



# Keystone Canine Training Club

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has been proof read and approved  
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## November Membership Meeting

### Pumpkin Pie with Whipped Cream

*Apple Pie will also be available*

November 20, 2016 - 7:00 pm

No Dogs Please - You know how they love pumpkin!

## From the President

We had another very successful Teacup Agility trial October 1 & 2. Thanks to Chris Labee, our Trial Chair, and to all the volunteers who helped (too many to list individually). Congratulations to the KCTC dogs who earned major titles:

- Emil Pohodich and Sadie – TACH 4 and TAM 8
- DeAnne Orive and Becky – TACH 3
- Joanne Kerfonta and Rocky – TACH 3
- Dee Farrell and Pixie – TAM 8
- Tom Bandi and Amber – TMAG 8
- Bonnie McKeown and Aiden – TSAD
- Virginia Weida and Penny and Heidi – TMAG
- Amy Sandhagen and Brandy – TSAD

And congratulations to Sharon Neumeyer and Gracie, who earned their Beginner Standard and Games I titles in their very first-ever Teacup trial!

Our next big event is the WCRL Rally trial November 26 - 27. Bonnie McKeown will again be the Trial Chair.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Italian Basket which we are donating to the TDAA Agility Petit Prix (national Teacup agility championship) in Latrobe the third weekend in October. Our own Emil Pohodich will be one of the judges.

Thanks also to everyone who represented KCTC at the Peters Township Library Pet Fair in September: Lisa Sbei (Chair), Sandy Milligan, Lori Ritchey, Rosanne Minich, and Sheryl Sanctis.

Don't forget to sign up for holiday photos with your dogs on Sunday, November 20. Hours are 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Contact our photographer, Cindy Sumner, if you would like a slot: 724-255-7921 or cdsumner7@gmail.com.

Our annual Holiday Party will be Monday, December 5, at the South Park Clubhouse. More information and a reservation form are at the end of this newsletter.

Our next membership meeting will be Sunday, November 20, at 7:00 pm.

Doggie quote for the month: "A dog is a smile and a wagging tail. What is in between doesn't matter much." -- Clara Ortega

Remember, have fun with your dogs!

Dan Goldberg, President

## WCRL Rally Trial 11/26 and 11/27/16

Now that the Teacup Agility Trial is a happy memory, we are approaching the dates for the rally trial.

We have been calling for volunteers and are near the completion of this task with success.

What we are needing now is donations for the baskets. The purple bin is

In the entrance area. If you are donating money, please place it in the mail box in the office. If you

and or your family have a favorite side dish that you could share, these are always needed. Any desserts loved by the family, please don't hesitate to share that with us also.

Please know that all the above is greatly appreciated by the trial committee and its exhibitors.

Bonnie McKeown  
Trial Chair – WCRL Rally Trial  
And All Committee Members



### Voted into Membership

- **Janice McWilliams** and her Westies **Buddy and Rosie**
- **Megan O'Leary** and her Labrador, **Lucy**
- **Stephanie Zeiler and Brylee** her Chocolate Lab/mix
- **Michelle Capozzoli** and her Beagle/mix, **Dewey**
- **Elaine Kelvington** and her Shelties, **Solomon, Seneca, Savvy and Sawyer**
- **Tracey Miller and Teagan** her Rottweiler/mix
- **Joan Snee** and her Border Collie, **Minna**
- **Leonard, Angie, Katherine and Liam, Tene and Fia** their Barbet
- **Judy Muller and Keddy**, her Sheltie

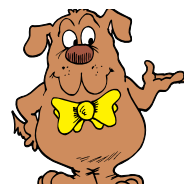


### Applying for Membership

**Kristen & Justin Morgan** are applying for membership with their dogs, **Zuzu & Teddy Bear**, Bichon/Shih Tzu/mixes and **Rufus** a Boxer. They have taken Puppy preschool, Family Manners I and Obedience & socialization for puppies. They are endorsed by Dan Goldberg and Clara Schmalz.

**Ann Cloutier and Robert Shimer** are applying for membership with their Dachshund/Jack Russell/mix **Sophie**, and **Fritz** a Dachshund. They have taken Family Manners I & II. They are endorsed by Dave Jellison and Cindy Jellison.

