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July Membership Meeting Sundaes on Sunday

Sunday, July 19th @ 7:00 pm
KCTC Building

No Ice Cream Eating Dogs Please

From the President

I appreciate your vote of confidence in re-electing me as President. I look forward to serving you again, and to the continued success of the club. I will keep you informed of items of interest and events via this column and via email, as before. I also welcome your suggestions.

I also want to thank Janine Smith, who ran against me, for providing our membership with a choice. I think it is healthy for any organization to have competition. Janine is a very hard worker, has lots of good ideas, and is a valuable asset to the club. Likewise, thanks to Joanne Kerfonta for providing competition for the position of Treasurer, and for all her work for the club.

Finally, I would like to thank outgoing Director-at-Large (and past President) Toni Yurkovic for her years of service to the club. And I would like to welcome Emil

Pohodich as our new Director-at-Large.

May was a very busy month! We had a Rally trial, Garage sale, and Teacup agility trial. All were very successful. Thanks to our very capable event Chairs (Bonnie McKeown, DeAnne Orive, Rosanne Minich and Chris Labee). And also thanks to all our hard-working volunteers who made it happen. Particular acknowledgement goes to Janine Smith, who almost single-handedly made most of the treats for the garage sale.

Please remember that every member of the club is expected to volunteer for at least one event each year. We don't want the same group of people doing all the work! Volunteering is very rewarding, and it is always nice to see new faces helping at our events.

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From the President (continued)

The Education Committee showed a very interesting DVD on Movie Night about dog interaction and aggression. There was an emphasis on the need for pups and young dogs to be properly socialized with other dogs. If you have a DVD that you think would be of interest to show to our members, please contact Mackenzie Hafen and let her know.

Our new on-line enrollment software seems to be working well, with hardly any problems to date. We are looking at further enhancements to make the process even more user-friendly for the next session.

A reminder – your membership renewal is due by July 1. A copy of the renewal form is included at the end of this newsletter.

Our next Membership Meeting will be Sunday, July 19. We will have our annual “Sundaes on Sunday” theme with ice cream and all the toppings.

Doggie quote for the month: “Dogs sure are easier to train than people.” -- A student in one of my classes.

Remember, have fun with your dogs!

Dan Goldberg, President

KCTC MAIL AND PAYMENTS

There is some confusion about the intended use of the metal mailbox outside our front door. It is only for US Government mail that cannot be forwarded from our PO Box. PLEASE DO NOT USE THIS MAILBOX.

Please send any mail to our Post Office Box: KCTC, P.O. Box 921, Bethel Park, PA 15102-0921. Or put it in the cash box in the office, in an envelope with **YOUR NAME** and, if you are leaving a cash or check, **a description of the payment** (i.e., treats, class registration, drop-in fee, **AND THE CLASS YOU ARE PAYING FOR**).

Thanks for your cooperation.

Voted into Membership

Linda Cordle and her Border Collie, Molly were voted into membership.



K-9er Demos June & July

June:
Wednesday, June 10, the K-9ers are scheduled to perform a “Doggie Wedding” for Prime Time Adult Day Care located in Bethel Park, with performance time 11:00 AM.

Sunday, June 21, the K-9ers are performing the “Doggie Wedding” for the public @ the annual Lavender Festival in Washington.

July:
Tuesday, July 21, @ Tender Care Learning Center on Library Road with a Doo Wop performance time @ 10:30 AM.

Thank you,
Caroline

It's Summer Time for a Vacation!

If you are planning a trip, have you considered whether or not your dog gets to come along? Do you know how to travel with your dog? Traveling with your dog can be loads of fun if you make all the right arrangements. However, poor planning can really ruin the vacation for everyone. If you think it would be best for your dog to stay behind, then look for a pet sitter or find a kennel where you can board your dog.

If you have decided that your furry companion should be part of your trip, let the planning begin. Start by keeping a collar with current identification on your dog at all times. A microchip may also be beneficial for extra security. Before you travel, your dog should have basic training so he will be well-behaved during the trip. Then, plan the transportation, accommodations and daily activities. Learning how to travel with your dog can make the experience less stressful and a lot of fun!

