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Come to the next
Membership Meeting
for the annual
July
Sundaes on Sunday
Sunday, July 20 @ 7:00 pm
KCTC Building

No (Ice Cream Eating) Dogs Please

From the President

Election Results – As you are probably aware, Dave Wray was re-elected Vice President and Mackenzie Hafen was elected Director at Large. Mackenzie is one of our newer members, and has lots of good ideas.

Rally and Teacup trials – Thanks to everyone who competed or helped out at our recent Rally and Teacup agility trials. Both trials went very smoothly and we had a large number of runs in both trials. We have a great group of workers! Our next Teacup trial is September 27 – 28, and our next Rally trial is November 22 – 23. Thanks to Rosanne Minich and Chris Labee, who volunteered to be Co-Chairs of the next Teacup trial.

Dog Surgery Seminar – On June 8, we had a very interesting seminar by Dr. Zach Goodrich on minimally invasive surgical

procedures for dogs. He showed pictures of this technique, which can be used for torn ACL, meniscus tears, and treatment for (or prevention of) bloat. He also discussed the advantages of this technique over “normal” open surgery.

Symphonic Dog – Lucy and Sonny were at it again! Sonny was chosen as one of four dogs to perform with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra on the evening of June 9, to participate in Mozart’s Hunting Horns Symphony. It featured French horns and dogs that bark on cue! The concert was part of the Three Rivers Arts Festival at the Point. You can view their performance on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MC8ObMdjwgt&feature=youtu.be>.

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From the President

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Grooming Seminar – Our “How to Maintain Your Dog Between Groomings” seminar will be July 13. Please contact me (samoyed4@verizon.net) to reserve a spot. The seminar is limited to ten dogs and handlers.

Education Committee – Our newly-formed Education Committee recently held its first meeting. Janine Smith is Chair of that committee, with Marian Roznowski, Mackenzie Hafen, Joanne Kerfonta, Diana Squicciarini, Maribeth Hook, and Deb Aheimer (Consultant). They plan to tackle a lot of items, and have many good ideas. Please contact the committee at: educationcommittee@keystonecanine.com if you have any suggestions regarding our training program. On a related note, Pat Warnick has volunteered to be the Assistant to the Training Director.”

Membership Meeting – Our next Membership Meeting is Sunday, July 20, and will feature Sundaes on Sunday. Make your own ice cream sundae – we will provide the ice cream and toppings.

Last But Not Least – *Remember, have fun with your dogs!*
Dan Goldberg, President

Thank You

Thank you, Keystone Canine Training Club members and non-members, for all of your help with our May 10 & May 11, 2014 WCRL Rally trial. There were so many people who made the event a real success.

The donation of food or money for food created a nice menu each day. The Hospitality staff did an outstanding job.

Our baskets again were a cut above with all the great donations and Paula Shimko’s magic touch.

The building looked great due to the set up and cleanup crews who kept the building ready and in good shape for the whole weekend and Monday’s classes. The photographer certainly captured forever many unique moments on May 10. Our judges helped make the day fun with their humor, their time, effort, fairness and kindness. Some exhibitors shared complimentary comments about their experience.

The number of our trials runs each day created long hours for our volunteers.

Please know that this will be addressed for the next trial and the hours will be much shorter with a two-shift arrangement. Thanks for understanding.

Please know that we truly appreciate all of your contributions.

Many thanks to all of you!
Bonnie McKeown
Trial Chairperson



K-9er Demos July

JULY 5 – Doggie Wedding @ Schenley Gardens on Bigalow Blvd. with performance time @ 1:30 PM.

JULY 19 – Troop Routine @ Golden Living Center in Canonsburg with performance time 2:00 PM.

Applying for Membership

Nancy Ann Whitley and her Shetland Sheepdogs, **Sterling, Ben and Icee** are applying for membership. Nancy has taken several rally classes and CGC. She is endorsed by Pam Lewis and Mitzie Lever.

Hope Powell and her Siberian Husky, **Nikko** are applying for membership. She has taken Puppy agility and 1 jump/2 jump agility. She is endorsed by Lucy McCloskey and Pam Lewis.

Brittany Lewis is applying for membership with her mix **Cali**. They have taken Puppy Agility and 1 jump/2 jump agility. Brittany is endorsed by Lucy McCloskey and Pam Lewis.

