

KCTC *Newsletter*

Abby, owned by
Maribeth Hook, shows
off her focus in Agility I.



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A Message from the President

Unfortunately, because of the huge spike in COVID-19 cases, we have had to cancel our classes and our November C-Wags Scentwork trial to comply with the Allegheny County stay-at-home health advisory. All we can do is hope that the advisory will be lifted in the not-too-distant future, so that we can start up our classes again in January. Thank you for your patience during these difficult times. Also thank you for your cooperation and adherence to our COVID-19 Protocol. So far, we have not had any COVID cases at KCTC.

Despite the problems with COVID, I am very happy to see so many of our dogs successfully competing in various events, as noted in the "Wags and Brags" section of this newsletter.

When we do reopen, check out the new display case in the front room entrance. The case contains the trophy that Lucy McCloskey (our former Training Director) and her Border Collie, Sonny, received when they won the AKC National Rally Championship in 2014. I think this is the only AKC National Championship ever won by a KCTC member. Lucy's daughter, Elaine, gave the trophy to Keystone when Lucy passed away earlier this year. Lucy was always a firm believer that KCTC should offer a wide variety of classes, and she taught as well as competed in several venues (Rally, agility, freestyle dancing, etc.). Thank you to Terri Chasser and her husband Glenn, who designed and built the display case and mounted it. It is a fitting tribute to Lucy and the work that she did to inspire all of us to "go to the top" and have fun with our dogs.

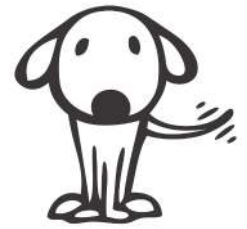
Suzanne Vighetti kindly made some doggie-themed face masks. We put them on the long table in the garage area hallway for anyone who would like them, and they are mostly gone. Help yourself if any are left when we reopen. Also thanks to Suzanne for the holiday decorations outside the front door.

Remember, have fun with your dogs! If you are in agility, run and have fun!

Doggie quote for the month: "My dog is worried about the economy because Alpo is up to \$3.00 a can. That's almost \$21.00 in dog money." — Joe Weinstein

Dan Goldberg, President

Wags and Brags



Great news! Savvy and Seneca were entered in Keystone's CWags nose work trial on Oct. 10. This was Savvy's first time competing in nose work. She had 2 qualifying searches in level one, Scent Patrol and 2 qualifying searches in level one Ranger! Seneca had 2 qualifying searches in level 2 Scent Detective and 2 qualifying searches in level 2 Ranger. It was a fun time with a lot of care taken to keep everyone safe. We really appreciated all of the effort that went into having the trial. Thank-you to all who helped.

~Elaine, Savvy, and Seneca Kelvington

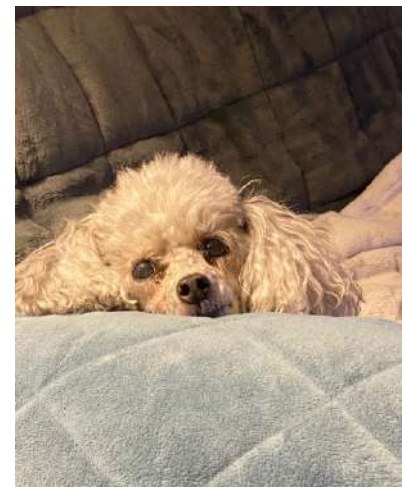


I am so happy to share that Abbey recently earned her CT-ATE (Agility Team Extraordinaire) title. This is the highest achievement in the CPE venue.

I don't have the words to describe how much I love this versatile, sweet and sassy girl. She sure loves to play agility where she can run like her hair is on fire, bark at me when I cue her late, spin in front of tunnels because again I cued her late, launch off contacts because those only matter in practice, and again bark at me when our run is done because she wants to keep going.

I am blessed to have such a special girl to journey through life with!

~Terri Chasser



Lexi, our 16-1/2 year old Toy Poodle competed in her first C-Wags Scent Work Trial on October 10, 2020 at Keystone Canine Training Club. She "found it" and qualified on her first search at her first scent work trial earning her a place on the Crystal Award for Senior Scent Work located at the Club in memory of Pam and Dan's dog Crystal who remained active in scent work in her senior years. Even though Lexi's seeing and hearing aren't what they used to be, her nose still works fine! Here is her picture resting after a long exhausting trial day! Thanks to everyone for their encouragement, the instructors for their patience, and special thanks to everyone that helped put on another great trial at Keystone Canine Training Club.

~Emil & Barbara Pohodich

MORE Wags and Brags

When I entered Greyson for one run (Open FAST) at the LAC trial in Latrobe on October 24th, I wasn't even sure if I'd be released from PT to run again at that point or not. But, I decided to hedge my bets and send in the entry anyway. When I got to the trial site that morning and looked at the course map, I felt like I could create a safe handler's path for myself. So, Greyson and I went for it!!

It was such a thrill to step to the start line with Greyson again for the first time since my knee replacement surgery in August. Greyson and I finished the course in 22 seconds, and I was about to burst from pure joy the entire time. Despite the fact that Greyson decided his start line stay was optional, we Q'ed and took first place. That Q also finished Greyson's Open FAST title. I don't know who was happier at the end of that run--Greyson or me!! <G>

~Lynn Uram



Molly and I traveled for the first time to Splash n Dash in Plum for the WCRL Rally Trial on October 24-25. This was our first trial in this facility. There was a lot of sniffing of interesting smells and distraction on the courses, but we managed to qualify in each of 8 trials in levels 1B and 2B and earned our ARCH ribbon! We were also surprised by a bonus sign in one of the courses that we'd never done before, and I was so proud of Molly that she did it! Thanks to our instructors Pat Warnick and Linda Irwin, and to Mary Jo Daly and her husband Leo, for all their encouragement, support, and videography.

~Linda Cordle



Poltergeist's Lake Effect aka Laika earned her MACH 2 at Countryside Agility. Dan & I are very proud of her!

~Pam Lewis



EVEN MORE Wags and Brags

Heidi earned a CHAS Championship Title and First of Breed Award with Universal Canine All Stars virtual title program!

Before earning the CHAS, she earned Master Titles in three tracks: Performer, Fit Dog, and Acrobat. We found this new program (created this spring by a 16-year-old junior handler in Canada) to be a wonderful diversion and challenge during our lockdown time at home. I'm so proud of Heidi's achievements!

~Virginia Weida



Penny participated in the KCTC Rodeo Dog trial in September, got 16 Q's, 10 First Place Finishes, and earned 6 new titles! She earned Performance Straight Line IV and V, Performance Clover IV and V, Performance Lock Stock Barrel V, and Performance Round Up V Titles.

She was also selected for the special Ruffles Rodeo Remembrance Award presented by Linda Irwin to the happiest dog in the trial. Special thanks to Linda for the honor and amazing gift basket, and to all the judges and volunteers at our Rodeo Trial. Giddy-up!

~Virginia Weida



Mom took me to my very first WCRL Rally trial at this nice place called Splash n Dash on October 24th and 25th and we had a great time - everyone was so nice there! I got my Intro title and an award of excellence (whatever that means) and a leg towards my next title (that's confusing 'cause I already have four?!). I always have fun with Mom and it was so good to see everyone and make new friends!

Love,

Rags (and Linda Irwin)



Buttons here! Just have a little brag to tell you about. On October 19th I earned my DMWYD CCF1 Conditioning Fitness title! It was fun doing all those bends and stretches and learning new stuff with Mom - I am getting pretty fit I think. The mailman brought me this nice paper and a medal, too!!

Love,

Buttons (and Linda Irwin)