



KCTC *Newsletter*



Gracie, owned by Emil and Barbara Pohodich, shows off her skill on the agility course.

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A Message from the President

I am glad that we are finally able to reopen. Thanks to all the instructors who volunteered to teach one-day (or night) classes during June and July, ahead of our next full session which is planned to start August 3. Please comply with the COVID-19 Protocol for KCTC that we sent out to everyone, and which is posted on the bulletin boards. This includes wearing a facemask in the building, so please bring your mask. I have been to three classes as of this writing, and I am glad to see that everyone is cooperating by using hand sanitizer and masks, and maintaining social distancing. Let's continue to do this, so that we all stay safe!

Our August 2 Awards Dinner has been rescheduled and restructured due to COVID-19 concerns. We will give out the awards at our July 19 membership meeting. That will allow us to maintain social distancing. We are also looking into providing individually boxed or wrapped desserts, to help celebrate. More details will be coming.

I am sad to report that our former Training Director, Lucy McCloskey, passed away in late May. She had been living with her daughter and family in Milwaukee for the past year and a half. Lucy brought enthusiasm, energy, and creative thinking to our club. She was instrumental in bringing many new classes, so that we could fill both rooms at the same time. And she participated in many activities, including Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Agility, Freestyle Dancing, Flyball, Treibball, and Scentwork. One of her most noteworthy achievements was winning the AKC National Rally Championship with Sonny, her awesome Border Collie. And Sonny was also a Therapy Dog, and they were active members of the K9ers. I worked closely with Lucy for many years, and will be forever grateful to her for all she did for our club. There is a tribute to Lucy, from Pam Lewis, at the end of this newsletter.

Doggie quote for the month: "My fashion philosophy is that if you're not covered in dog hair, your life is empty." ~Elayne Boosier

Dan Goldberg, President

Upcoming Events

July 12 - Tentative Date for Posting Session IV Class Schedule

KCTC is thrilled to be able to reopen (with COVID19 procedures in place) for our next session on August 3rd.

July 19, 7pm - KCTC Membership Meeting

Join fellow club members to learn more about what's happening at the club. Also, we will give out 2019 Title Awards at the meeting.

July 26 - Rodeo Dog

More details coming soon! You can view the premium via the KCTC home page.

July 26, 9pm - Enrollments Open

Save the date for our next session's enrollment. Classes fill up quickly so register early!

August 2 - Ranger Scentwork

More details coming soon! You can view the premium via the KCTC home page.

August 3 - Session IV Classes Begin

We look forward to seeing you all in class again. Don't forget to bring your masks!

September 26 & 27 - Teacup Agility

More details coming soon!

October 10 & 11 - C-Wags Scentwork

More details coming soon!

November 28 & 29 - WCRL Rally

More details coming soon!



Wags and Brags



In her first trial after 2.5 months of staying home (on the couch with no practice while I ate lots of snacks and watched Netflix), Jordi was 3/3 and finished her C-WAGS Level 2 Scent Ranger title. So proud of my little girl!!

~Jen Heid



Stephanie Barber & Teagan 7 Q's & ACE Level 1
Marcy Fenell & Chewie 4 qualifying runs Ranger 1 Title
Jen Heid & Jordie 3 qualifying runs & Ranger 2 Title
Lynn Uram & Spree 3 qualifying runs & Ranger 1 Title
Also pictured Jill Robbins & Piper

First trial since COVID-19
Cosmic K-9 C-WAGS
New Franklin Ohio

Can't wait to see everyone at Keystone's Ranger Trial in August

~Marcy Fenell

Spree and I drove to New Franklin, OH on May 29th to participate in an outdoor C-WAGS scent work trial hosted by Cosmic K-9. We had a ton of fun!!

Spree went into the trial needing just one leg for her first Ranger title, and she Q'ed and finished that title on her first run of the day. Even though we hadn't practiced for the next Ranger level, I decided to move her up to the next level anyway for her two remaining Ranger runs that day. She delighted me by Q'ing on both of her move up runs too. I'm so proud of her for finishing a title and earning two qualifying legs toward her next Ranger title in some very challenging weather conditions.

We haven't been to class or to a trial since early March due to the pandemic, so it was really special for Spree and me to be doing her favorite activity again!! It was so nice to see our KCTC nose work friends in person again too instead of just seeing them on Zoom. When there were breaks in the rain, we had such a good time visiting with each other.

Spree hates posing for pictures, so I improvised and put her new title medallion on her stuffed duck instead.

~Lynn Uram



...More Wags and Brags

Lexi was recently awarded the Teacup Retired Agility Champion (TRAC) Title from the Teacup Dogs Agility Association (TDAA).

~Emil & Barbara Pohodich



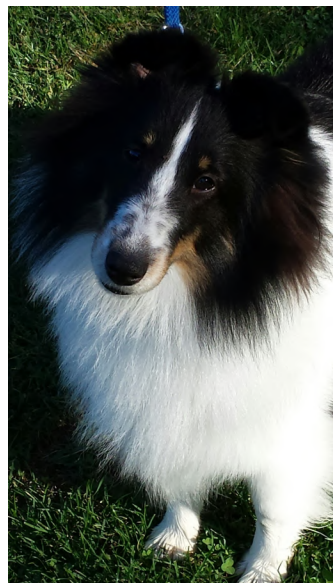
On May 11th Rags passed his DMWYD Level 2 Conditioning Fitness test and on May 15th he passed his DMWYD Advanced Trick dog test. He was so excited to get new titles twice in one week from his favorite mail carrier Kathy. Guess that's why he loves doing his mailbox trick so much!! We've had a lot of fun working on these things while we've been spending time at home. Can't wait to get back together with all our canine and human friends!