GETTING THERE By Air

Air travel for dogs is not always a great idea. Though canines are not cargo to us pet parents, they are usually considered such by the airlines. The cargo hold does not make for a pleasant travel experience, even for relaxed dogs. This is not to say that flying is not an option, just that it is not ideal. Small dog owners are in luck, though. Some airlines will allow you to bring your pet in a carrier if it can fit under the seat in front of you. Learn the finer details of air travel with dogs so you can be fully informed before you book a flight.

Pet-loving entrepreneurs have been developing pet-friendly airlines that may actually be affordable. One such company is Pet Airways, a pet-only (no human passengers) airline that allows



I would like to thank all the club members and volunteers that helped, donated and baked items for the Garage Sale and Bake Sale. We also had some people who are interested in our club and taking classes!

Thank you, DeAnne Orive

pets to fly in the main cabin rather than cargo. However, these flights are only available in a limited number of cities. Until these types of airlines are more accessible, many of us will have to make do with the rules or scrape up the dough to charter a plane.

By Automobile

The automobile is usually the best way to travel with dogs. If you own a vehicle, chances are your dog has ridden in it for trips to the vets, the park and so on. If not, now is the time to start. Some dogs have anxiety over riding in cars. The more positive your dog's automobile experiences are, the more likely he will enjoy the rides. If your dog only rides in the car for vet visits, and he dislikes the vet, his anxiety is understandable. Try taking him for short, frequent car rides that end up at the park, dog supply store (where he will get a toy or treat), or another pleasant place. If your dog does not adjust to the car, then a road trip is not a good option. If you must bring your dog for a long car ride, ask your vet about possible anti-anxiety medications that can make the trip a bit easier on everyone. Otherwise, you should seek out other options. Remember, medications should be used sparingly.

If you've decided that Rover can handle the trip, make sure you make all the proper arrangements. Plan Ahead

Plot rest stops along the way while traveling with your dog, and plan to stop every 3-5 hours to allow your dog to relieve himself, drink water and stretch his legs (more or less depending on your dog's needs). Make a list of several veterinary hospitals that are easily accessible from your route, preferably within one hour's drive from any given point. Check that they will be open during your travel.

Bring for the car ride:

- Lists of rest stops and veterinary hospitals
- Leash
- Dog seat belt or crate / kennel
- Water and Bowls
- Treats
- One or two toys

- Blanket and/or dog bed
- Bags to pick up waste
- Medications, if applicable
- Your dog's medical records

ENJOYING YOUR STAY

Hotels and Dogs

If you will be staying at a hotel while traveling with your dog, cover all your bases in advance. A pet-friendly hotel is more than just one that allows pets – it is one that welcomes them. Some hotels offer special dog beds, turndown service (down to the treat on the pillow), dog spa services and doggie day care. Ask what amenities are available for your dog, but remember to find out what cost is involved. Many hotels charge a non-refundable pet deposit upon arrival, then a daily pet fee. Some even tack on a special cleaning fee. Bottom line, before you choose, do your research about pet-friendly hotels. Bed and Breakfast / Inns for Dogs Inns and B&Bs are typically not equipped for dogs. However, they do exist. It is essential that you know how to prepare for the trip prior to finalizing your plans. Learn about bringing your dog to a B&B, then look for a dog-friendly location.

Camping with Dogs

Camping with your dog can be the perfect way to spend time together while communing with nature. However, camping with dogs is not always a wise choice. Before you decide to bring your dog, make sure the campground you are considering actually allows dogs. Many state and national parks do not allow dogs. Above all, learn how to have fun and stay safe while camping.

BE PREPARED

Emergencies do not only happen close to home, they can also happen while traveling with your dog. Advance planning can make these emergencies less stressful. Before the trip, make a list of veterinary hospitals in the area where you will be staying, along with a map. If your dog shows sudden signs of illness, that list can help save your dog's life.

