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A Message from the President

As you are aware, we replaced the “shiny” wall photos in the back room with new glare-free photos, and they look very nice. Later this year we will be giving you a chance to add new photos to the wall. Look for an announcement and instructions on how to submit your photos. Thanks in advance to Emil Pohodich, who will be heading up this project.

As you are also aware, we had a very successful C-Wags scentwork trial in July. Due to popular demand, we will be doing another one the weekend of December 1 – 2. Laura Leonard will again be heading this up. We will let you know when the Premium (including an entry form) is available. We first have to identify the judges for the trial and hope to get some of our scentwork instructors qualified as judges.

We will be doing our annual doggie holiday photos with photographer Cindy Sumner on Saturday, November 17. Instructions on how to register will be coming.

The Teacup Judges Clinic originally scheduled for September 20 and 21 has been cancelled, because no new prospective judges registered. All the local judges who wished to get recertified will be automatically recertified without having to attend a clinic, based on their past experience. Our Teacup trial on September 22 and 23 is still a go and will include all the games that will be used in the Petit Prix two weeks later.

Doggie quote for the month: “If you don’t own a dog, at least one, there is not necessarily anything wrong with you, but there may be something wrong with your life.” ~ Roger A. Caras

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

Upcoming Events

August 25, 7pm - Small Dog Social

Does your tiny dog have a gigantic personality? Does he or she need to make some new friends? Then come on over for a night of fun and socialization with other small dogs! Contact Rosanne Minich at rd.minich@gmail.com for more information or to sign up.

If my small dog were as big as she thinks she is



September 13, Donna Rohaus Agility

International agility competitor Donna Rohaus gives private lessons at KCTC. If you would like a slot, contact Dan Goldberg at samoyed4@verizon.net.

September 15, 2:30pm - Beginner's Agility Practice

Beginner's agility practice is for dogs and handlers who are just beginning in agility and are planning to compete in the future. You must be a member and have taken or be currently enrolled in Foundations of Agility II, Teeters and Weaves, Sequences, Beginner's Agility, or Teacup Agility in order to participate. The cost is \$5 per dog per session, and you can contact Sharon Hareza at crazyrabbit1977@yahoo.com for more information or to sign up.

September 16, 7pm - KCTC Membership Meeting

Join the KCTC Board and fellow members to scarf down some Sundaes on Sunday...and of course learn about what's new at the club!

September 18, 7pm - Doggie Gym Fun Night

Get your pup some exercise and have yourself a good time at Doggie Gym Night! Contact Virginia Weida at vweida@comcast.net to sign up.

September 22-23 - Teacup Agility Trial

More details coming soon!



Wags and Brags



Addie had a perfect weekend at KCTC's first ever CWAGS Scent Detective trial held on July 7 – 8, 2018.

Addie Q'd in all 12 runs, earned her Level 2 and Level 3 titles (CW-SD, CW-SI) as well as several legs towards her Level 1 & Level 2 ACEs. My pooped pup is looking forward to KCTC's next CWAGS trial!

~Laura Leonard



Pogo, my terrier mix, just earned his BA title in the Association of Professional Dog Trainers' C.L.A.S.S. program.

~Barbara Johnstone (new member)



I'm pleased to announce that Jackson has been invited to the AKC Agility Invitational for the 4th year in a row. He finished #3 of the top 5 Cavalier King Charles Spaniels!

I'm also pleased to announce that his little brother, Banner finished #7 of the top 10 Cavalier King Charles Spaniels!

Blaze is such an amazing Coach!

I'm so proud of all the accomplishments my boys have achieved. We've been coming to KCTC since they were babies. They have learned tricks, scent work, and rally along with agility and have titles or are working on titles in each venue.

I'm so grateful for all of the great instructors and class mates at KCTC who have become my friends. The worst part of moving to Florida is that I will miss all of you.

KCTC is a fantastic club with fantastic members and I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you!

~Deb Aheimer


Poltergeist's Lake Effect (Laika) earned her MACH (Master Agility Championship) at the Greater Pittsburgh Golden retriever trial at Countryside Agility in Erie on July 22nd. Her breeder, Roberta Cutshall, was there to see it happen, too. We are all VERY proud of her.


~ Pam Lewis



New KCTC Members


Make sure to say "hi there" to these new members voted into the club in July!

