

KCTC *Newsletter*

Dexter, owned by Jane Borman, takes a snooze break in the Building Puppy Confidence class.



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A Message from the President

I recently sent out an announcement about our annual Awards Dinner and Spring Social. It will be held Saturday, May 4, at 6:00, so mark your calendars. If your dog earned a title during calendar year 2019, be sure to submit your award form. You can access it by logging into our website, then clicking on "KCTC Awards Request Form" on the upper right of the page that comes up. Mary Jo Daly will be Chair of the event this year. If you can help her with set-up and clean-up, please contact her.

As also previously mentioned, we will hold our annual elections for directors and officers at the May membership meeting. The Nominating Committee's recommended slate will be announced at the March membership meeting, and nominations from the floor will also be accepted at that meeting. You must have been a member for at least one year to be eligible to become a director or officer.

I hope everyone is staying warm during our cold weather season. Our Samoyed dogs are loving it (they were bred to pull sleds and herd reindeer), but personally I can't wait for Spring to arrive.

Here is this month's little known fact about me: I went to college at the University of Pennsylvania, and earned a B.S. in Metallurgical Engineering and a Ph.D. in Materials Science. Despite this formal training, I am truly an expert in only two things. The first is dog poop! I can tell who pooped, when they pooped, what they had for breakfast, and which fuzzy toy they chewed up the night before. I'll reveal my second area of expertise in a future column.

Doggie quote for the month: "If I have any beliefs about immortality, it is that certain dogs I have known will go to heaven, and very, very few persons."

~James Thurber

Remember, have fun with your dogs!

Dan Goldberg, President

Upcoming Events

February 23, 9am - Open Obedience Drop-In Class

Looking to make the move from AKC Novice to AKC Open Obedience? Come join instructor Julie Agosti in one or more of the Open Obedience classes held on Saturday mornings. No advance registration is needed and a Novice title is not a prerequisite.

February 23, 2:30pm - 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.

February 24, 9pm - Session II Enrollment Opens

Make sure to mark your calendar for Session II enrollment on Sunday, February 24 at 9pm. Popular classes go quickly, so register early!

March 2, 9am - Open Obedience Drop-In Class

(see February 23 listing for details)

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March 3 - Start of Session II Classes

Our next session of classes (Session II) for 2019 will begin on March 3. Make sure to register early to get your choice of classes!

March 16, 9am - Open Obedience Drop-In Class

(see February 23 listing for details)

March 17, 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: St. Patrick's Day Delights – bring something green (or green on it)!

March 23, 9am - Open Obedience Drop-In Class

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March 30, 9am - Open Obedience Drop-In Class

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April 27-28 - Teacup Agility Trial

Check out page 4 for more details!

May 11-12 - WCRL Rally Trial

Check out page 4 for more details! You can view the Premium for this event by clicking [here](#).

July 13-14 - C-Wags Scentwork Trial

More details coming soon!

Wags and Brags



Teddy earned his AKC Rally
Novice title.

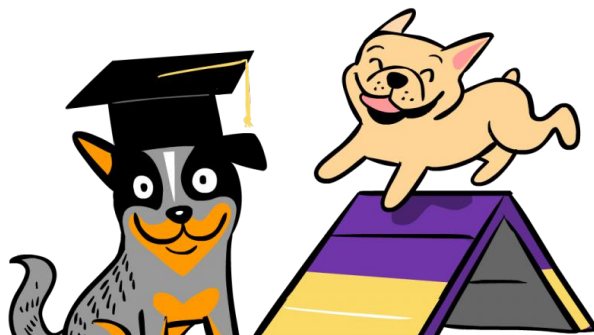
~Pam Lewis



Laika earned her AKC Master
Gold Agility title.

~Pam Lewis

It's Almost Trial Time!



KCTC's Upcoming Agility and Rally Trials are Guaranteed to Be A Good Time

The Groundhog predicted an early spring, but these forecasts are always unpredictable. What you can take to the bank is that, no matter the mix of snow and cold, two upcoming events are sure to warm your heart. First, on April 27 and 28, 2019, KCTC will host a Teacup Agility Trial. Two weeks later, KCTC will host our 13th WCRL Rally Trial on May 11 and May 12, 2019. These are great opportunities to give back to the club and to your community. Now's the time to start daydreaming about warmer weather AND thinking about how you can volunteer: What basket you can donate, what basket items you can contribute, or what dessert you can whip up. Monetary gifts and volunteers are also welcome. Let us know how you'd like to help!

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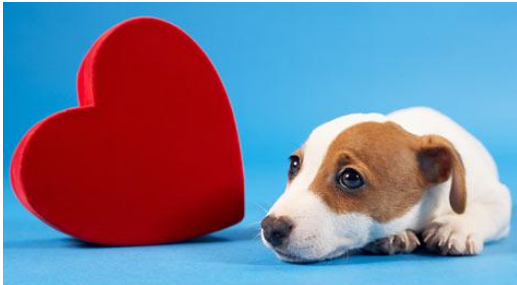
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Membership Update

Applying for Membership

- 🐾 Kelly Pensenstadler is applying for membership with Daisy and Sunshine, her Plotts. She has taken several Agility classes. Kelly is endorsed by Terri Chasser and Pam Lewis.
- 🐾 Cindy Sumner is applying for membership with Tye, Tinker and Tally, her Dalmatians. She has taken Puppy Kindergarten and Agility. Cindy is endorsed by Terri Chasser and Pam Lewis.



Voted Into Membership

- 🐾 Jennifer Brenneman and Big Red and Blue, her Australian Shepherds
- 🐾 Pam Heidrich and Gracie, her Golden
- 🐾 Caroline Mitchell and Kiowa, her Australian Shepherd
- 🐾 Sally Tress, Brandy her Irish Setter, and T-Bone her Chihuahua
- 🐾 Suzanne Vighetti, Molly her Boston Terrier, and Billie her Chihuahua
- 🐾 Connie Watson and Lainey, her Shetland Sheepdog
- 🐾 Jim Whitaker and Hogan, his American Cocker Spaniel

K-9ers Events

What: The K-9ers will be visiting the residents of Country Meadows (Independent Living). The theme of the day is a "Doggie Wedding".

When: Saturday, March 9 at 2:00 PM

Where: 3750 Washington Road, Bridgeville, PA 15017

