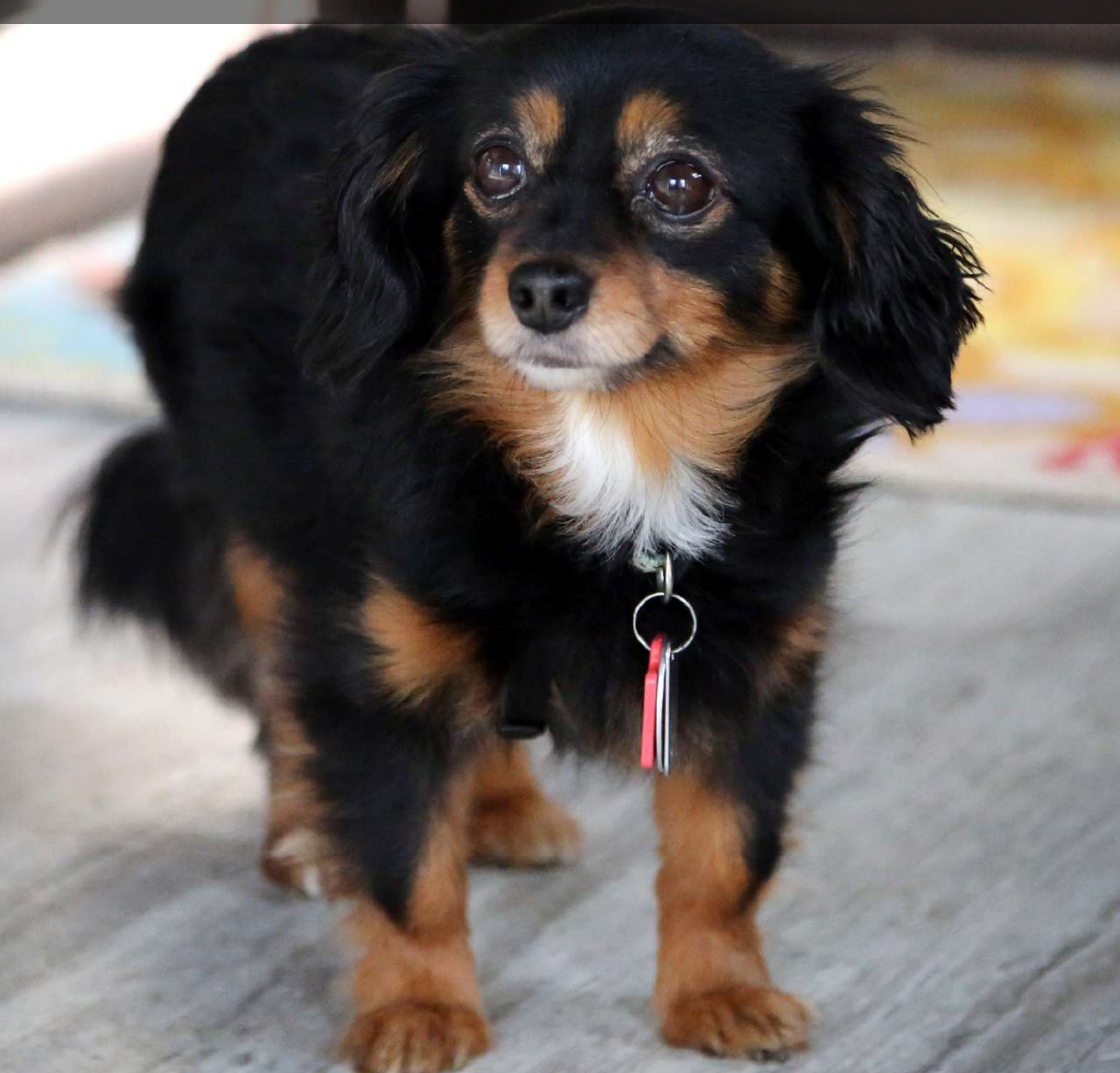




KCTC *Newsletter*



Munchie, owned by Ann Cloutier, does his best sad puppy face for some treats.

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A Message from the President

I hope everyone had a Happy New Year! We start into 2020 after a very good 2019. Our classes were very popular, and our trials were well attended. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

We ordered some new equipment over the holidays. This includes a set of three heavy-duty plastic jumps (broad jump, panel jump, and bar jump) to replace our old, worn-out, heavy wooden jumps. These jumps are mainly intended for our Obedience and Rally classes and trials.

We also ordered some new agility weave poles and jump bars that meet the new AKC regulation that says no tape is allowed for striping. Some of the new weave poles have solid colors, and some have vertical stripes, both of which are now in use at some venues.

If you think there is other equipment we should purchase, please let me know. Or if you think there are other things we could do to improve club operations, please let me know that too. Last year we added windows to two doors, created the new kitchen area, and expanded the front entry area. There are probably other things we could do too, so don't hesitate to make any suggestions.

Doggie quote for the month: "Some of my best leading men have been dogs and horses." ~Elizabeth Taylor

Remember, have fun with your dogs!

Dan Goldberg, President

Upcoming Events

January 19, 1-3pm - Rodeo Dog Run-Throughs

Dog and handler teams that have attended a Rodeo Dog class or are competing in Rodeo Dog are welcome to attend these Sunday drop-in run-throughs. The cost is \$5 for members and \$15 for non-members.

