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November Membership Meeting Caramel, Apples & Pumpkins

Sunday, November 16 @ 7:00 pm

KCTC Building

No Dogs Please - Unless they can bob for apples!



From the President

Our recent Teacup agility trial was a big success! We had 165 runs, great raffle baskets, good food, good courses, and lots of compliments from competitors. One said "Thank you for another fantastic Teacup Trial. The club really pulls together to make it all work for the competitors."

Many volunteers contributed to make the trial successful, way too many to mention individually. I was glad to see some of our newer members helping out, including Annette Mucci, Hope Powell, Nancy Ann Whitely, and Tyrance Williams. And I would like to specifically thank Rosanne Minich and Chris Labee, the Co-Trial Chairs, for all their work, and Laura Leonard, our Judge, who very generously and graciously waived her judging fee.

Our next big event is the WCRL Rally trial, November 22-23. We will be looking for volunteers for that trial soon, and I am sure it will also be successful.

Our annual Holiday Party will be Monday, December 1 at Peters Place in Bridgeville. Mark your calendars!

I would like to thank Diana Squicciarini and Betty Camus (part-time helper) for representing KCTC and the Pet Fair

in Bridgeville on the first Saturday in October. They braved terrible weather (cold, wet, and windy) in gallant fashion for the good of the club. Truly above-and-beyond the call of duty!

As Lucy (our Training Director) mentioned at the last membership meeting, we are always looking for new instructors and assistants. Please contact Lucy if you would like to get involved in teaching. In case you are not aware, there are nice perks after you teach or assist in two sessions of classes. These including one free class for every class you teach or assist in, and half-price membership dues. In addition, there is great satisfaction in sharing your knowledge to help other handlers and dogs, and to see the results!

Our next Membership Meeting is Sunday, November 16. The theme will be Caramel and Apples and Pumpkin. We would like about 8 people to bring their favorite dishes made from any or all of the above ingredients. Please let Deb Aheimer (fredebali57@gmail.com) know what you are bringing, so that we do not end up with a lot of duplicates.

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

TDAА Trial

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED TO MAKE THIS T.D.A.A. TRIAL SUCH A SUCCESS:

*The Volunteers Who Made the Games & Standards Run Smoothly & Who Made Sure Our Buffet Was Wonderfully Stocked

*The Members Who Donated Food & Beverages, Raffle Items & Cash

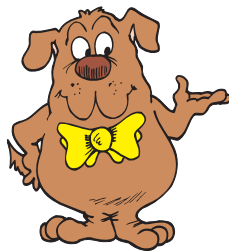
*The Handlers & The Dogs Who Came to Have Fun

*Amy Wustin, Who Lent Us Her Years of Experience & Let Us Stand On Our Own

*Dan Goldberg & Pam Lewis Who Did The Behind The Scenes Work That Made K.C.T.C. [And Us] Look So Good

Rosanne Minich
&
Chris Labee

Thanks to all for the great donations for our Teacup Agility raffle baskets on September 26 and September 27. We have received great compliments on them. We could not have had the great baskets without everyone's help.



K-9er Demos July

The K-9er demo list for October and November:

The K-9ers will be performing the Halloween routine for the three October requests.

Saturday, October 18 @ Atria of South Hills with Performance Time 10:30 AM.

Saturday, October 25 @ The Paramount in McMurray with Performance Time 2:15 PM.

So far the K-9ers have received one request for November.

Saturday, November 15 @ Overlook Green Senior Living, Pittsburgh with a Salute To The Troops Performance @ 1:30 PM.

The Keystone K-9ers will be closing the 2014 demo season on Saturday, November 29. If there are any requests made after this date, they will be scheduled for January 2015. They are looking forward to performing a CHRISTMAS ROUTINE. For future November demo requests.

The K-9ers will be taking time off from performing during the month of December to spend time with their families.