Andrew Capretto and his Golden Retriever, **Juno** are applying for membership. Andrew and Juno have taken Family Manner 2 twice. Andrew is endorsed by Rod Sabatini and Betty Camus.

Angeline and John Frenie along with their Blue Tick Beagle, **Bentley** are applying for membership. They have taken Family Manners I and II. They are endorsed by Dan Goldberg and Pam Lewis.

Sandy Milligan is applying for membership with her Rough Collie, **Avalon** and her Great Pyrenees, **Beowulf**. They have taken Beyond Beginners Agility and teeters and weaves. She is endorsed by Dan Goldberg and Pam Lewis.

New Members voted in at the May Meeting

Lisa Bauer and her Dalmatians, **Tess, Jazz and Indy**.

Kenny Harrison and his mix, **Barock**.

Faith Martonik and her Australian Shepherd, **Ollie**.

Tyrance Williams and his Shetland Sheepdog, **Dexter**.

Keystone Canine Accomplishments

Hi everybody, it's me, **Howie**. You're not going to believe what happened. My human, **Pat**, finally entered us in a Rally trial! We were both really nervous at first, but we pulled ourselves together and, on the first day, I got three Q's and an RL1 title. I got two third place and one second place ribbons plus a really pretty one for getting my title. I got to pick out two toys and a bag of treats. And I got my picture taken with all my ribbons. How cool is that! I got soooo many treats. I really had fun being with Pat all day and getting to spend a whole day with our friends. My teachers were there too. They were really proud of me. We couldn't have done this without them. I even met some new friends!

Before we left, we got moved to the 1 B class, so that in the fall, I can start working on my Level One Championship. Imagine that, Me, Howie, a champion? Wow! One can only hope. I'm crossing my paws. We will be there trying in October. I hope you and your dog are there too.



Trump, owned by **Pat Zapf**, finished his AKC championship with style at the New Castle Kennel Club dog show on his 2nd birthday! Thanks to everyone who has been supportive of Trump and hopefully we have many more wins in the future!
Pat Zapf

Rim Rock's Out of the Blue, "**Indy**," earned his Rally ARCHEX title on May 10 at the Keystone WCR trial, and **Kingdom's All That Jazz**, "**Jazz**," earned her Rally ARCHEX, RL1X2, and RL3X titles at the same trial. Both are owned and loved by **Lisa and Jim Bauer**.

Missy and I attended our first tea cup agility trial at KCTC on May 17 & 18. She received her Games I Title and had one qualifying standard run. Everyone was so kind and supportive throughout the weekend. Thank you to all of our instructors and to my parents for all of their help, guidance and advice. Truly a very exciting weekend for us.

Diane Valley



I am happy to announce that **Mackenzie** earned her C-ATCH 2 champion title in Washingtonville, OH on May 16th. This title was extra special because she earned it on the hardest course for her. She loves agility, and I am blessed that she remains healthy so we can continue playing together. I am so proud of my sweet Kenzie!
Terri Chasser

Homemade Frosty Paws

(Dog Ice Cream)

Frosty Paws are a frozen treat for dogs created in the 1970s by an Ohio State professor of animal science after a challenge from local ice cream parlor patrons. A dog-friendly alternative to sugary, lactose-laden ice cream, Frosty Paws have a yogurt base that contains less lactase than ice cream, so your dog can tolerate it better. But as tasty as the Frosty Paws treats are to your pooch, they may be cost-prohibitive if you are on a budget. If you want to reward your dog with dog ice cream at a low cost, you can whip up your own frozen treat at home.

Step 1

Place the banana in a blender or food processor. Add 32 ounces plain yogurt. Scoop 2 tsp. of peanut butter and 2 tsp. of honey into the mix. Alternatively, try goat's milk yogurt for a treat containing much less lactose.

Step 2

Mix ingredients until well blended.

Step 3

Round up paper cups, small plastic containers, ice cube trays or muffin tins to use as molds for the mixture. Pour small amounts into the cups, muffin tins or plastic containers. Aim for a hockey puck shape and thickness to resemble the original Frosty Paws size.

