

KCTC *Newsletter*



Koa at Puppy Confidence Class!

-Morgan Elizabeth

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A Message from the President

Our next session of classes will begin May 17, and most are full. Consistent with current state regulations, we are not yet relaxing our COVID protocols. We want everyone to say safe! And I encourage everyone to get fully vaccinated for maximum protection. Vaccinations are now readily available. In my humble opinion, the possible minor short-term side effects are insignificant compared to the severe consequences of COVID, up to and including death (almost 600,000 deaths in the United States so far).

The State has recently announced that the limits on the size of indoor gatherings will be discontinued starting Memorial Day, although masking requirements will remain. So we anticipate that we will be able to increase most of our class sizes for Session IV, which begins in late July.

Mary Jo Daly has informed me that 47 KCTC dogs, owned by 28 members, earned new titles in 2020. Fourteen of these dogs earned their first titles! It is great to see so many dogs and members remaining active in pursuing titles, despite the pandemic. Because of the relaxations on the State regulations on indoor gatherings, we are planning for an in-person membership meeting on Sunday, July 25 at 7:00 pm at the club, during which members can pick up their plaques and add-on bars. And KCTC will provide individually-wrapped snacks, as we did last year. Masks will still be required, per State regulations.

Our last-minute Rodeo Dog trial on April 18 proved very popular. Thanks to Suzanne Vighetti and Jen Heid for making it work on short notice. Our spring WCRL Rally trial will be May 15 - 16. The Premium is posted to our website homepage.

Because no one has expressed an interest in running for office against the slate recommended by the Nominating Committee, we will not have a May election for Officers and Board members. The current people in those positions will remain:

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We rolled out a new on-line method for conducting class evaluations, rather than handing out hard copies during the last week of class. After fixing an initial glitch, the on-line method is working well. We have generally received very good feedback on our classes. One positive evaluation, from a Family Manners I class, stood out to me. It read (with minor editing):

"My family thought I was crazy enrolling our dog in a Family Manners I class. He's a former farm dog with no structure in his life and can be leash reactive with other dogs. That exposure to other dogs is why he needed this class. By the end of class he was passing by other dogs closely with relative calm. Our instructor believed in him the whole time. I now have the confidence to walk him in my neighborhood and have enrolled in Family Manners III!"

I think this is a great testament to the Instructor of that class.

Doggie quote for the month: "If aliens saw us walking our dogs and picking up their poop, who would they think is in charge?" - Author Unknown.

And that reminds me -- as responsible dog owners, we need to clean up when we walk our dogs. The motto from Alcosan is "Snag it, bag it, and throw it away." That prevents contamination of soil and water systems. You can get a free collapsible dog bowl and poop bags from the following Alcosan site: <https://www.alcosan.org/about-us/environmental-stewardship/pups-pledge>.

Remember, have fun with your dogs!

Dan Goldberg, President

Upcoming Events

May 15-16 - WCRL Rally Trial

The WCRL Spring Trial will be here soon on May 15 and 16. Volunteer response has been enthusiastic! There are still a few choice volunteer positions available. If you are showing that day, we can work around your schedule! There are some extra positions this year due to our old friend, Covid 19. Help us make this Trial the best ever! Free lunch and a raffle ticket for the Worker Basket are waiting for you! Please contact Jo Schreiber at schreiberjo54juno@gmail.com for more details. Many thanks to those who have already volunteered.

July 10 - C-Wags Scentwork Trial

Stay tuned for more details!

July 17-18 - Rodeo Dog Trial

Stay tuned for more details!

Membership Update

Voted into Membership



Maria Costanza and Ray Immekus with Bubba an American Pitbull Terrier



Sara Holmes and Gizmo a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel



Krikka Kuhse and Max a Bernedoodle



Lynda Kuzbel and her Shelties, Logan, Declan, and Brooklyn

Applying for Membership



Debi Page is applying for membership with her Azawahk, Shallom and her Greyhounds. Debi has taken Family Manners I and II. She is endorsed by Amy Sandhagen and Amy Rasanko



Sandy Golomb is applying for membership with Oliver and Pixie her Chinese Crested. Sandy has taken Novice rally twice. sandy is endorsed by Maribeth Hook and Clara Schmalz

Wags and Brags



Koa at puppy preschool!
-Morgan Elizabeth

Sophie got her clover performance title and 2
legs to her beginners straight line.