By all accounts, the **Fall Teacup Agility Trial** was a success! All dogs (and handlers) had exceptional runs. Several major titles were earned. In fact, an extra game was added to the event due to high demand. It's worth repeating that the event could not have functioned if it were not for the volunteering spirit of Keystone Canine Training Club members. Many stepped up to volunteer their time to run the sanctioned trial. Others contributed by donating items for raffle and the food concession. And some members made raffle baskets, cooked food items, and performed a lot of the heavy lifting. Most importantly, there were a few new faces. Everyone should share in the success and look forward to the Spring Teacup Agility Trial.



## K-9er 2016 Schedule

### September:

The K-9ers had to reschedule a Halloween demo from Saturday October 8 to Saturday, September 24. The demo was performed @ Vanadium Woods in Bridgeville @ 2:00 PM.

***I think it turned out to be one of the best ever.***

The K-9ers were invited to attend a Volunteer Appreciation Party on Friday, September 30 @ 2:00 PM. The party is to be held @ Golden Living Center, in Canonsburg. This is an annual event for this facility, and is the second time the K-9ers were invited.

### October:

Saturday, October 22, the K-9ers are to perform a Halloween routine for the residents of Overlook Green in Whitehall. Time is 1:30 PM.

Saturday, October 29, Mt. Vernon of South Park has invited the K-9ers to perform a Halloween routine for their residents. Time is 1:30 PM.

The K-9ers have received a request from Country Meadows (Independent Living Unit), in Bridgeville. The date is Saturday, January 28, 2017. The K-9ers will do a Doggie Wedding for their residents, performing @ 1:30 PM.

The only stipulation may be inclement weather in January. This has been discussed, and another date is a possibility.

Thank you,  
Caroline

# Keystone Canine Accomplishments

**Her Majesty Queen Alice UD GN GO RA** Earned her 2nd rally excellent excellent leg placing 2nd got a 98 out of 100 at Westmoreland County Obedience training club dog show. Friday September 30.  
Lisa Paciorek

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**Glinda (AKA Medlee's Ruby Slippers)** on August 12th earned her last qualifying score to earn her WCRL RL2 title at B and D Creekside Activity Center. In addition at Splash and Dash K9 Training Club on September 11th was tested and passed her TT from the American Temperament Test Society.

I am so proud of my little girl and thank her breeders, her evaluators and her judges at all the facilities. Go Team Glinda!  
Diana Squicciarini

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CHECKERED FLAG KINDA WEEKEND. **"Rockford Thomas" aka "Rocky"** ran his little heart out this weekend and finished off the season with a TACH-2 .

So proud of my little guy, he gives me his heart and soul each and every run.

**Lia** also had a good weekend Q-ing in six runs. PLUS we had a lot of FUN!

Joanne Kerfonta

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A new addition has been added to our family. **Elan**, is a southern born 13 week old wheaten Scottish Terrier.



**Aiden**, my other Scottish Terrier, who with the help of Joanne Kerfonta and DeAnne Orive has won his 5 leg for the Superior Standard title in Teacup Agility.

He placed third on 10/2/16.  
Bonnie McKeown

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My border collie **Minna** passed the Canine Good Citizen test on September 13 at the Xcel Training Center in Bethel Park. My husband John would be so proud of her!

Thanks,  
Joan Snee

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Sunday October 1, 2016 **Sadie** achieved her TACH 4 (Teacup Agility Champion #4) as well as her TAM 8 (Teacup Agility Masters #8) at the Keystone Canine Training Club Agility Trial. These titles go along with her previous TMAG 10 (Teacup Master of Agility Games #10). Upon earning these titles we have decided that it is time to retire her from agility. As many of you know, Sadie always told us how we were going to do the runs and also how we needed to keep up with her. Competing with her has been a blast throughout the years! We are going to miss competing with our little "white tornado"!  
Emil & Barbara Pohodich

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**Congratulations  
to  
Everyone!**

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## **HALLOWEEN SAFETY**

Halloween is a night for ghosts, goblins, witches and other costumed creatures, but the “scary” stuff should be fun, rather than genuinely frightening.

The constant ringing of doorbells and the appearance of costumed strangers may be viewed as a home invasion by some dogs and cats. They can bolt out the door and be lost in the night, or they could bite or scratch Halloween visitors.