Step 4

Fill an ice cube tray with the concoction to create handy bite-size pieces you can give to your dog when a regular-size frozen treat is too much.

Step 5

Freeze the treats, then put them in a freezer bag for easy storage.

**HAPPY
FOURTH OF JULY
GOD BLESS AMERICA!**



Hello Everyone,
I just wanted to share this article about summer safety from the Humane Society of the United States. I recently have been taking Zuko to the pool to cool off on these hot days. He loves the water but isn't so sure about his feet not being able to touch the bottom. I've been working with him to feel more confident about this because swimming is a great way for dogs to stay cool and get exercise.

Enjoy your summer!
Mackenzie & Zuko



Practice Basic Summer Safety

Never leave your pets in a parked car. Not even for a minute. Not even with the car running and air conditioner on. On a warm day, temperatures inside a vehicle can rise rapidly to dangerous levels. On an 85-degree day, for example, the temperature inside a car with the windows opened slightly can reach 102 degrees within 10 minutes. After 30 minutes, the temperature will reach 120 degrees. Your pet may suffer irreversible organ damage or die.

How to help a pet left in a hot car

- Take down the car's make, model and license plate number.
- If there are businesses nearby, notify their managers or security guards and ask them to make an announcement to find the car's owner.
- If the owner can't be found, call the non-emergency number of the local police or animal control and wait by the car for them to arrive.

Watch the humidity

"It's important to remember that it's not just the ambient temperature but also the humidity that can affect your pet," says Dr. Barry Kellogg, VMD, of the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association. "Animals pant to evaporate moisture from their lungs, which takes heat away from their body. If the humidity is too high, they are unable to cool themselves, and their temperature will skyrocket to dangerous levels—very quickly." Taking a dog's temperature will quickly tell you if there is a serious problem. Dogs' temperatures should not be allowed to get over 104 degrees. If your dog's temperature does, follow the instructions for treating heat stroke.

Limit exercise on hot days

Take care when exercising your pet. Adjust intensity and duration of exercise in accordance with the temperature. On very hot days, limit exercise to early morning or evening hours, and be especially careful with pets with white-colored ears, which are more susceptible to skin cancer, and short-nosed pets, which typically have difficulty breathing. Asphalt gets very hot and can burn your pet's paws, so walk your dog on the grass if possible. Always carry water with you to keep your dog from dehydrating.

Don't rely on a fan

Pets respond differently to heat than humans do. (Dogs, for instance, sweat primarily through their feet.) And fans don't cool off pets as effectively as they do people.

Provide ample shade and water

Any time your pet is outside, make sure he or she has protection from heat and sun and plenty of fresh, cold water. In heat waves, add ice to water when possible. Tree shade and tarps are ideal because they don't obstruct airflow. A doghouse does not provide relief from heat—in fact, it makes it worse.

Cool your pet inside and out

Whip up a batch of quick and easy DIY peanut butter popsicles for dogs. (You can use peanut butter or another favorite food.) And always provide water, whether your pets are inside or out with you.

Keep your pet from overheating indoors or out with a cooling body wrap, vest, or mat (such as the Keep Cool Mat). Soak these products in cool water, and they'll stay cool (but usually dry) for up to three days. If your dog doesn't find baths stressful, see if she enjoys a cooling soak.

Watch for signs of heatstroke

Extreme temperatures can cause heatstroke. Some signs of heatstroke are heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid heartbeat, difficulty breathing, excessive thirst, lethargy, fever, dizziness, lack of coordination, profuse salivation, vomiting, a deep red or purple tongue, seizure, and unconsciousness.

Animals are at particular risk for heat stroke if they are very old, very young, overweight, not conditioned to prolonged exercise, or have heart or respiratory disease. Some breeds of dogs—like boxers, pugs, shih tzus, and other dogs and cats with short muzzles—will have a much harder time breathing in extreme heat.

How to treat a pet suffering from heatstroke

Move your pet into the shade or an air-conditioned area. Apply ice packs or cold towels to her head, neck, and chest or run cool (not cold) water over her. Let her drink small amounts of cool water or lick ice cubes. Take her directly to a veterinarian.

Prepare for power outages

Before a summer storm takes out the power in your home, create a disaster plan to keep your pets safe from heat stroke and other temperature-related trouble.