 Christy Harbaugh and Levi her
Bernerdoodle


 Kim Hrubes and Harley her Staffordshire
Bull Terrier


 Samy Ismael and Taitor his Beagle


 Barbara Johnstone and Pogo her
Westie mix

 Rachael Parzynski and Bella her
Chocolate Lab

 Michelle Popovich and Charlie her
Border Collie

 Megan Smith and Tucker her
Labradoodle

 Stephanie Stern and Cory Lockard and
Luna their Yellow Lab

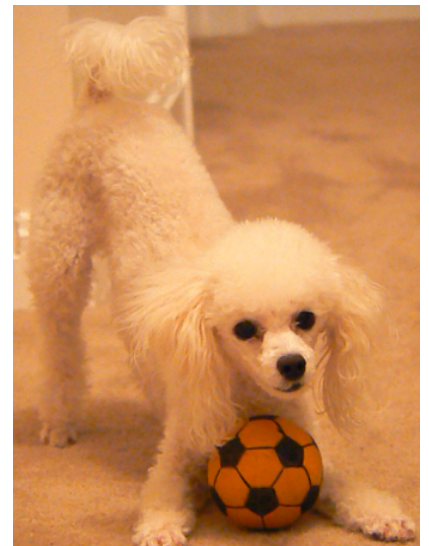
 Antoinette Young and Kobe her
Shepherd/Husky mix

Saying Goodbye

Mimi Capri Leonard: February 17, 2008 – June 20, 2018

Mimi drifted into my life in March 2008 and then drifted out of it on June 20, 2018. Although she weighed only 5 ½ pounds, what she lacked in size she made up for in attitude. If it weren't for Mimi, I would not have found KCTC and would not have made the many friends, both human and canine, that we have met along the way. Mimi was the first time that I was a poodle Mom rather than a poodle Sister. She made sure that I was well-trained so that I would be a better prepared Mom to the poodles who will drift into my life long after she has gone. She must have decided that her work was done. I will forever miss her.

~Laura Leonard



Sadie Pohodich

One of the original K-9ers, Sadie, passed away recently. She was a dedicated member of Therapy Dogs International and the Keystone K-9ers, and she brought much joy to many people.

Her name has been engraved on the Keystone Honorary Plaque. She will be dearly missed by her owners Barb and Emil Pohodich.



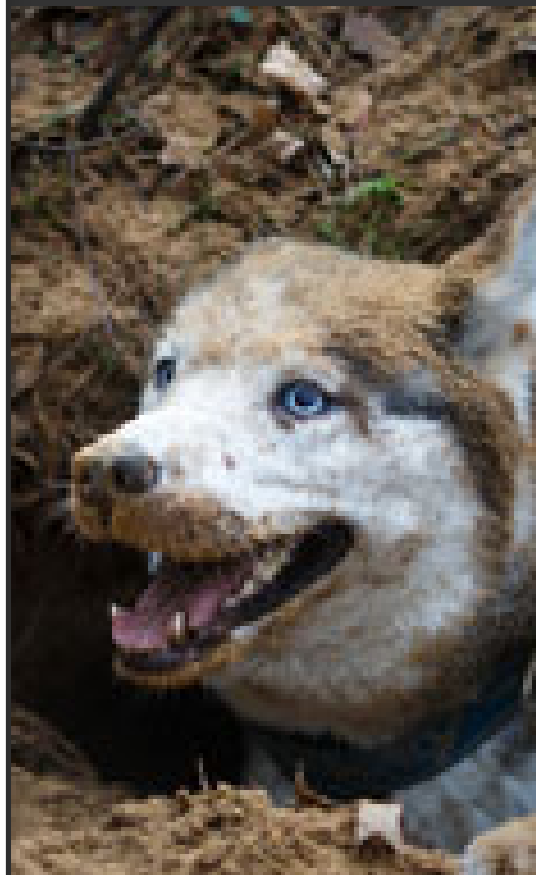
K-9ers Halloween Event

Where: Overlook Green Senior Living in Whitehall

When: Saturday, October 27; performance time: 2:00 PM

What: Residents would like to see the dogs come in their costumes for a Halloween demo.

Delightful Dirt **A collection of interesting dog-related articles**



- Victoria Stilwell opines on what "dominance" does and does not mean in the canine world.
- Chris Branam discusses a recent study done at Oregon State University that posites that human encouragement might influence how dogs solve problems.
- Jeffrey Kluger wonders "How smart is a dog really?" in this 2017 Time Magazine article.
- Scientific American writer Jason Goldman asks "Do dogs feel guilty?" in this *The Thoughtful Animal* piece.

Fun at the Club