So here’s a list of safety tips provided by Animal Friends:

- Most pets would be happier behind closed doors in a quiet room well away from the tricks and treats.
- Costumes and masks can scare pets. Animals are suspicious of new things such as masks and tall, pointy witch and wizard hats.
- Most people know that chocolate can make dogs and cats very sick. Not as many people know the artificial sweetener Xylitol can also be deadly. It’s in baked goods and some kinds of candy, including lollipops and hard candy, so keep the Halloween candy away from pets.
- The crinkly wrappers that cover small pieces of hard candy can pose a choking hazard. There’s also a small chance they could cause an intestinal blockage if swallowed.

If you want to give your pet a treat on Halloween, give them a safe pet treat.



# ***HEELING WORKSHOP***



**Keystone Canine Training Club  
Sunday, November 13, 2016  
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Workshop Leader: Phyllis Huber**

*This workshop is all about heeling whether in Traditional or Rally obedience*

Areas of focus will include:

- Attention – a product of Focus
- Attitude is everything
- Principles of heeling
- Heel position – the best place in the world to be
- Heeling maneuvers
- How to motivate your dog to want to heel with you
- The importance of footwork in heeling

*Working Teams: Please bring plenty of High Value, small size treats, toys, a crate for your dog, smiles and a positive attitude!*

**Enrollment details will be emailed in a few days**

Dear Members,

We have a few more updates for the Saturday Night Fun Classes.

**In addition** to the Saturday Night Fun Classes we are also planning a **Heeling Workshop** on Sunday, November 13 with Phyllis Huber as the Workshop Leader. I will be sending more information as we get closer to the date.

Currently the Saturday Night Fun schedule is:

| Class                                     | Date   | Time | Requirements  | Instructor          |
|---|--------|------|---|---------------------|
| Canine Etiquette<br><b>NEW</b> Info       | Oct 8  | 7:00 | In this class you will practice themed situations (For example, the dinner table, an outdoor concert, a picnic etc.) while you will be learning to control your dog so that it is enjoyable for both of you. Each dog must have a min. of Family Manners I and must be able to sit, down, stay, come and heel | MacKenzie H.        |
| Scent Work<br><b>NEW</b>                  | Oct 22 | 7:00 | In this class you will have three fun finds and a game or two. Dogs must have taken or currently taking the Scent work class. Dogs must be crated or in cars until time to find.  | Amy W               |
| Obedience Proofing<br><b>NEW</b>          | Nov 5  | 7:00 | For dogs and handlers that would like to sharpen some basic obedience skills, we will do some proofing exercises and have some fun doing it.  | Rod S.              |
| Fun Night at the Doggie Gym<br><b>NEW</b> | Nov 19 | 7:00 | Human must have taken the class, If multiple dogs, only one dog on the floor, the other must be crated  | Amy S.              |
| Small Dog Social                          | TBD    | TBD  |   | Pat W and Rosanne M |
| Obedience Games                           | TBD    | TBD  | TBD   | Lucy M.,            |
| Tricks                                    | TBD    | TBD  | TBD   | Diana S.            |

**If you plan to attend the Canine Ettiquette Class email:** [mhafe15@gmail.com](mailto:mhafe15@gmail.com)

**IF you plan to attend the Scent Work class email:** [eandme@rusenko.com](mailto:eandme@rusenko.com)

Come out and have some fun with your dog.

Pat Warnick  
Training Director



*Keystone Canine Training Club*

# *HOLIDAY PARTY*

*Monday December 5, 2016  
6:00 p.m.*

*South Park Clubhouse*

*2200 Brownsville Road  
South Park Township, PA 15129*

*The cost is \$30 per person.*

***Dinner Menu:***

*Salad, Dinner Rolls, Prime Rib, Chicken Parmesan, Pecan  
Encrusted Tilapia, Twice Baked Potato, Steamed Broccoli,  
Cake and Ice Cream.*

*Choice of Beverage (coffee, tea, or soft drink),  
A cash bar will be available.*

*\*Accommodations will be made for dietary needs (Vegetarian, gluten free)  
(You will be contacted to make arrangements for your meal)*

*Please respond by **November 21, 2016***



*Keystone Canine Training Club*

# *HOLIDAY PARTY*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Any dietary needs/requests? \_\_\_\_\_

Please respond by **November 21, 2016**  
by returning this form and a check  
to the cash box in the KCTC office,  
or mail to:

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