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has been proof read and approved  
by selected Board Members.*

## September Membership Meeting Coffee, Cider & Donuts

Milk will also be available for dunking!

September 11, 2016 - 7:00 pm

No Dogs Please

## From the President

A BIG tip of the hat to Joanne Kerfonta for all her work on the murals depicting the various things our dogs do. Joanne is obviously a very talented artist, and the murals are outstanding! I have received many comments on how nice they look. They are in the back room for all to see, especially students who are potential new members of the club but may not be aware of all the classes that we offer. Thanks Joanne!

Our Saturday Fun Nights have proven to be very popular, and I have heard that the doggies are having lots of fun! The schedule for upcoming Fun Nights is posted to the homepage of our website, and more are planned. Thanks to Pat Warnick for arranging these.

Our next big event is the Teacup Agility Trial October 1 & 2. As usual, we will be

asking for volunteers to help out. Chris Labee will again be the Trial Chair, and Pam Lewis will be the Trial Secretary.

Please note that our next membership meeting will be September 11 (not the usual third Sunday of the month), because of conflicts with our next session of classes.

Our next session of classes will begin September 18. Enrollments will open on Sunday, September 4, at 9:00 PM in the evening (not AM).

Doggie quote for the month: "When I consider the curious habits of man, I confess, my friend, I am puzzled!" - Ezra Pound's dog

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



# Painting With A Twist

Sunday, August 7, 2016

Thank you everyone who attended the Painting with a Twist function. Those three hours just flew by. All of our paintings turned out great!



## K-9er 2016 Schedule

### August:

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There is a demo scheduled for the residents of the Greenery Specialty Center in Canonsburg. The K-9ers will be performing the Doo Wop routine @ 10:30 AM Saturday, August 20.

The K-9ers' Get-together is scheduled for Sunday, August 21. Meeting for dinner @ Calabria's Restaurant @ 5:30 PM.

### September:

There is one more demo request. It's from Arden Courts in Jefferson Hills. Their Activities people would like to have the K-9ers return to perform the Doo Wop routine on Saturday, September 17 with performance time 10:30 AM.

The K-9ers have had a slow summer season, but it should get busy again especially during late September and for October's Halloween demo requests. Thank you,  
Caroline

## Voted into Membership

**Cherri Estep** and **Toby** her Border collie/Blue heeler.

**Sharon Neumeyer** and **Gracie Mae** her Cavalier King Charles Spaniel.

**Hannah** and **Eloin Gonzalez** with **Pierre and Claire**, Papillons and **Freya** a terrier mix.

**Michael Spellman** and his **Sheltie, Brodie**

## Applying for Membership

**Janis McWilliams** and her Westies, **Buddy and Rosie** are applying for membership. They have taken Family Manners I, Family Manners II. Janis is endorsed by Terry Younkins and Marian Roznowski.

**Stephanie Zeiler** is applying for membership with her Border Collie/Chocolate Lab/mix, **Brylee**. She has taken Family Manners I and Foundations of Agility I. She is endorsed by Amy Wustin and Sharon Hareza

**Megan O'Leary** and **Lucy** her Labrador are applying for membership. She has taken Family Manner II twice. Megan is endorsed by John Schlieper and Clint Connors.

# Keystone Canine Wall Mural



I would like to THANK Pat Warnick for helping me arrange the paintings and an extra "BIG THANK YOU" to Clint Connor's for drilling all those holes & putting in the anchors to hang them.

We took a survey at the membership meeting and asked everyone to write down their favorite painting and the results are:

- 1.) Nosework
  - 2.) K 9er's & Standard Agility
  - 3.) Tricks & TDAA agility
  - 4.) Puppy Class
  - 5.) Obedience & Dog Scouts
  - 6.) Flyball
  - 7.) Rally, Conditioning & Conformation
  - 8.) AND we had one person who couldn't commit to just one painting and picked four!
- Joanne Kerfonta

## Keystone Canine Accomplishments

I'm pleased to announce **Jackson** is going to the AKC Agility Invitational in December ranked #1 Cavalier King Charles Spaniel! **Blaze** got his Excellent Standard Preferred title at B&D in July. And **Banner** got both his Open JWW and Open Std titles in Erie. Cavaliers Rock! (At least at our house they do!)

Deb Aheimer

## Protect Your Pets!

It was a typical work day morning, rushing to get everything done before leaving. One of the usual tasks was letting my ten-year-old terrier, Duke, out after eating his breakfast. As I hurried out the front door, the last thing I always did was give Duke a treat from his treat jar that was sitting on the counter by the door.

I returned home from work nine hours later. When I opened the door, I was not greeted by my happy boy. This was very unusual as he always was there barking and wagging like mad. The eerie quiet of the house made the hair on my neck stand on end. As I walked into the kitchen, to my horror, I found Duke. He had somehow knocked the plastic treat jar off the counter. His lifeless body lay on the floor with his head stuck in the treat jar.

This is unfortunately a true story. It is unknown how many pets die from suffocation every year.

What can you do to help make everyone more aware of preventing pet suffocation?

- Keep all plastic containers, chip bags and food bags safely stored away from your dog's reach.
- Tear / cut up / pop all chip bags and food bags after use.
- Keep all trash can lids tightly fastened, locked, or behind a cabinet, especially in the kitchen.
- Keep kitchen pantry door closed.
- Learn CPR for pets. How to do CPR on a Dog or Cat.

- Do not allow your pets to roam freely in the house while you are away.

- Alert all your friends and family about the suffocation dangers of bags and plastic containers.

- Lobby to companies like Frito Lay and other snack, cereal, and dog food manufacturers to put warning labels on their bags. Or in the case of treat jars only buy wide mouthed ones.

- Store pet treat safely in cabinets out of reach of your pet.

If your pet's head does get stuck in a plastic container. Cut the bottom open to allow air in first. In the time that you waste attempting to pull the jar off his/her head they can suffocate.

Sharon Hareza