



KCTC *Newsletter*



Loki, owned by Camilla Hendrych and family, works on the weave poles (which he has since perfected!).

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A Message from the President

We had our annual Awards dinner as part of our July 19 membership meeting, because we were unable to use the Bethel Park Community Center (where we normally have it) due to COVID-19 constraints. This year we had 35 members and 57 dogs earn new titles. The following people's dogs earned new titles for the first time: Cole and Martha Avery, Jen Heid, Linda Irwin, Donna Latham, Deborah Miller-Gurchak, Dan Mullaney, Bonnie Thomas, and Terry Younkins. Congratulations to all! Earning a title is evidence of a great working relationship with your dog. Full disclosure: we did not actually have a dinner as part of the meeting. Instead, we had dessert - individually boxed mini-bundt cakes. I'd like to thank Mary Jo Daly for coordinating all the awards and desserts.

We also recently had successful Rodeo dog and Ranger Scentwork trials, our first trials since reopening. Thanks to all who staffed those trials, including Jen Heid, Suzanne Vighetti, Linda Irwin, Maribeth Hook, Amy Rusenko, Tracey Miller, Pam Heidrich, Susan Wetherell, Marcy Fennell, Emil Pohodich, Stephanie Barber, and Laura Leonard. Crating in the parking lot worked well to avoid congestion in the building, and we were able to maintain social distancing.

Because of the COVID situation, we are cancelling our Teacup agility trial in September and our WCRL Rally trial in November. Instead, we will have a Rodeo dog trial on September 26 & 27, and a Scentwork trial November 28.

Our annual Holiday Doggie Photos will be on Sunday, November 29. KCTC member Cindy Sumner will again be the photographer. More information will be coming.

I'd like to thank Suzanne Vighetti for re-decorating the front room entry area, including redoing the bulletin board, making a new KCTC sign, and adding new posters and decorations. That area looks much nicer now.

Finally, as I mentioned in a recent email, please adhere to our COVID-19 Protocol. You can find the current version at the end of this newsletter. It is really important that everyone cooperate so that we stay safe – our ability to remain open depends upon it!

Remember, have fun with your dogs!

Doggie quote for the month: "Life without a dog is like an unsharpened pencil. It has no point." ~Anonymous

Dan Goldberg, President

Upcoming Events

September 26 & 27 - Rodeo Dog

More details coming soon!

October 10 & 11 - C-Wags Scentwork

More details coming soon!

November 28 - Scentwork

More details coming soon!

September 20, 7pm - KCTC Membership Meeting

Join fellow club members to learn more about what's happening at the club.



KCTC Awards



Donna Kugler



Joan Snee



Martha and Cole Avery



Debby Miller Gurchak



Charlene Zeleznock

Wags and Brags



Teddy earned his Beginner Rodeo Dog Clover and Straightline titles at Keystone's Rodeo Dog Trial on July 26th. As you can see, Butterscotch is checking out his ribbons!

Thank you Jen Heid, Suzanne Vighetti, Linda Irwin and other helpers for organizing and running the trial!!

~Pam Lewis



July was another busy month for Rags - he got his DMWYD CCF3 Canine Fitness title on July 13th and then got four new titles at our KCTC Rodeo Dog trial on July 26th in Performance Clover, Straight Line, Round Up and Lock Stock And Barrel! Giddy Up li'l buddy - way to go!!

~Linda Irwin

On July 23rd Buttons was excited to earn her AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy title and then on July 26th at our KCTC Rodeo Dog Trial she got her best Giddy Up on and galloped off with her first two Rodeo titles in Beginners Clover and Straight Line!! What a happy girl!!

~Linda Irwin



COVID-19 PROTOCOL FOR KCTC

GENERAL

1. As part of the set-up for any class or event, the class instructors/assistants (or event crew) must sanitize all commonly touched surfaces (door handles and knobs, chairs, light switches, thermostats, and equipment used for the class or event), using disinfectant cleaner or wipes. Also, move the seating area chairs at least 6 feet apart.
2. Stay home if you are feeling sick, have any flu-like symptoms (cough, fever, etc.), or if you have been in contact with someone else who has been sick or diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last two weeks.
3. Everyone must wear a facemask, which must cover your mouth and nose. (Suggestion: practice working with your dog at home while wearing a facemask.)
4. Maintain social distancing from other people and dogs (6 feet separation) in the parking lot, in the potty areas, and in the building.
5. Bring your own water, water bowl, and treats for your dog. (And water for you.) Do not share food or water.
6. When using the restroom, wipe off faucets, handles, light switches and doorknobs with sanitary wipes or disinfectant spray before you leave.

FOR CLASSES

1. Class size limits: The maximum number of dogs for each class is shown on the Class Schedule for each session, based on input from the class instructor. Instructors may take drop-ins, if the total number of dogs (including drop-ins) does not exceed the maximum.
2. There is a limit of one dog per handler per class, and one handler per dog.
3. No observers or visitors are allowed.
4. Upon entering, wash your hands or use hand sanitizer (pump bottles are in both rooms).
5. Do not enter the building until the instructor gives permission. This will not be until any previous class has left.
6. Back room classes must enter and exit through the potty area gate, not the front door.
7. Dogs must remain on leash or crated except when they are running.
8. If a student or instructor wishes to crate their dog, they must bring their own crate, but it must be thoroughly disinfected before use. Alternatively, instructors or trial staff may use the KCTC crates in the crate room, but they must be thoroughly disinfected immediately prior to use and immediately after use. Disinfectant will be stored in the crate room for this purpose. The crates in the front and back classrooms should not be used.
9. Everybody must wear a mask except while running your dog. In a class where all dogs are working as a group, masks must be used at all times.