

KCTC *Newsletter*



Running through the fall leaves.
Abbey, Saylor, and Katie.(Left to
right)

- Terri Chasser

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A Message from the President

This is my final "From the President" column. I hope that these columns have kept you informed about KCTC items, and that you have enjoyed reading them. As previously announced, I will step down as President effective July 22. I will remain active in KCTC as a Board member and instructor. I will be turning over the reins to Dan Mullaney. Please support Dan to the same high degree that you have supported me. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming membership meeting and awards presentations on July 25 at the club.

I normally don't write about any potentially controversial in these columns, but I want to address COVID-19 vaccinations. As you are aware, the KCTC Board has reacted to the COVID situation by establishing a protocol to keep our members safe when attending KCTC classes and events. Now that vaccines are available, the spread of COVID has been greatly reduced in Allegheny County. This is mainly due to people getting vaccinated. However, the new Delta variant has been found in Allegheny County, is very contagious, has serious effects, and is spreading rapidly where vaccination rates are low. I encourage anyone who is not vaccinated to do so. Some people think that COVID is no big deal. But over 607,000 people in the United States have died from COVID. This is more than all the US troops killed in World Wars I and II combined! Some people are afraid of blood clots from the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. But the risk of blood clots is very low. As of late June, the risk was 0.00019 percent. You have a better chance of being struck by lightning! Some people note that even vaccinated people can still get COVID. But the COVID symptoms in vaccinated people are far less severe than those who were vaccinated. Some people think that the development of the vaccine was rushed. In reality, the MRNA technique that is used to make the vaccine was developed over 15 years ago, and was successfully used to develop the SARS vaccine. Also, getting vaccinated protects not just you, but also protects others from getting COVID from you. It seems to me that there are huge advantages of getting vaccinated, and no advantages to not getting vaccinated. And one bonus - vaccinated people are no longer required to wear masks in many settings. One last fact: Over 99% of people who have died from COVID were not vaccinated. So please do your part to help keep yourself and your fellow KCTC members (and your family and other friends) safe.

My final doggie quote for the month: "Training dogs is way easier than training people!" - Dan Goldberg

Remember, have LOTS OF FUN with your dogs!

Dan Goldberg, President

Upcoming Events

July 17-18 - Rodeo Dog Trial

Stay tuned for more details!

July 24- Summer Doggy Photo Shoot

(supports American Cancer Society) Contact Cindy Sumner (724-255-7921) to sign up!

July 25- Membership Meeting and Awards Presentation

More details to follow!


September 25-26 - Teacup Agility


Stay tuned for more details!

DUES ARE DUE NOW!

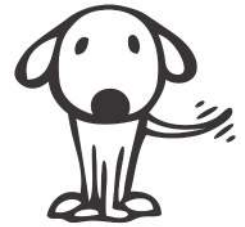
Membership Update

Applying for Membership

 Juanita Martini and Bear her Pekingese/Poodle are applying for membership. Juanita and Bear have taken Level 1 and Level 2 WCRL advanced rally. She is endorsed by Pat Warnick and Linda Irwin.

 Laurie Cortazzo and Twyla a mix are applying for membership. They have taken Puppy Pre-School and Building Puppy Confidence. Laurie is endorsed by Karina Palko and Morgan Shipley.

Wags and Brags



Kylo earned his AKC Novice Jumpers title with first place in the 8" category!

-Regina Sacco

Penny celebrated her 1,000 Point Level 1 Award in CPE Agility (earned in 2019) this June! We just got the award in the mail. Q's in CPE Agility earn between 15 and 25 points depending on the event, so this celebrates 50+/- qualifying runs since she started CPE in January 2019 as a 10-year-old! She also enjoyed the special treats and gifts for Double Digit Agility Dogs celebrated by Splash N' Dash at their June Trial in Latrobe. She is such a quiet, consistent achiever who loves to give kisses and be where her mama is.

-Virginia Weida



Heidi ran in CPE Agility this June after a long break since October 2020, and earned another Q (and a few "not quites" towards her championship goal. At the June show, Splash N Dash celebrates Double Digit Agility Dogs, and Heidi was excited to be included in the recognitions since she just turned 10 in May. This show was either going to be our retirement, or return. As it seems like the daily meds for Cushings are really making a difference for her, we are going to keep trying agility for a while longer! She is so much fun to run with.

-Virginia Weida

MORE Wags and Brags

Greyson finished his BCAT today (June 26th) on his first run of the day at B&D Creekside. That was his first Fast CAT title and mine too! Greyson always gets steak at the "catching end" of his Fast CAT runs, and today, he got an extra helping of it!! He thought that was a fabulous way to celebrate his new title.

Although it meant getting up before the crack of dawn on a Saturday morning, I was very grateful that we were in the first group of dogs to run today. By 8:00 a.m., it was already starting to get hot and humid. Greyson had two runs today, and he ran more than a second faster on his second run than on his first run. As muggy as it was today, I wasn't expecting him to be faster the second time down the track.

Greyson and I are officially addicted to Fast CAT now. He loves running full out, and I love seeing him barreling down the track at me!!

-Lynn Uram



Quinn Cornell took reserve in the Shelbyville Tennessee Conformation show. He also has two legs in Barn Hunt open (2 rats) and won 1st place and high in class. Proud of my boy so much!

-Linda Cornell

MORE Wags and Brags

Katie competed in her second AKC agility trial sponsored by Three Rivers Shetland Sheepdog Club of Greater Pittsburgh June 17-19, and I am so happy with how well she did. She earned her Novice Standard title, legs in Novice Fast, Open JWW and Open Standard. She also won the award for High Scoring Sheltie in Novice on Friday and High Scoring Sheltie in Open on Saturday. I am so proud of my baby girl!

-Terri Chasser



J. Lo finished her AKC Rally Novice title at the Westmoreland Obedience Training Club trial on June 11th.

-Jen Heid

Benny finished his AKC Scent Work Novice Containers title at Cleveland All-Breed Training Club on June 20th.

-Jen Heid



MORE Wags and Brags



Jordi finished her AKC Scent Work Excellent Exterior title, which gave her the overall Scent Work Excellent title at Cleveland All-Breed Training Club on June 20th. She also earned her National Association of Canine Scent Work NW2 title in Oregon, Ohio. She had to pass 5 searches on the same day to qualify (container, exterior, vehicle and 2 interior). I'm very proud of my mighty tripod.

-Jen Heid

Caledonia earned her second leg in Barn Hunt Senior with a first place finish and high in class, time 2.46 minutes! Two down, one more to go!

-Barbara Wojtowicz



Cole and his dog Kylo earned 2 titles in Rodeo dog both clover and straight line. Cole and Mika earned their WCRL intro rally title and one leg of level 1 a. Cole and his puppy Channing won Best of Variety for their first point at the New Castle Kennel Club on Memorial Day.

-Martha Avery