

KCTC *Newsletter*

Diamond is smiling after getting his short haircut. He has a blast with teacup agility classes. He also enjoys obedience and rally classes.

-Tom and Phyllis Bandi

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A Message from the President

Our first 2021 trials, Mock ORT (Odor Recognition Test) and C-Wags Scentwork were a big success the last weekend in February. Despite the cold, rainy and windy weather on Sunday, no one complained and all the dogs had fun! Thanks to Trial Chairs Susan Wetherell and Maribeth Hook, and their hard-working crews, for a job well done in difficult conditions. Because the C-Wags trial was so popular, we are thinking about adding another one to the current schedule of trials.

Our next two trials will be Teacup Agility on April 17-18 (a change from the previous dates of April 24-25), and WCRL Rally on May 15. The Rally trial Premium has already been posted to our website homepage.

During the break between sessions, we had the floors in both rooms deep-cleaned with an industrial-strength scrubber (as we do annually). We also recently bought a space heater for times when people are in the garage area hallway, and got the wall heater in that area working too.

A third COVID-19 vaccine has recently been approved. The current administration's plan is to provide enough of all three vaccines by the end of May so that everyone who wants the shots can get them. So I hope that we can ease up on some of our COVID restrictions later in the year.

Don't forget to submit your dog title forms on-line, so that Mary Jo Daly can compile them and order your awards. The due date for submitting the form is March 15. You can access the form by logging in from our website homepage, then clicking on "KCTC Awards Request Form," under "My KCTC Member Resources," on the page that comes up.

Doggie question for the month: "Why do humans smell flowers, but seldom (if ever) smell each other?" – Author unknown

Remember, have fun with your dogs!

Dan Goldberg, President

Upcoming Events

April 25-26 - Teacup Agility Trial

Stay tuned for more details!

May 15-16 - WCRL Rally Trial

The WCRL Committee is pleased to announce the Spring 2021 WCRL Trial will be held on May 15 and May 16, 2021 at Keystone Canine Training Club.

Whether you are new to the sport or pursuing an advanced Title, this is the trial for you!

Plans are moving forward for the WCRL Spring Trial. In the upcoming weeks, the committee will be contacting KCTC members to volunteer for the trial to be held on May 15 and 16. Extra volunteers will be needed this year due to Covid-19 protocols. Please say "yes" to volunteering when you are contacted.

If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, the funds will be used to defray the costs of lunches and raffle baskets. The committee cannot accept donations of goods for the baskets this year. With the generous help of Club volunteers, this Trial will be one of the best ever. The committee thanks you for your help.

Join us for special awards, super judges, and guaranteed fun with your dogs! Covid-19 plans will be in effect. Watch the newsletter for more information. this will be the Trial you know and love with a few twist. Stay tuned!

July 17-18 - Rodeo Dog Trial

Stay tuned for more details!

Membership Update

New Members



Sara Holmes and Gizmo her Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. They have taken Agility 5 and Family Manners 1. Sara is endorsed by Virginia Weida and Dana Skorupski,



Erikka Kuhse and her Berndoodle Max are applying for Membership. Erikka has Family Manners I & II. She is endorsed by Amy Sandhagen and Mary Jo Daly.



Maria Costanza and Ray Immekus with Bubba, her American Bull Dog, are applying for membership. She has taken Family Manners I & II. Maria is endorsed by Amy Sandhagen and Mary Jo Daly.

C-Wags Scentwork Trial

On February 28th, Keystone Canine Training Club held their spring C-Wags Trial. Despite the downpour on Sunday morning, it was a great trial. The competitors did well, with lots of qualifying runs!!

I want to thank the judges, Tracey Miller, Marcy Fenell, Emil Pohodich, Amy Rusenko, and Laura Leonard for their time and terrific courses. Pam Berman smoothly handled all the trial secretary duties, and a temperamental printer. Jen Heid, our chief gate steward stayed calm under rain, cold and competitors questions. She made everyone's life easy! Hot stewards, Susan Wetherell and Pam Heidrich were organized and ready. Tracey Miller and Stephanie Barber, set up the remainder of the search items as the cold stewards. Timers extraordinaire Virginia Weida, Sue Schweiter, and Vinci Parks kept us moving. Emil set up the heaters (thank you to the Board for the extra heat!!) and loudspeaker system. Susan's husband, Brendan Connelly, helped set up and take down tents, tables and all sorts of assorted items. It is a ton of work to put together a trial, but this team of folks made it look easy!

We are starting to plan for our next trial. As covid restrictions ease, we are looking for other volunteers to help with future trials. If you can spare a couple hours, please email me at maribethhook@yahoo.com.

Maribeth Hook

C-Wags Trial Chair

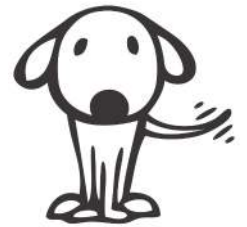
As Scent Work becomes increasingly popular and our C-WAGS trials are drawing record numbers of entrants, we want to continue offering opportunities for our students to grow. With the isolation associated with COVID-19 and many weary of being housebound, trials are a fantastic way to get out and safely have fun with your dog. We hosted a Mock ORT on Saturday, February 27.

