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Come to the next
Membership Meeting
for
PIZZA, PIZZA, PIZZA
Sunday, March 16 @ 7:00 pm
KCTC Building
No (Pizza Eating) Dogs Please

From the President

UPCOMING EVENTS – We have a number of upcoming events. Please remember that each member is expected to volunteer for at least one KCTC event each year. Here is a list of events and the person to contact if you would like to help out:

• March 7 – 8: Meet the Breeds dog show at the Galleria in Mt. Lebanon: Diana Squicciarini (ashraf@libcom.com). We would like to have lots of different breeds represented!

• April 6; Open House at KCTC: DeAnne Orive (ddorive@verizon.net)

• May 10 – 11: WCR Rally Trial: Bonnie McKeown (mckeownbonnie@comcast.net)

• May 17 – 18: Teacup Agility Trial: Amy Wustin (eandme@rusenko.com)

These events are also listed on the homepage of our website, under "Upcoming Events."

AWARDS BANQUET - One other upcoming event: Our Awards Banquet will be held on Sunday, June 22 at Peters Place restaurant in Bridgeville, starting at 5:00 pm. Save the date! More details will be coming. The Banquet Committee is handling all the arrangements, so no need for volunteers for this one.

NEW ENROLLMENT PROCEDURE We are planning to introduce an on-line enrollment procedure for members for our Session III classes. Instead of sending an email to the Office Manager, you will be able to fill out the enrollment form on-line and electronically submit it to her. This will standardize the procedure to make sure she receives all the information she needs for preparing the rosters. As of this writing, we are in the testing phase. Once that is completed, we will post the electronic enrollment form on the website and send instructions to everyone on how to use it.

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From the President

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REACTIVE DOGS – Some dogs need a lot of space, but sometimes we don't know who they are in advance. Following a national trend, we are introducing the "Yellow Ribbon" procedure for identifying reactive dogs. If your dog is reactive, you can tie a yellow ribbon to their leash, near the collar. This will alert other handlers to steer clear, and give the yellow ribbon dogs the space they need around them. We will have a supply of yellow ribbons in both rooms at the club. This is strictly voluntary, but should make things more comfortable for everyone.

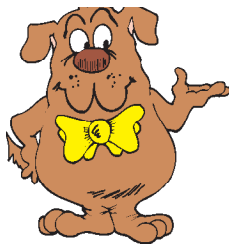
NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

– Our next meeting will be Sunday, March 16, at 7:00 at the club. The Nominating Committee's slate of officers for our May elections will be announced, and additional nominations (if any) will be taken from the floor. After the meeting: Pizza, Pizza, Pizza! We will have a variety of pizzas to please everyone.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST –

Remember, have fun with your dogs!

Dan Goldberg, President



Winter K-9er Demos

January was a quiet month for the K-9ers. The bi-annual get-together was on January 5 @ Calabrias Restaurant.

I did receive a demo request from the Nature Club (youth group @ Community of Christ Church) for two performances. They are Tuesday, January 14, and Tuesday, March 11 @ 6:30 PM. Both were confirmed.

I have also received a demo request for a Saturday, June 7 performance for the residents of Harbour Senior Living.

This demo is not confirmed as of yet, because it is hard to commit so far in advance.

I am hoping that the K-9ers will receive some requests for a Valentine performance.

Meanwhile, the K-9ers will be hard at work practicing with some new music for a new format.

Thank you,
Caroline Chapman

Teacup Trial

KCTC Members,

I am sending out this request as the TDAA Trial Chair.

For the past 3 years, Pam Lewis and Dan Goldberg have hosted 5 of the last 6 TDAA Judges. The sixth judge was our own Laura Leonard, thus the reason they didn't have to act as hosts. Over that time, they have saved KCTC approximately \$1200-\$1500 is hotel charges. Pam and Dan, THANK YOU, for so graciously opening your home to our judges and doing a huge service to our club. Your efforts are much appreciated!

Our next TDAA Trial is coming up on May 17-18th of this year. At this time I am asking if any club member is willing to act as host/hostess to Terry Barnaby, our judge. Terry has been at KCTC one other time and we found her to be a delightful lady. She will be coming in Friday night, May 16 and will leave directly from the trial on Sunday, May 18.

Please contact me directly at eand@rusenko.com (yes, I have changed my email) if you are interested in helping the club out or if you have any questions that I could answer about hosting the judge that could help you make the decision to have her in your home for those two nights.

Thank you in advance.

Regards,
Amy Wustin
KCTC TDAA Trial Chair

Sara

My Collie, Sara is recuping from her second surgery (Tibial Wedge Osteotomy) performed on January 10.

Sara had her stitches out on Wednesday, January 14. She is due for an Xray the first week in March. Then we can begin taking her on short walks.

If all goes well, Sara can resume her Therapy dog visits some time in March.

I am so proud of Sara, she has been through so much in her short life.

Thank you,
Caroline Chapman

The Aheimer Boyz



Blaze and Jackson have been busy with agility and tricks. Blaze got his AKC Master Jumpers Bronze title and his Intermediate Tricks title. Jackson got his AKC MACH title and Time To Beat Title. He also got his Advanced Tricks Title. Go Boyz! Deb Aheimer

