

KCTC *Newsletter*



***Laddie Irwin looking
lively and learning
new skills in the
Building Puppy
Confidence class***

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A Message from the President

A few things brought a smile to my face over the last month or so. In no particular order:

First, I'd like to acknowledge the GREAT job that the clean-up crew did when the building was closed down because of the kennel cough issue. Thanks to Clint Connors, Bill Tullock, Mike Spellman, Asa Kiggins, and Patti Ennis for all their hard work. It is great to know that our members are willing and able to jump in and help the cause when needed.

Second, as you can see, Ann Cloutier has brought a fresh new design to our newsletter. Thanks Ann! I couldn't help but smile when I saw that cover dog staring at me!

Third, one of the great satisfactions of instructing at the club is seeing a dog finally get what you are trying to teach them. I am one of the instructors for our Teeters and Weaves class, and this session three dogs progressed to the point where they are now weaving through straight weave poles. Their handlers were excited, and I was equally excited to share their dog's success! Another big smile on my face.

Last but not least, MACH Laika! (Sorry, I know this is personal, but it brought a HUGE smile to my face when our dog finally earned her Master Agility Champion title!)

Some other items to report: Emil Pohodich has sent out an announcement and instructions on how to submit any new dog photos for the back room wall. The deadline for submission is November 15.

We are continuing with our Fun Nights. All of these are listed on our website homepage.

We have three trials coming up: Teacup Agility, September 22 – 23; Rally, November 24 – 25; and C-Wags Scentwork, December 1 – 2. The Premiums for the Teacup and Rally trials have been posted to the homepage of our website. Congratulations to Laura Leonard and Amy Rusenko, who received their certifications as Scentwork judges. We will need volunteers for all three trials. If you are a relatively new member of KCTC, here is a great chance to help out, meet some fellow members, and have some fun!

As previously mentioned, we will be doing our annual doggie holiday photos with photographer Cindy Sumner on Sunday, November 18. Instructions on how to reserve a time slot are on the homepage of our website.

Doggie quote for the month: "If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and only giving your dog two of them." ~Unknown

Remember, have fun with your dogs!

Dan Goldberg, President

Upcoming Events

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

KCTC's agility trials are a great event to be a part of, whether you have a dog that's competing or not! There are tons of ways to be involved, including volunteering or, if you're short on time, donating raffle items, food, or money. To learn more, check out page 7 of the newsletter.

October 21 - Beyond Basic Obedience Workshop (Rescheduled)

Please note that all working slots for this event are currently filled, however, audit spots are still available. Contact Pat Warnick (patpaints@gmail.com) for more information or to register.

November 18 - Holiday Photos with Cindy Sumner

Cindy Sumner, owner of [Seeing Spotz Photography](#), will be offering holiday photo sessions for you and your pup again this year. You can contact her at 724-255-7921 to reserve a slot.

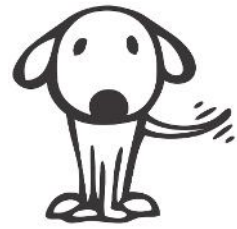
November 24-25 - WCRL Rally Trial

Don't have a dog well-behaved enough to compete in Rally but want to learn more about how obedience can be fun? Consider volunteering at the Rally trial! For more details, check out page 7.

December 1-2 - C-WAGS Scentwork Trial

More details coming soon!

Wags and Brags



Lila earned her AKC Rally excellent title and her junior dock diving title this Labor Day weekend!

~ Stephanie Day



Aiden is working on his ARCHMX.

He got two legs at Bella Vista in Lewisberry, PA.

Also two weeks later he got a leg at Breakaway Action Dogs Frederick, Maryland.



I am so proud of them all.

~ Bonnie McKeown

Elan and Maya earned their Intro titles at Breakaway Action Dog in Frederick, Maryland on July 28.

This was a surprise as Elan has not taken a rally class.



Applying for Membership

- 🐾 Camilla Hendrych is applying for membership. She, Loki, and Luna, a hound/lab mix, have taken Teeters and Weaves and Puppy Confidence. Camilla is endorsed by Dan Goldberg and Michael Spellman.
- 🐾 Rita Kopelman and BJ her Cocker Spaniel are applying for membership. They have taken Family Manners II twice. She is endorsed by Cris Gill and Pat Warnick.
- 🐾 Kaye Richardson and Shelby, an Aussie, are applying for membership. They have taken Family Manners II and CGC. They are endorsed by Dan Goldberg and Michael Spellman.
- 🐾 Rhea Hass and Ella and Heidi, her Miniature Schnauzers, are applying for membership. They have taken Building Puppy Confidence and Family Manners I. Rhea is endorsed by Mary Jo Daly and Rosanne Minich.

Having Fun and Building Puppy Confidence



K-9ers Events



What: Halloween routine at South Hills Rehab Wellness Center in Canonsburg

When: Saturday, November 3 at 2:00 PM

Where: 201 Village Drive, Canonsburg, PA 15317

What: Christmas show at Vanadium Woods Village

When: Saturday, December 1 at 2:00 PM

Where: 50 Vanadium Rd, Bridgeville, PA 15017



Upcoming Teacup Agility & WCRL Rally Trials Promise Great Fun!

The Fall season is a good time to take inventory of where you are and where you want to go. KCTC has a long track record of successful Teacup Agility and WCRL Rally Trials. This can only be continued with the volunteering spirit of club members. Teacup will be held on September 22 and 23, and WCRL will be held on November 24 and 25. These events are a great way to learn the sports of agility and rally as well as being fun, social activities. As always, volunteers and donations are needed. To volunteer, you can sign up at the club or contact one of the event chairs at their emails below. In terms of donations, there are three types we typically need:

- Items for raffle baskets (consider parting with that tchotchke, dog item you never used, or a gift card).
- Food and drinks for the lunch buffet (think salads or desserts).
- Monetary donations (that are used to purchase raffle basket items and food for the buffet).



KCTC would also like to publicly recognize Sandy McDowell and Linda Hafen for years of service as the Kitchen Angels for these events. They have recently retired from this duty, and we want to thank them for an amazing job. In fact, the lunch buffet is a trademark of our club that is known throughout the community. We will miss them....oh we will.

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