NACSW requires that a dog complete an Odor Recognition Test before entering trials at higher levels (NW1, NW2, NW3 and more). With the hopeful expectation of more trials coming to our area and the goal of helping our students prepare for NACSW trials, the idea of hosting a Mock ORT has been brewing in our minds for a while. The mock trial provides all of the same conditions as a real ORT, allowing for practice in a trial environment.

Thank you to all who made the Mock ORT run smoothly. For their generous gifts of time, special thanks to Maribeth Hook, Pam Heidrich, Jen Heid, Tracey Miller, Emil Pohodich, Amy Rusenko, Pam Berman, Marcy Fenell, Dan Goldberg and Pam Lewis. Judges Maribeth Hook, Tracey Miller, Emil Pohodich and I are grateful to inside gate stewards and timers Mike Spellman and Mary Jo & Leo Daly.

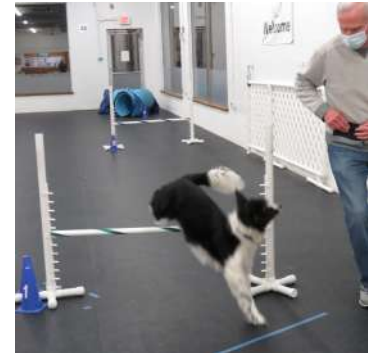
Susan Wetherell

Wags and Brags



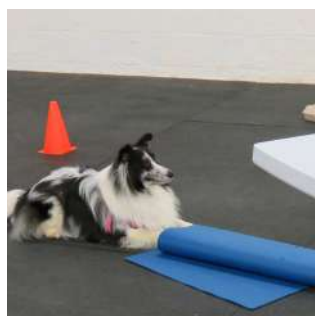
Having a great time in the agility class. Dogs love this sport...bonding those important relationships between companions and their owners. So appreciate Pam and Bill for all their education and challenging courses.

-Debbie Miller-Gurchak



Scent work...who would know how much this class would be!!! Thanking Susan and Pam for a class that has been teaching all of so much about our dogs and their abilities. This is another great sport but very different from obedience...this sport makes us believe and trust our dogs to make the right choice.

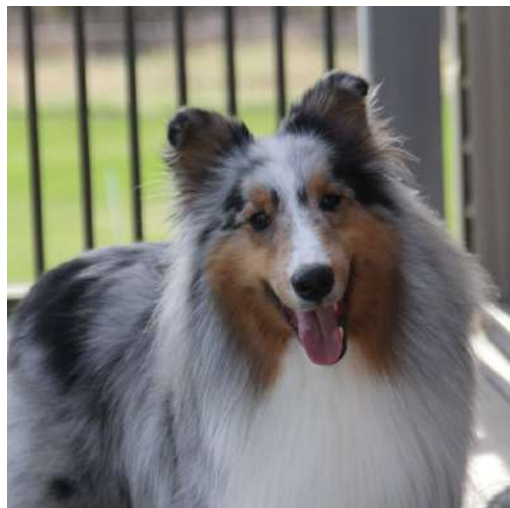
-Debbie Miller-Gurchak



MORE Wags and Brags

Quinn earned his first title! He competed in Barnhunt and received his Novice title in Cadiz, Ohio. It takes three qualifying runs, he has to find one rat in a tube, go thru a tunnel and climb on a bale of hay. Quinn got 1st place and high in class. He had two minutes to accomplish this goal and he did it in 26 seconds. We are onward to Barnhunt open. Proud of him getting his 1st title.

-Linda Cornell



Greyson, Spree, and I had an amazing day at the C-WAGS scent work trial on February 28th. Greyson made his scent work trial debut that morning, and he did me proud by qualifying on 3 of his 4 runs. It's always so exciting to start a young dog in a new performance sport. Spree also did an awesome job for me. She was 4 for 4 at the trial, and finished her Level 3 Scent Investigator title and earned two legs toward her Ranger 3 title too. It was a long day for her, since we had to be there at the crack of dawn for Greyson's Level 1 runs that morning. She was a trooper and attacked her searches that afternoon with lots of enthusiasm, despite having spent much of the day crated in the car. The non-stop rain that day presented some challenges, but the trial committee handled them all with aplomb! We truly appreciate all of the time and effort that went into putting on the C-WAGS trial. There were lots of smiling faces at CastleGate Shelties at the end of the trial. We are so looking forward to the next scent work trial in October.

-Lynn Uram

MORE Wags and Brags

Benny and Jordi had an awesome weekend at the Hide N Seek trial on February 21st & 22nd! Both qualified in 6 out of 8 runs (damn that Chutes & Ladders game).

Jordi earned two titles and Benny earned four! They love to search for those dirty rats!!

-Jen Heid



I did my warm up exercises on February 26th, then did my routine, and earned my DMWYD Canine Conditioning Fitness Level 2 title! I mastered the wobble board, walked through a ladder sideways with just my front paws, walked the plank and did a bunch of other interesting things. Now I'm really fit and Mom is extra proud of me!

-Buttons

(Linda Irwin)

On January 20th I decided to try my paw at earning my DMWYD Novice Stunt Dog title and guess what? I passed with honors! Because I previously earned my Novice titles in Tricks and Conditioning Fitness, I earned my first Triple Crown title. On February 23, I got my AKC Novice Stunt Dog title, too. Mom says she's super proud of me and best of all, we had lots of fun!!!

-Rags

(Linda Irwin)