- Morgan Elizabeth



Took some cute puppy pictures from Puppy
Confidence class (Bobbie is to the left and
Owen is on the right)! Also wanted to share
Buffels taking a break from agility class with
instructor Hope.

-Joanne Strope

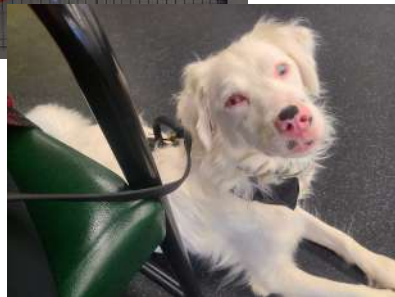


MORE Wags and Brags



Sal at nose work!

- Morgan Elizabeth



Pending AKC approval Chloe earned her ACT 1 title and Rodeo dog performance clover. Kylo and Cole earned their beginner clover and straight I line titles in rodeo dog.

- Martha Avery



I am so pleased to announce that Trixie has become a Rodeo Dog! Thank you so much, KCTC for hosting Trixie's first-ever Rodeo Dog Trial on April 18. Trixie earned her Beginner Rodeo titles in both Clover and Straight-Line!

- Dee Farrell



MORE Wags and Brags

So excited!!! Sophie aka Karastar Kelvington's Heavenly Blessing TKE Act 2J Act1 went to her first conformation show Thursday , April 29 at the South Hills Kennel Club show in Morgantown. She was awarded Winner's Bitch and also Best Opposite Sex for her first point under judge, Barbara Alderman. A huge thank you to Joann Carruba for sharing Sophie with us. Another thanks goes to my husband, Dave for going along to help and take videos!

- Elaine Kelvington



Katie made her AKC agility debut last month and earned her Novice Jumpers with Weaves title and 2 legs toward her Novice Standard title. This little girl is so much fun, and I am looking forward to our journey ahead.

- Terri Chasser

At the recent KCTC Rodeo Dog trials on April 18th, Team Emme had so much fun and earned a new title, too! Emme was also proudly presented with the Rodeo Ruffles Remembrance Award for being the happiest dog in the trial. It was awesome to see her enjoying herself with her mom, Laura Leonard. Congratulations!!!

- Linda Irwin



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On April 18th, I trotted over to the KCTC Rodeo Dog trials with my pardner, Mom, and I lassoed my Performance Clover title and two legs towards my Performance Straight Line title! I recently earned my DMWYD and AKC Novice Trick Dog titles, too! I like getting pretty ribbons but best of all I love having fun with Mom!

- Buttons
(Linda Irwin)

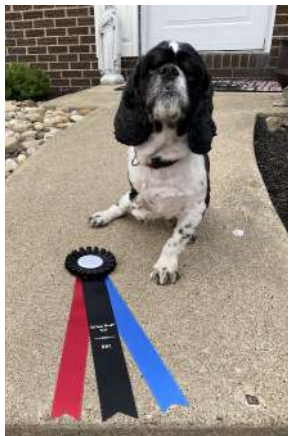
The Heid Clan had a busy month!!

Jordi earned her NW1 In Spencerville, Md.

Benny earned his C-WAGS Scent Patrol title and the following Rodeo Dog titles: Clover, Straight Line, Round-Up and Lock, Stock & Barrel at the "performance" level. This is huge for him since he used to be afraid of the barrels!!

Blue earned his C-WAGS Level 1 Scent Patrol title.

J. Lo entered her first CPE Agility trial and earned her CL1-H title AND entered her first AKC Rally trial and earned her first 2 legs toward her RN.



- Jen Heid