Before you leave for your trip, make sure you have not forgotten anything. Use this list as a guide while you are packing. Add your own personal touch as needed.

1. Lists of rest stops and veterinary hospitals along your trip (if driving)
2. List of veterinary hospitals near the location where you are staying
3. Crate / kennel
4. Leash
5. Water and Bowls
6. Dog Food
7. Treats
8. One or two toys
9. Blankets and/or dog bed
10. Bags to pick up waste
11. First Aid Kit
12. Grooming supplies, if necessary
13. Medications, if applicable
14. Your dog's medical records (including vaccine history)
15. Health Certificate (obtain from your vet)

Now you're all set – be safe and enjoy your trip!



**This article is from about.com in the dog section*

WCRL RALLY TRIAL

I got a call from Clare Schmalz, Trial Secretary for the rally trial. She received a response from a lot of people saying what a wonderful trial we had. They especially loved our food and sent compliments to our chef(s) and plan to be back in the fall. That says it all.

The donations of all types, the food, the treats, making the baskets and all the efforts of all our volunteers really showed.

The quality of the work that went into each day of the trial and the friendliness toward everyone was greatly appreciated.

The judges were pleasant and fair. We had it all!!

Thank you,
Bonnie McKeown
Trial Chair

An AKC Urban CGC Test

Three evaluators and their dogs; Lucy McCloskey & Sonny, DeAnne Orive & Becky and Diana Squicciarini & Glinda spent Sunday afternoon in beautiful downtown Mt. Lebanon enjoying a day with their dogs.



Urban Dogs Sonny, Becky & Glinda

Starting out at the Library we entered and exited the main lobby, went up and down stairs and rode the elevator up and down. Our dogs did a 3 minute down stay in the lobby as people passed by and petted our dogs.

We then walked passed a church with tolling bells, a bicyclist passed us and we were serenaded by a young woman and her ukulele (the highlight of our afternoon). All the while our dogs sat quietly by our sides.

As we walked on along the main streets of Mt. Lebanon our dogs walked over grates, gravel, manholes and a wet sidewalk (a store owner was hosing the area). We crossed the street multiple times with our dogs waiting and crossing without pulling on their leads. We walked by a 3 day old hamburger, and our dogs did an excellent job of leaving it.

Walking along the main street to Rollier's Hardware, a pet friendly establishment, our dogs again did another down stay in the lobby. They were petted by the shoppers and even given treats by the store employees. We then headed back to the Library where we stopped at a bistro and enjoyed vanilla ice cream cones. Again while sitting outside at the table, joggers and pedestrians passed by and visited with our dogs. We walked up and down at least 6 sets of stairs. We headed back to our cars where our dogs entered and exited into their crates or controlled mode of transportation.

This concluded our CGCU test. All three dogs passed with flying colors and best of all we enjoyed an afternoon with our dogs in downtown Mt. Lebanon. What a wonderful Sunday afternoon.

Keystone Canine Accomplishment

On May 24, 2015, Addie earned a leg towards her Level 1 Container title in nosework at the trial held at B&D in Latrobe. She had a blast sniffing! We are looking forward to more nosework trials.

On May 31, 2015, Addie & Mimi came out of retirement to have some agility fun at Keystone's Teacup Trial. Both girls were happy to be running again with their Mom. Addie had 2 first place Q's in standard, and a second place Q in games. Mimi had 2 third place Q's and a non-placing Q in games. (Of course, none of the Q's involved the teeter.)

Their Mom says that Q's are nice, but it was great just to be running together again.
Laura Leonard

Pet Fair June 20

KCTC is participating in the Pet Fair at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Washington Road (Route 19) in Upper St. Clair on Saturday, June 20, from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. We need a couple of more volunteers to staff the KCTC table. If you can help, please contact Diana Squicciarini at ashraf@libcom.com.