WCRL RALLY DONATIONS

Our WCRL Rally trial follows on November 22 and 23. If you have any type of things you can donate, it would be greatly appreciated. We do have some donations left from the Teacup Trial, but we could always use additional donations. Thank you,
Raffle Basket Chairman
Donna Latham

Peanut Butter and Pumpkin Dog Treats



Prep Time:
15 Minutes
Cook Time:
40 Minutes
Ready In:
1 Hour
40 Minutes
Servings:
25

INGREDIENTS:

2 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
2 eggs
1/2 cup canned pumpkin
2 tablespoons peanut butter
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. Whisk together the flour, eggs, pumpkin, peanut butter, salt, and cinnamon in a bowl. Add water as needed to help make the dough workable, but the dough should be dry and stiff. Roll the dough into a 1/2-inch-thick roll. Cut into 1/2-inch pieces.
3. Bake in preheated oven until hard, about 40 minutes.

Applying for Membership

VOTED INTO MEMBERSHIP:

Clint Connors and his Lab, **Shadow** were voted into membership.

Lindsey Daniello was voted into membership with her Golden Retriever, **Ocey**.

Terry & Linda Johnston with their Springer Spaniels, **Riley & Rogar** were voted into membership.

Also voted into membership was **Lisa Sbei** and her Mix, **Marlee**.

Joy Sedar and **Magnus** her Cane Corso were voted into membership.

APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Beth McCord and **Jensen**, her Husky Mix are applying for membership. Beth has taken Puppy Kindergarten and Family Manners. She is endorsed by Paula Shimko and Donna Latham.

Linda McLean and her Rottweiler, **Mae Sweeney** are applying for membership. Linda has taken Family Manners I and II. She is endorsed by Rod Sabatini and Betty Camus.

Kathy Enick and **Lucy** her Havanese are applying for membership. Kathy has taken CGC/TDI and Family Manners II. She is endorsed by Amy Sandhagen and Sally Tress.

Happy Halloween!

Here are five safety tips for you and your pet this Halloween.

1. Dangerous Pet Costumes

Your safest choice in a pet Halloween costume would be a loosely tied bandana; however, if you choose to dress up your pet, outfit your dog or cat with a simple approach. Pets can become tangled in elaborate, Difficulty in mobility can lead to bodily injury, including strangulation.

Never leave a pet unattended while wearing a costume. Small (or large) parts of a costume can become chewed and ingested and can in turn potentially lead to foreign body ingestion which can be life threatening to your pet.

2. Halloween Decorations and Fire Hazards

If you like to decorate your home in the Halloween spirit, take into consideration what you're putting on display and where the decorations will be placed. Easy-to-reach decorations — or candles — can be eaten or knocked over, potentially leading to choking, foreign body ingestion, electrical shock and even burns and a household fire.

Err on the side of caution while decorating and choose pet-safe products.



Corey, Lia & Rocky

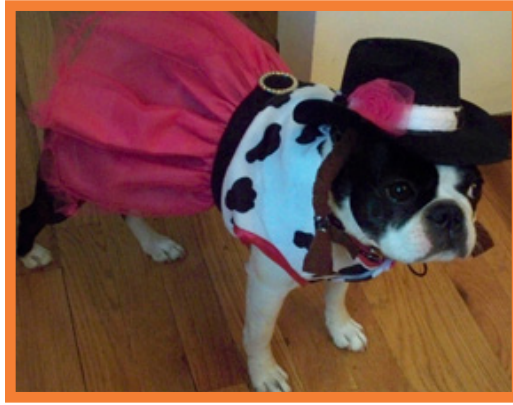
3. Noise Affects Pets

Dogs and cats can become skittish and anxiety ridden on Halloween due to the incessant ringing of the doorbell, constant squeals and chatter just outside the door, and small fireworks set off in the street.

In addition, the barrage of strangers dressed in unfamiliar and scary costumes can alarm some pets, increasing their anxiety. Take extra precaution on Halloween: gauge your pet's typical reaction while greeting visitors and decide if putting up a baby gate or leaving your dog or cat in a back room of the house would keep them calmer throughout the evening.

4. Candy and Chocolate Are Toxic

Candy and chocolate are never good for dogs or



Becky

cats and on Halloween there is an increased chance that Fluffy and Fido may consume treats meant for tricksters.

- Chocolate and xylitol, a sweetener found in many candies, can be extremely toxic to pets.

- Lollipops and their sticks can be choking hazards and cause a painful obstruction or foreign body ingestion that may require surgery to remove.

