



KCTC *Newsletter*



Snapdragon, owned by Karina Palko, assists in the Building Puppy Confidence class.

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A Message from the President

I hope that you and your dogs had a happy holiday season (with lots of goodies from Santa Claus) and a happy new year. Overall, 2018 was another successful year for KCTC. Our classes remain very popular, with many waitlisted, and we introduced a few new ones. (Be sure to thank our dedicated instructors!) We had our regular Teacup and Rally trials, all four of which were well-attended. And we held our first two C-Wags Scentwork trials, which were also well-attended. In addition, our Saturday Fun Nights and Short Session classes drew lots of people. I am looking forward to another successful year in 2019.

Next, a few building items. First, we had our annual professional cleaning and scrubbing of the front room flooring done in late December, to restore the traction that our fast-running dogs like to have. Second, we have added over 30 new photos to the back room photo display. Thanks to Emil Pohodich for heading up this effort, and to Sara McIlvaine, who helped putting the photos on the wall. This overall effort was a lot of work! Third, in case you were not aware, the side door in the front room does not automatically lock unless it is pulled all the way shut. I have recently received two reports of that door not being locked because it was not tightly closed. So if you use that door to go out to the potty area, please PULL IT ALL THE WAY CLOSED when re-entering the building.

In May, we will hold our annual elections for directors and officers. The following positions will be voted upon this year: President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Roster/Enrollment Coordinator, and Director at Large. The nominating committee consists of Amy Rusenko (Chair), Amy Sandhagen, and Sharon Hareza. If you are interested in running for any of these positions, or know of anyone who you think would make a good candidate, please contact any of the ladies on the Nominating Committee. And they may proactively contact you. Their recommended slate will be announced at the March membership meeting. You must have been a member for at least one year to be eligible to become a director or officer.

I am now in my third term as President, and realize that some of our newer members may not know much about me. And even some long-term members may not know me that well either! So I have decided to use this column to tell you some little-known facts about myself, so that you can get to know me better. This month's fact: I never had a dog growing up! I played a lot with our next-door neighbor's dog, but never lived with a dog until I met my wife, Pam Lewis (our Treasurer), in late 1988. Even then, we were pretty clueless about how to train a dog (especially a puppy). So we start taking classes at Keystone Canine Club (it was just KCC, not KCTC at that time), and quickly learned how much we didn't know! That is how we got started with the club. We have had six dogs (all Samoyeds) since our first one, most of whom we got as puppies. Hopefully we have figured things out a little better since our first dog.

Doggie quote for the month: "You want a friend in Washington? Get a dog!" ~ Harry Truman

Remember, have fun with your dogs!

Dan Goldberg, President

Upcoming Events

January 20, 7pm - KCTC Membership Meeting

Join your fellow members to learn more about what's going on at the club. This month's food theme will be: Leftover holiday goodies; fresh ones are fine too!

March 3 - Start of Session II Classes

Our next session of classes (Session II) will begin on March 3. The schedule will be posted to the CLASS SCHEDULE page by mid-February. Check the KCTC website to find out when enrollments will open.

April 27-28 - Teacup Agility Trial

More details coming soon!

May 11-12 - WCRL Rally Trial

More details coming soon!

July 13-14 - C-Wags Scentwork Trial

More details coming soon!

September 28-29 - Teacup Agility Trial

More details coming soon!

November 30-December 1 - WCRL Rally Trial

More details coming soon!

December 7-8 - C-Wags Scentwork Trial

More details coming soon!

TBD - 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.



Wags and Brags



Gracie went 4 for 5 at the Keystone C-Wags Scentwork Trial held December 1st and 2nd. She achieved her C-Wags Level 3 - Scent Investigator Title, and now working on her Level 4 - Super Sleuth Title. Now if we can only get her out from under the couch on class night. It's rough having a poodle that knows the days of the week.

~ Emil & Barbara Pohodich



Steevie Ann finished her AKC Open Agility Preferred and Open Jumpers Preferred on December 15th and her Teacup Games 2 on her birthday, December 29th. I'm very proud of this very shy girl!

~ Jen Heid

Skye, the Sheltie, and her team mate, Jo, earned their Rally Veteran Championship IV at the October WCRL Trial at Splash N Dash! Skye has retired from trials and TDI visits, and continues to enjoy short walks, chicken dinners, and down comforters.

~ Joanne Schreiber



On December 16, 2018, Minna earned the Expert (ETD) Trick Dog Title with "Do More With Your Dog". Minna performed her tricks off leash and without treats at My Little Dog Shoppe. A big thank you to our CTDI, Diana Squicciarini. Minna loves performing this sport and we have officially begun working on her Trick Championship! Thank you Minna for always trying to be a good dog!! So much energy!!

~ Joan Snee

Tiny Library Update

Great News!

The Tiny Library of all things related to dogs and their humans has been well-used since its opening. The Library is down to about 7 books!

If you have any books/other media you would like to donate, please contact Jo Schreiber at joanness@verizon.net or Bonnie McKeown at mckeownbonnie@comcast.net and we will take care of picking up your donations.

Help keep this going!

The Tiny Library is a valuable resource for our club members and class participants. If you are an instructor, please announce that we are seeking books! Since we are beginning a new year, let's begin with new donations!