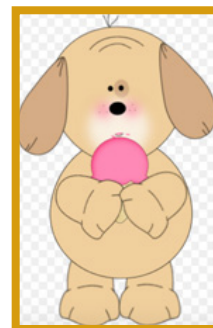
Treat your Pup To A Frozen Treat

- 1 banana.
- 1 cup peanut butter.
- 2 cups natural yogurt.
- 2 tablespoons honey.

How to make

1. Mash the banana and stir into the yogurt.
 2. Warm the peanut butter either on your stove or in the microwave until it is easy to stir.
 3. Add the banana/yogurt mixture and the honey.
 4. Mix everything until well combined.
 5. Pour into non-stick trays or containers and freeze. We like to use ice cube trays, or freeze in small dog sized containers!
 6. Freeze overnight or until frozen
- This recipe make a lovely creamy ice-cream. It is nicer if you take it out of the freezer to let it soften before giving it to your dog.

It depends how big your frozen portions are, but this could take somewhere between ten minutes and half an hour.



Keystone Canine Accomplishments



Rocky AXJ TITLE @ AKC trial. Standard course time was 55 seconds, Rocky smoked it in 38.28 seconds! B&D on May 16th. AXJ = Excellent Jumpers title. Joanne Kerfonta

Hi everybody, it's me, **Howie**. Remember I told you that the Rally trial in May could be very exciting for me? Well, It was even more exciting than I expected. We did four runs and I got four Q's! On Saturday, afternoon, I got a 210 and second place! On Sunday morning, I earned my RL1X. Then Pat asked Ms. Clare to move us up to Level 2A; we were worried, cause off leash heeling is not my best thing. But I did it! We had so much fun, it was a great trial, the judges were so nice, the people that worked to make it happen did such a good job. My friends were there, I met a couple of new friends. My teachers were there; we could not have done this without their help. And my little brother had to stay home. What a great weekend. Pat Warnick



I would like to share that **Casia Full of Goodness - Declan** was at the WCOTC Agility trial on May 15 and 16.

He earned his OA and his OAJ both this weekend with a first place on Saturday and a second place on Sunday, both titles were under Judge Michele Fletcher our new favorite Judge. I could not be more proud of my little man to be running in Excelent at only 2 years and 3 months old.

Go Little Buddy!!
Lynda, Logan & Declan



On May 9th at the KCTC WCRL rally trial **Glinda** completed her RL1X1 Individual Championship title. She then Qd three more times that weekend! Go-Go Glinda!
Your loving teammate-
Diana Squicciarini



Lexie earned her Jumpers Novice Title at B&D Creekside -- She tucks those paws and clears those jumps in beautiful form. Lexie is a great happy athlete. Linette

Missy had five qualifying runs and received two titles during the KCTC Teacup Agility Trial on May 30 and 31. Missy received her Intermediate Title and her Games III Title. I am so proud of her! We had so much fun and KCTC did a wonderful job with the trial and the beautiful baskets and the delicious food. Thanks everyone for making it such a special weekend. Diane Valley

I finally learned to speak Maltese! ...and then **Flurry** was on fire. At our May TDAA trial, Flurry rocked the house with 10 Q's (5 - 1st places and 4 - 2nd places), earning her TAM title and her Teacup Agility Champion (TACH) title. I couldn't be more proud of our teamwork. Thank you to all of our instructors and those of you who cheered us on and helped us celebrate! Go Team Flurry!!! Stacy Podplesky

Congratulations to **TDCH MACH4 Buddington's Gen Stonewall Jackson!** Jackson earned his Trick Dog Champion on May 23, 2015. Teaching him tricks was a blast. You'd be suprised to find out how many tricks your dog already knows!

Jackson also earned his AKC Master Excellent Fast title in June. And he ranked #7 in the Bad Dog Agility Cavalier rankings! Gooooo Jackson! - Debbie Aheimer

Tiffany's Journey

Sixteen years ago on April 21, 1999, a little Yorkshire Terrier was born. She did not know how much she would be loved or what adventures awaited her.