- Candies wrapped in plastic and other types of wrapping can also lead to choking or cause an obstruction and upset stomach.

Easy solutions to prevent accidental toxicity or ingestion:

- Keep pet-safe treats on hand to satisfy your curious pet.

- Make sure all candies are out of your pet's reach.

- Consider leaving your pet in another part of the house where exposure to hazards is impossible.

5. Lost Pets

Halloween isn't an ideal time to let your dog or cat wander outside unattended. While there aren't any documented reports or statistics to indicate that pet abduction increases on Halloween, be mindful that a prankster or a mean-spirited individual could be inspired to mess with your pet.

Take caution and keep pets indoors with you, or escort them outside on a leash if you plan on including your pet in neighborhood festivities. Sudden noises and strange-looking costumes can also spook your pet, causing them to run away, therefore, it's always a good idea to adorn your pet with a collar and identification tags in case you become separated.

If you haven't already opted to have your pet microchipped, now is a great time. Should your pet become lost, an ID tag and/or a microchip can help quickly reunite you with your dog or cat.

These five tips were provided by Veterinary Pet Insurance's website.

Also, if you have any knowledge of upcoming events, trials, seminars, ect. please email Mackenzie at mhafe15@gmail.com she can put them together in a list and put it out in the next newsletter.

Thanks!
Education Committee

Keystone Canine Accomplishments

My brag is for **Sandy McDowell**. She has become a CFMG, Certified Feline Master Groomer. She had to take 9 exams, write reports, test on 42 breeds (didn't know there were that many cat breeds) and groom 15 cats to standard. The worst part was she had to stay in a hotel away from her pets for 2 long weeks. Congratulations!
DeAnne Orive

Trump, owned by Pat Zapf, has finished his RN and CA titles and went on to get a Group 1 and Group 4 at the Butler County Kennel Club show. **Minx**, also owned by Pat Zapf, has also finished her CA title! Trump is AKC CH Shadomoons The Competitive Edge RN CA CGC and Minx is Shadomoons I'm All The Buzz CA. Both are Australian Shepherds!
Pat

Rim Rock's Out of the Blue, "Indy," owned by Lisa and Jim Bauer, finished his AKC Companion Dog title at the Westmoreland County Obedience Training Club trial on September 27 and 28. Indy had two nice runs, earning fourth place on Saturday and third place on Sunday. He was also High Scoring Dalmatian and High Scoring Non-Sporting Dog on Sunday, with a very nice score of 196.
Lisa Bauer



Indy

On September 19th **Glinda** qualified for her first two legs in AKC Rally Novice! One more to go!

On September 27th she passed her TDI examination.

Then to finish the month on September 27th at KCTC Glinda earned three first place Qs and her TDAA TBAD title (pictured here with judge Laura Leonard). Whew! What a whirlwind month!

Many thanks to Glinda's "professors" (especially the Bandi's) and supportive KCTC members!

Diana and Glinda Squicciarini



Glinda

My Lisa's Gracie Little Gracie, aka Gracie, did wonderful on Friday September 26 Gracie earned her 2nd Pre Novice leg and her 1st Novice leg at Westmoreland County Obedience Trial. Her mother, **Her majesty Queen Alice, aka Ellie**, did just as wonderful on September 27 earning her 1st Utility leg (The big one). I'm so proud of my hard working girls.
Lisa Paciorek

I'm very happy to say that my Rat Terrier, **"KitKat"** received her MACH title at the B & D Activity Center in September. She is such a wonderful dog who worked very hard to achieve this title.
Rose Nicotra

Bailey and I have received our Novice Trick Dog Title. I'd like to thank Diana and all the instructors for their help and encouragement.
John Schlieper



Bailey

Pearl received her Rally Novice title in Knox at the Clarion County Obedience Club. We had such a great time and enjoyed the day spent with our 2 legged and 4-legged friends. I want to thank my instructors at Keystone for all their help and guidance.
Betty Camus



Pearl

Congratulations to **Blaze & Jackson**. Both got 2 legs on their Rally Advanced title at the Clarion County Obedience Club Rally Trial. - Deb Aheimer

Keystone K-9ers Wedding

