary). They did a huge amount of work behind the scenes before, during, and after the trial, dealing with all the paperwork and forms. On a related note, our next Rally trial will be May 9 – 10, and our next Teacup agility trial will be May 30 – 31.

I hope everyone is enjoying our Short Session of classes. We tried to provide a variety of topics for all our members and dogs. Thanks to Pat Warnick for arranging the schedule. Our next full session will begin on January 4, and the class schedule is attached. The on-line enrollment form on the FORMS page of our website is still the preferred

method of enrolling.

Our next Membership Meeting will be Sunday, January 18, and we will introduce the Nominating Committee for our May elections. The theme will be Pizza, Pizza, Pizza!

We will again be participating in the Meet the Breeds event at the Galleria, the last weekend in January. We will staff a table and have various demos, including a K9er Doggie Wedding. If you would like to help, please contact Diana Squicciarini (ashraf@libcom.com), who is heading up that event for us.

Our Canine Conditioning class has been very popular. Therefore we are purchasing our own equipment for this class. Thanks to Lisa Bauer, Lucy McCloskey, and Pam Lewis for loaning their equipment for us to use until now.

I wish everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

Remember, have fun with your dogs!
Dan Goldberg, President

8 Holiday Pet-Proofing Tips

By Dr. Patty Khuly

Here's a question that I get asked often this time of the year: How do you keep all those pets of yours out of trouble?

It's a great question when you've got tinsel, glittery ornaments and all manner of holiday trappings decking your halls, walls and — most menacingly of all — your holiday tree (if you happen to have one).

The answer to this perfectly reasonable query: I'm really into decorating my home with all kinds of oddball stuff — even more so during the holidays — so I'm well aware that the secret to keeping pets out of trouble is to understand that there is no 100 percent risk-free environment. You also need to assess and prioritize the risks your household presents, identify your pets' risk-taking tendencies and work to strategically minimize the most dangerous risks to individual pets.

You can make yourself crazy trying to pet-proof your home for every possible risk — and you're unlikely to get rid of every possible danger. That's just life. I've seen dogs drown in their water bowls and choke on perfectly "safe" collars and restraints. But I understand why it may be useful to hear what a veterinarian might do to pet-proof her own abode. So here's my list of must-dos.

1. Elevate the Holiday Tree

Put the tree in a tall pot or up on a high pedestal to make it harder for pets to tip the tree over, drink the water (sometimes cited as a toxic issue) or take an interest in low-hanging decorations. (It goes without saying that all decorations should be out of an animal's reach.)

I've used a tall pot for the past couple of years, which brings me to my next tip.

2. Stabilize and Secure Your Decor

Whatever decorations you put up, go the extra mile and make them inaccessible to pets. Whether it's lodging the tree in a sturdy position (a standard tree stand will not work if you've got a sufficiently motivated cat) or tacking wreaths and garlands securely, the idea is to keep stuff in a spot that won't be accessible to your playful pets.

3. Don't Buy Dangerous Stuff

Why take the risk with real mistletoe (reportedly toxic), yarn, ribbon or tinsel?

4. Purchase Nontoxic Stuff Instead

I use silver duct tape in place of ribbons, 100 percent nontoxic native trees in place of pines (pine oil has been reported to cause liver damage in some pets) and recyclable paper ornaments (origami is fun to learn). Sure, paper isn't as shiny, but it's classy — and one less thing to tempt pets.

5. Prevent the Pee-Pee Problem

Pet proofing for the holidays isn't just about pets. Sometimes the goal is to keep humans from suffering the slings and arrows of outrageous urine. I have a dog who (this has been confirmed by multiple trainers) cannot be housebroken. Anything low — like a holiday tree — must be raised, so he doesn't decide it's worth marking.

6. Embrace Crates

This time of year, I'm even more of a sucker for crates — and I'm always a stickler when it comes to crating my dogs for safety reasons. To keep my cuties from running amok and headlong into danger, I keep them close. Since I spend 80 percent of my waking life in the kitchen, I drag the crates into that space and let them watch me do my thing.

