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Sunday, September 20th @ 7:00 pm KCTC Building No Apple Eating Dogs Please

From the President

Our next big event is the Teacup Agility Trial October 3 and 4. I would like to encourage our newer members to get involved by volunteering to help out that weekend, either or both days. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the front room, right next to the door to the garage area.

Our next session of classes will begin Monday, October 5. You can enroll starting on Saturday, September 19 (but not before then!). The Class Schedule will be posted about a week before that. As always, online enrollment is the preferred method, and PayPal will again be a payment option.

You may have noticed that dog hair tends to accumulate on our floors between our weekly cleanings. You can help reduce the amount of dog hair on the floors by brushing your dogs before class, especially if you have a long-haired dog. Thanks to Sharon Hareza and her husband Dave for installing fixtures and reorganizing our agility equipment storage area (the room next to the office). It is now neat and orderly, and will improve accessibility to the equipment and also improve traffic flow through that room.

Doggie quote for the month: "Every puppy should have a boy."

-- Erma Bombeck

September 2015

Remember, have fun with your dogs!

Dan Goldberg, President





The K-9er 2015 fall demo agenda is: 1 doo wop, 2 doggie weddings, 4 Halloween, and 1 Christmas.

#### September:

1. Saturday, September 19 with a doo wop performance time 10:30 am @ Atria of South hills.

#### October:

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

1. Saturday, October 10, performance time 10:30 am @ Arden Courts in Jefferson Hills.

2. Sunday, October 11 with performance time 1:30 pm @ Overlook Green Senior Living in Whitehall.

3. Saturday, October 17, performance time 10:30 am @ Golden Living Center, Mt. Lebanon

4. Saturday, October 31, performance time 1:30 pm @ Senior Care Plaza, McKeesport.

I am waiting for a confirmation for a new Halloween request from Overlook Green Senior LIVING in Whitehall, PA. The date will be Sunday, October 11 with performance time 1:30 pm

#### November:

The K-9ers are performing the dog wedding routine

 Saturday, November 7 @ 10:00 am @ the Greenery in Canonsburg.
Saturday, November 14 @ 10:30 am for the residents of Golden Living Center in Mt. Lebanon.

### December:

December 5 is confirmed for a Christmas routine @ the Greenery in Canonsburg with the performance @ 10:00 am. The December 5 demo would END the K-9ers 2015 season. The K-9ers will commence taking demo requests January 2016.

The K-9ers usually take some time off in December to be with family and friends.

Thank you, Caroline



Our Teacup Agility and WCRL Rally Trials are coming up (October 3 – 4 and November 28 – 29, respectively). Many first-time participants are amazed at the quality of both our raffles & buffet. Your support will keep up our reputation for quality trials.

We need volunteer workers as well as donations of raffle items or ready-made baskets, and buffet items, or monetary donations to help offset our expenses. For the Teacup trial, there are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board. Or you can call Rosanne Minich [412-512-5645] or Chris Labee [412-508-6289].

We need a new person to put together the raffle baskets. Our previous basket person, Donna Latham, is willing to share her experience and wisdom gained with whoever takes her place. If you are willing to make a leap of faith and show off your creative skills, please contact Rosanne or Chris as soon as possible.

For monetary donations - place your donation in an envelope marked Teacup or Rally trial and place in the cash box in the office.

Donations of food or drink of your choice - please put in the kitchen marked as above. If it is perishable please drop off the item at the club before the trial and put it in the refrigerator. If it is a frozen item, put it in the freezer.

Basket donations - please place them in the bin at the entrance to the front room.

Please know that all donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Your hours spent helping the club both meet your membership requirements and go towards earning "Bonus Bones" which entitle you to free classes.

See you at the Trials!

Any questions, please e-mail or call:

Rosanne Minich rd.minich@gmail.com or call 412-835-9495

Bonnie McKeown mckeownbonnie@comcast.net or call 412-835-6692



Lynn Uram and her Shelties, Spree and Dot are applying for membership. Lynn and her dogs have taken Foundations of Agility, Soft Dog Agility and Canine conditioning. She is endorsed by Lucy McCloskey and Amy Sandhagen.

# Enrollment Form Enhancements

As you are aware, Session IV was our first attempt at using PayPal. It went well for the most part with just a couple of glitches. So back to the drawing board I went and came up with a sleeker enrollment form version.

Now you will complete your contact information, then your dog information. Next you will choose from the 4 payment options for members: PayPal, Check, Instructor Perks or Bonus Bones. Once you choose your payment option, then the list of classes will appear. Choose your class from the list and then hit the Submit button. **Remember, Only 1 dog and 1 class per enrollment form. Do not choose 2 classes on the same enrollment form.** 

Thank you, Debbie Aheimer

# **Keystone Canine Accomplishments**



After two years of trying, **George** earned the Companion Dog Excellent, CDX, title by qualifying for the second and third time in Obedience Open A at recent tests by the Admiral Perry Obedience Training Club in Erie, PA. His qualifying tests earned a first, a second and a fourth place.

We are both happy that earning his CDX is behind us.

Stan Stephenson was very generous in donating a Broad Jump & a Panel Jump to KCTC in honor of his dog George achieviving his OA obedience title this month



I am excited to announce that Little Luke Turbo Diesel earned his TACH at B&D on August 23, 2015!

It has been a wonderful journey since the day we stumbled across the club while a teacup run-through was going on, which was the moment I decided that we simply had to do agility. I am so proud of Diesel and everything that he has done since then!

I would like to thank all the KCTC agility instructors who helped make this moment possible, and for all the support and encouragement from our fellow teacup runners at each and every trial.





**Logan, Declan** and I had a great time at Dog Scout Camp this past month, our troop had 5 members attend and all had a lot of fun.

Paula and Blaze were our cabin buds again this year and we had fun learning new things and earning badges for them.

Logan earned his Wilderness Search and Rescue badge, he had to go out in the woods with a perimeter of 200 feet and find 2 different human hides, he did a great job finding both within 4 minutes time, we also got to work with our good friends Doree and Kelsey Donovan to earn this badge.

Declan earned his tricks, all dog band (he played a banjo), k9 fitness, and worked so hard with the help of 2 Dog Scout leaders from troop 161 Eastern Pa. and Paula working with him to earn his Weight Pull badge.

Declan and Blaze also did a freestyle routine and took first and second place trophies this year.

Lynda, Logan & Declan

Addie earned 2 Q's, and Mimi earned one Q at B&D's August Teacup trial.

Laura Leonard

**Skye** the Sheltie Schreiber earned 4 Qs at the WCRL Rally Trial at B&D on August 21. She earned two Qs in 1B and 2 Qs in Veterans with two first places.

Joanne Schreiber



Dexter partook in his first agility trial (CPE) and Qd all 5 runs.

**Tyrance Williams** 



Lia got her first Q at B& D's teacup trial on 8-23-15. It was her very first trial and boy did she have fun. She found out that if you run

around like a nut and take enough obstacles on the way and earn points you get a Ribbon. I had so much fun that day with this little monkey. Heaven help me when she gets it all together because she is a very fast little dog!

Joanne Kerfonta



On August 7 in Frederick, Maryland, Jackson Aheimer earned his AKC MACH 5 title. Congratulations MACH 5 General Stonewall Jackson. Deb Aheimer