January 19, 7pm - KCTC Membership Meeting

Join fellow club members to learn more about what's happening at the club. Refreshments will include leftover Holiday goodies (fresh ones are fine too!) – please bring something to share!

January 25, 9am - Open Obedience Drop-In Class

Our Open Obedience Drop-In class is normally held Saturday at 9:00 am. No advance registration is needed. Julie Agosti is the instructor, and she teaches the skills needed for AKC Open Obedience. It is intended for handlers ready to move on to AKC Open from AKC Novice. NOTE: A Novice title is not a prerequisite to attend this class.

January 26, 1-3pm - Rodeo Dog Run-Throughs

(see January 19 listing for details)

February 1, 9am - Open Obedience Drop-In Class

(see January 25 listing for details)

February 16, 1-3pm - Rodeo Dog Run-Throughs

(see January 19 listing for details)

February 29-March 1 - C-WAGS Scentwork Trial

Stay tuned for more details!

March 22, 1-3pm - Rodeo Dog Run-Throughs

(see January 19 listing for details)

March 29 - Rodeo Dog Trial

Stay tuned for more details!

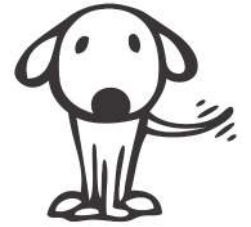
April 25-26 - Teacup Agility Trial

Stay tuned for more details!

May 16-17 - WCRL Rally Trial

Stay tuned for more details!

Wags and Brags





On December 10, 2019 at our first ever Keystone Rodeo Dog trial, Rags (Patchwork Strings Around My Heart) placed first and earned his first titles, Beginner Clover and Beginner Straight Line. Giddy Up!! Then on December 16, 2019, he performed 15 tricks and earned his DMWYD and AKC Novice Trick Dog titles. He did this at 8 months of age. So very proud of this fun loving and happy little guy! Love you, Rags!

~Linda Irwin



Membership Update

Applying for Membership

-  Bill and Ginny Caramana are applying for membership with Bailey their Australian Shepherd. They have taken Building Puppy Confidence and Family Manners I. Bill and Ginny are endorsed by Pat Warnick and Linda Irwin.
-  Ross Marker and Buddy his Border Collie are applying for membership. They have taken Family Manners I and II. Ross is endorsed by Clint Connors and Rosemary Curley.

In Loving Memory

"Ruffles"

MIGNONNE JOIE DE VIVRE

FEBRUARY 20, 2015 – NOVEMBER 29, 2019

From the moment we met, a tiny white ball of fluff,
An imp of a girl – just spicy enough.
To school we did go and, oh, did we learn,
A S.T.A.R. Puppy title you quickly did earn.
From Obedience to Rally to Rodeo Dog,
To Trick Dog, Agility and Gym classes we jogged.
With a wee bit of sass, and smart as a whip,
The titles and ribbons sure piled up quick.
Oh, the things you did teach me,
How grateful I am.

Sweet Little Woman, best friend and my fan.
The pain in your eyes, Black Friday it was,
Your angel wings granted, fly high, my sweet love.

Forever Loved And Missed By
Linda and Tom Irwin and Family

To all of you who called, had kind words, sent cards
and emails and left messages and texts, we truly
appreciate each one. Thank you.



C-WAGS Scentwork Trial

Thank you, Keystone Canine Training Club Members, for making our December 7 and 8 C-WAGS Nosework Trial a success!!!! We had a lot of people earn titles, and all had fun!!

Keystone has an outstanding C-Wags trial committee who worked hard to get the building set up for the trial. Pam Berman is an amazing trial secretary who added runs on the fly for extra entries. Susan Wetherell videoed runs, as well as managing the volunteers for the hot boxes. Jen Heid jumped in and did a bit of everything, timing, stewarding, she is a jack of all trades. Keystone has the best judges in the world who provided challenging courses, Amy Rusenko, Tracey Miller and Emil Pohodich.

As always, the trial had terrific raffle baskets beautifully designed by Lynn Uram, with Kelly Weiss handling sales. We had many volunteers who kept the trial moving so we could add runs.

The food, what can I say, it was fantastic! Thank you to Mary Ellen Cicci, Marcy Fennell, Pam Lewis, Bonnie Thomas, Reva Rossman, Rosanne Minich, Pam Heidrich, Linda Irwin, Amy Rusenko, and Stephanie Barber. A special note of thanks to future club member, Tina Flowers, who worked all day, both days to keep the food ready and waiting for our competitors.

Finally, for the big news, Stacey Damm and her dog, Ruby, won the Crystal Award. To win the Crystal Award, dogs must be at least 10 years old and "Q" in a run at our trial.

The club is so very fortunate to have such generous members who make our trials possible and successful. As always, anyone who was at the trial, competitors and visitors alike, were amazed by the friendliness and smoothness of the trial. We have a great club!!

If any of you have suggestions, please do not hesitate to send them to me. This is how we will change and grow. Please mark your calendar for our next trial on February 29 and March 1, 2020. We will be offering the new C-Wags Scent Ranger classes in addition to the Scent Detective classes.

Many thanks to all our loyal and energetic volunteers. We truly appreciate all your contributions.

Maribeth Hook, C-WAGS Trial Chair





December 10, 2019