7. Conceal Electric Cords

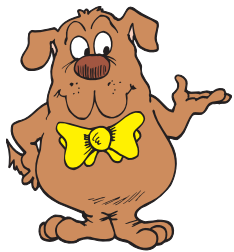
I've had two pets chew through them, and I've seen plenty of burned mouths as a result of electric shock, so I'm vigilant about keeping pets away from cords. Covering them with heavy-duty plastic liners helps, but during the holidays I've taken to using twinkly indoor lights powered by batteries. There's only so much damage a pet can do chewing through these.

8. Keep Pets Away From Chocolate

Safety is all well and good, but here's where I draw the line: Chocolate is a holiday must-have for me. So I'm very careful with the dark chocolate that's included in probably 20 percent of my homemade holiday treats. Sure, chocolate is toxic, but here's where knowing when to be careful is more than half the battle: In all my years of pet keeping and dark chocolate wielding, I've never had an incident. And I don't plan to.

Happy Holidays Everyone!





K-9er Demos July

December:

Saturday, December 20 there is a Christmas demo scheduled for Humbert Lane in Washington Pa with performance time 11:00 AM.

January:

Sunday, January 4 the K-9ers will celebrate their bi-annual get together @ Calabria's Restaurant. Meeting there @ 5:30 PM.

Saturday, January 10 @ Arden Courts in Jefferson Hills with a Troop performance @ 10:30 AM.

Saturday, January 17 @ The Baptist Home in Castle Shannon with a Doggie Wedding performance time @ 2:00 PM.

Saturday, January 31 @ the Galleria Mall in Mt. Lebanon with a Doggie Wedding performance time @ 2:00 PM.

Sunday, February 1 an encore performance of the Doggie Wedding @ the Galleria Mall.

The K-9ers have NOT CONFIRMED this second performance date and time as of yet.

Thank you very much,
Caroline
Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year from the K-9ers

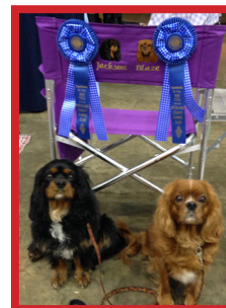
Keystone Canine Accomplishments

On November 15th, **Declan** showed at the Morgantown Agility Show and received his NA and his NAJ titles with a first place on both of his runs, I am so proud of my young dog, he is only 21 months old and loves to spend time with me and his brother Logan and all our Agility friends wherever we go. Lynda, Logan & Declan



November was a busy and exciting month for **Laci**. She earned the following titles: AKC Open Obedience title (CDX), WCRL ARCHMX Rally Master Championship title, RL1X1x2, RLX2x3, and RLX3x3 Individual Level Championship titles. I am so proud to be her partner. Phyllis Huber

Congratulations to **Becky** for earning her Teacup Agility TACH. She earned it at the Splash and Dash Teacup trial on November 8th. DeAnne Orive



Congratulations to **Blaze and Jackson** for achieving their AKC Rally Advanced titles at the Crown Classic in Cleveland on December 10th.

Also, Blaze achieved his AKC Jumpers Gold Preferred in Agility. Debbie Aheimer

Applying for Membership

Alicia Gorman is applying for membership with her Beagle, **Jolly Roger** and her Rescue mix, **Luna**. Alicia has taken Family Manners and Foundation Agility. She is endorsed by Marian Roznowski and Pat Warnick.

Karen and Melissa Szabo are applying for membership with their yellow lab, **Faith**. They have taken Family Manners I twice. They are endorsed by Marian Roznowski and Maryann Snyder.

Voted into Membership At the November Meeting

Beth McCord and her Husky Mix, **Jensen**.

Kathy Enick and her Havanese, **Lucy**.

Marilyn Hesemann and her Jack Russell, **Diamond**.

Jacqueline Saslawski and **Paul Rudolph** with their Giant Schnauzers, **Henry and Flora**.

Linda McLean and her Rottweiler, **Mae Sweeney**.