Wanting Tiffany to be a well behaved dog, we enrolled her in obedience classes. With her obedience training, she soon earned her CGC and TDI titles and became a therapy dog. Over the years Tiffany received all the titles available in TDI for visitation. She now has well over 750 visits. Tiffany has been a K-9er at Keystone for over ten years visiting daycares and nursing homes in the community. She still enjoys every minute entertaining children and seniors alike. Tiffany also became a dog actress performing twice as Toto in the "Wizard of Oz" and once as Chowise in "Gypsy".



In February 2012 she was on the front page of the Wall Street Journal showing her agility skills.

As the years passed, she was honored to be put in a book entitled "Famous Dogs" (& a Cat!) by Pat McGrath Avery. This was quite an honor for us having Tiffany among the best dogs of our time and dogs of the past.

Tiffany has taken a few fun classes at Keystone. She worked hard perfecting her many tricks in Tricks Class. She earned four tricks titles including Novice, Intermediate, Advanced and Expert Trick Dog.

By far, though, Tiffany has enjoyed Tea Cup Agility. She worked hard doing her best to please us and having her own fun in the process. Most recently at B & D in Latrobe, she earned her TAM11, TMAG10 and received her TACH5 titles. This will end her many years of competition.



Congratulations to Tiffany!



It is time for our little Tiffany to run for fun and just enjoy spending time with us, all of her furry friends and all the wonderful people at Keystone Canine Training Club. This is a long brag article but hopefully it will inspire you to achieve your goals and most important as Dan always says "have fun with your dog". We thank all of the instructors who have helped us and Tiffany reach the goals she has achieved. Congratulations Tiffany – We are so proud of you!

Tom and Phyllis Bandi

Keystone Canine Training Club
Membership Renewal Form
July 2015 – June 2016

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Dog's Name: _____ Breed: _____

Dog's Name: _____ Breed: _____

(Please attach a separate sheet for additional dogs, if necessary.)

How would you like to help out at the Club? _____

Check here if you have instructed or assisted in at least three sessions: _____

I/we agree to abide by the Constitution and By-laws of the Keystone Canine Training Club. Also, I/we agree with the Liability Waiver on Page 2.

_____(Please sign here)

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Please mail this form, along with your **check payable to Keystone Canine Training Club** (\$70 for first member plus \$35 for a family membership if there are two or more names above, unless pro-rated) and a **copy of your dog(s)' vaccination records** to:

ClaraMarie Schmalz
2915 Amy Dr.
South Park, PA 15129

Due date: **July 1, 2015.**

Also please fill out the Emergency Contact Information on Page 3. Thank you!

LIABILITY WAIVER

I understand that the classes, seminars, training, instruction, trials and events offered by the Keystone Canine Training Club (KCTC) involve dogs, both my dog and dogs owned by others, and are physical activities that may utilize equipment or other training devices that involve certain inherent risks and dangers of injury or damage to myself, my dogs, and my property. All classes, seminars, training, instruction, trials and events are offered by KCTC without any liability whatsoever on KCTC for loss or damage from disease, death, running away, theft, fire, injury to persons, other dogs, other animals, or property by said dog, or other unavoidable causes. In consideration of KCTC permitting me to participate in KCTC classes, seminars, training, instruction, trials and events, I assume full responsibility for such risks. I further certify that my dog does not pose a hazard to persons or other dogs. I agree to hold KCTC, its members, directors, governors, officers, instructors and assistant instructors, volunteers, agents, other participants, any location or referring organization, and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold the classes, seminars, training, instruction, trials and events, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of my dog or myself while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto. I personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim. I further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, injury or damage to my dog, myself, and my property. Additionally, I hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself, or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my participation in this event. This includes injuries, death or property damage that may be caused or may be alleged to have been caused, either in whole or in part, by the negligence of KCTC or the aforementioned parties. I further agree not to sue or bring any claim or claims of any nature whatsoever against KCTC or any of the aforementioned parties.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

(This page will be kept on file at the club in case of an emergency.)

Your printed name: _____

Your signature: _____ Date: _____

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