~Linda Irwin



Sadie was recently awarded the Teacup Retired Agility Champion (TRAC) Title from the Teacup Dogs Agility Association (TDAA).

~Emil & Barbara Pohodich



Savvy, aka CH Kelvington's Divine Promise ACT1 TKP, was awarded her Novice rally title through the AKC virtual program. I don't know why I thought this might be easier. We had so many distractions while trying to video the courses (motorcycles, neighbors cutting grass, kids screaming, etc.). She did a great job in spite of all that! So proud of her.

~Elaine Kelvington

Sophie, aka Karastar Kelvington's Heavenly Blessing, was awarded her AKC Trick Dog Advanced, Performer and Elite Performer titles. So proud of her as she has completed all five of the trick dog titles by the time she was 5 1/2 months old. What a good girl.

~Elaine Kelvington



Review: Weave Poles with Lisa Selthofer

We, the “furry children” (Lokshn and Bren) and I, took a month-long FANTASTIC weave pole class with Lisa Selthofer. I had ordered a starter agility set from Jeffers pet (\$129 On sale/free shipping) and was planning on using some of it in the house--especially since I wasn't sure how good the equipment would be. Quality turned out to be great--12 weave poles 2 tunnels, one jump and one tire jump with heavy duty carrying bags with zippers and handles.

Then Lisa's class popped up on SpotOnAgility.com (I hope to start Bren in an agility class, and Lokshn can use some speeding up!!) and I decided to take it. She is a wonderful presenter and trainer and the course included videos (many live) and question and answer time. We were able to send in videos and she made comments on them. She will be starting another group shortly.

~Carole Hodes

Membership Renewals Due

Our new fiscal year starts on July 1st. Below is the Membership renewal form and the Emergency Contact form. Please read, complete and sign both forms and send them along with your renewal check (made out to KCTC) to Clare Schmalz at the below address.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Clare at 412-655-7939 or richclaras@comcast.net.

Send renewals to:

Clare Schmalz, Membership Chair

2915 Amy Drive

South Park, PA 15129

Keystone Canine Training Club
Membership Renewal Form
July 2020 – June 2021

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Dog's Name: _____ Breed: _____

Dog's Name: _____ Breed: _____ (Please
attach a separate sheet for additional dogs, if necessary.)

How would you like to help out at the Club? _____
(maintenance, website, etc.)

What did you volunteer for since last July? _____

Check here if you have instructed or assisted in at least one session: _____

I/we agree to abide by the Constitution and By-laws of the Keystone Canine Training Club. Also, I/we agree with the Liability Waiver on Page 2.

_____ (Please sign here)

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Please mail this form, along with your **check payable to Keystone Canine Training Club** (\$70 for first member plus \$35 for a family membership if there are two or more names above, unless pro-rated) and a **copy of your dog(s)' vaccination records** to:

ClaraMarie Schmalz
2915 Amy Dr.
South Park, PA 15129

Due date: **July 1, 2020.**

Also please fill out the Emergency Contact Information on Page 3. Thank you!

LIABILITY WAIVER

I understand that the classes, seminars, training, instruction, trials and events offered by the Keystone Canine Training Club (KCTC) involve dogs, both my dog and dogs owned by others, and are physical activities that may utilize equipment or other training devices that involve certain inherent risks and dangers of injury or damage to myself, my dogs, and my property. All classes, seminars, training, instruction, trials and events are offered by KCTC without any liability whatsoever on KCTC for loss or damage from disease, death, running away, theft, fire, injury to persons, other dogs, other animals, or property by said dog, or other unavoidable causes. In consideration of KCTC permitting me to participate in KCTC classes, seminars, training, instruction, trials and events, I assume full responsibility for such risks. I further certify that my dog does not pose a hazard to persons or other dogs. I agree to hold KCTC, its members, directors, governors, officers, instructors and assistant instructors, volunteers, agents, other participants, any location or referring organization, and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold the classes, seminars, training, instruction, trials and events, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of my dog or myself while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto. I personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim. I further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, injury or damage to my dog, myself, and my property. Additionally, I hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself, or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my participation in this event. This includes injuries, death or property damage that may be caused or may be alleged to have been caused, either in whole or in part, by the negligence of KCTC or the aforementioned parties. I further agree not to sue or bring any claim or claims of any nature whatsoever against KCTC or any of the aforementioned parties.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

(This page will be kept on file at the club in case of an emergency.)

Your printed name: _____

Your signature: _____ Date: _____

Emergency contact name: _____

Phone number(s): _____

A Tribute to Lucy McCloskey

I met Lucy McCloskey about 15 years ago when she came to the “old” Keystone building for an agility class. She had a young Sheltie named Toby and they had lots of fun learning agility and did very well. Soon they were attending agility shows and joining in all that fun. Unfortunately, Toby became ill and passed away.

That’s when Lucy got Sonny, a beautifully marked black and white Border Collie and they became “the Black and White” team. Sonny with his beautiful coat and Lucy dressed in black and white. Sonny had a black and white braided leash and Lucy had her Vera Bradley black and white purse and travel bags.

By this time Lucy was teaching agility at Keystone as well as training and showing Sonny. Sonny did well in agility but he really did well in rally and they went on as a team to win the AKC National Rally competition. I traveled with my dog and Lucy and Sonny for several years to many shows including agility, rally, herding and even freestyle. We always saw it as an adventure and had a good time.

About 5 years ago Lucy got Dallas, a Belgian Tervuren. She had wanted one of these dogs for a while and her initial goal with Dallas was to get an AKC conformation championship. She accomplished that while continuing to show Sonny in rally.

Lucy was a great trainer, a great lover of dogs and a great friend. I will miss my friend.

~Pam Lewis