KEYSTONE CANINE TRAINING CLUB

Session I, 2015 Schedule of Classes - Classes are for Seven Weeks Unless Noted

Please Register At Least One Week Before The First Class

Rear Training Room Schedule

Class	Max # Dogs	Day	Time	Start	Instructors
Family Manners I	8	Sunday	11:00 AM	Jan 4	Marian R/Maryann S
Teacup Agility	6	Monday	2:00 PM	Jan 5	Tom B/Phyllis B
Advance Tricks Class	6	Monday	4:00 PM	Jan 5	Diana S
Family Manners I	8	Monday	6:30 PM	Jan 5	Ed H/Linette E
Family Manners II	8	Monday	7:30 PM	Jan 5	Linette E/Lucy M
Gym Night	8	Monday	8:30 PM	Jan 5	Amy S/Virginia W
Advanced Scent Work (Level 3)	6	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Jan 6	Maribeth H/Mackenzie J
Beginning Scent Work (Level 1)	6	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Jan 6	Amy W/ Dave J
Continuing Scent Work (Level 2)	8	Tuesday	8:30 PM	Jan 6	Debbie A/Sue S
Family Manners I	8	Wednesday	2:00 PM	Jan 7	Pat W/Mitzi L
Intro to Conformation (5 Weeks)	6	Wednesday	Per Request		Clare S
CGC/CGCA/TDI Prep	8	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Jan 7	Dan G/ Mitzi L
Teacup Agility (All Levels)	8	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Jan 7	Emil P/Amy S
Conformation Drop-in Class		Wednesday	8:30 PM	Website	Bill Colbert/Clare S
AKC Open Obedience	8	Thursday	6:30 PM	Jan 8	Lucy M
AKC Intro to Utility Obedience	8	Thursday	7:30 PM	Jan 8	Julie Agosti
AKC Novice Obedience	8	Thursday	8:30 PM	Jan 8	Pat W/Mackenzie J
Puppy Kindergarten	7	Friday	7:00 PM	Jan 9	Paula S/Donna L/Lynda K
Puppy Family Manners Foundation	7	Friday	8:00 PM	Jan 9	Paula S/Donna L
AKC Open Obedience Drop-in Class		Saturday	9:00 AM	Website	Julie Agosti
Family Manners II	7	Saturday	11:00 AM	Jan 10	Rod S/Betty C

Front Training Room Schedule

Class	Max # Dogs	Day	Time	Start	Instructors
Agility Flatwork I (6 Weeks)	8	Sunday	6:30 PM	Jan 4	Stacy P/Joanne K
Agility Flatwork II (6 Weeks)	8	Sunday	7:30 PM	Jan 4	Joanne K/Lynda K
WCRL Rally Advanced	6	Monday	6:30 PM	Jan 5	Lucy M/Imogene S
Foundations of Agility 8:15-9:30	8	Monday	8:15 PM	Jan 5	Amy W/Sharon H
WCRL Rally Beginners	6	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Jan 6	Lucy M/Pat W
Advanced Std Agility 8:00 - 9:30	8	Tuesday	8:00 PM	Jan 6	Terri C/Rose N
Intermediate Std Agility 7:00 - 8:20	8	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Jan 7	Pam L
Beyond Beginners Agility	6	Wednesday	8:30 PM	Jan 7	Fiona S/Dana S
Introduction to Agility Sequencing	6	Thursday	7:30 PM	Jan 8	Pam L/Rosanne M/Janine S
Teeter and Weaves	6	Thursday	8:30 PM	Jan 8	Dan G/Rosanne M/Chris L /Janine S
Agility Games - Drop-ins Welcome	8	Friday	7:30 PM	Jan 9	Janine S
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NOTES:

CGC Class will be held on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM

A Second Family Manners II class will be held on Monday at 7:30 PM

The Tricks class for this session will be Advanced Tricks class at 4:00 PM

Introduction to Agility Sequencing on Thursdays at 7:30 and Beyond Beginners on Wednesdays at 8:30

WCRL Rally will be divided into two classes. Monday Advanced at 6:30 and Tuesday Beginners at 6:30

Family Manners I will be on Mondays at 6:30 instead of Thursday

Gym Night will be for members and dogs that have previously taken Canine Conditioning Class

AKC Open Obedience will be at 6:30 Thursday

AKC Intro to Utility Obedience will be on Thursdays at 7:30. The Cost is \$10 per night per dog