

# KCTC *Newsletter*



Otis having fun at Rodeo Dog!

-Julie Fisher

*July 2022*

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## *A Message from the President*

Greetings,

The July membership meeting has been cancelled. If you have any issues that you wished to address, please email me at [wpaschips@gmail.com](mailto:wpaschips@gmail.com) and we will determine the best way to handle them.

Julie Fisher is stepping down as newsletter editor and I would like to thank her for her patience with me, in addition to putting together a fun and informative newsletter! If anyone would like to step into the breach, she has agreed to offer guidance and help getting you started. Interested parties can contact me, again at [wpaschips@gmail.com](mailto:wpaschips@gmail.com).

The awards luncheon was held on June 18<sup>th</sup> at Al's Café. Thanks to Mary Jo Daly for getting the plaques and bars ordered! The year is over half done, how has the training and trialing journey been? Are you still on track to attain any goals made in January? The awards gave me a gentle reminder of where I need to do more work, not necessarily longer or harder, but more often and more consistently.

Thank goodness we were able to get a replacement rooftop HVAC unit for the front room. I had doubts about it, but many thanks to our landlord, Steve Coco, for getting it replaced so quickly, and thanks to you for your patience.

Floor cleaning will be July 13 just in time for ... our Rodeo Dog trials, July 23 – 24! If you would like to volunteer to help, I'm sure the trial committee will be happy to make use of your talents. Day of show entries will be accepted. The premium is available on the homepage.

We are pleased to host a workshop, "Fun with Heeling," led by Phyllis Huber on July 30 at the club. Further details and a registration form are in the newsletter and on the homepage.

Members will be receiving an email about the Wall Photos for Keystone Dogs, the wall is slated to be updated in January, with submissions due by October 15, 2022.

Plans are underway for this year's photo shoot, details to come; and believe it or not we've begun planning the holiday party.

Happy Training,

Dan Mullaney

President

"Training dogs is like popping popcorn; they can all be in the same kettle, but they pop at different

times." - unknown

# Upcoming Events

## Membership Renewal - July 1

Dues are NOW Due!!!

## Building Closed for Cleaning - July 13-14

## Rodeo Dog Run Thurs- July 17

Run thrus from 2pm-4pm

## Rodeo Dog - July 23-24

Four Trials, two per day!

## Agility Workshops with Donna Rohaus- July 28

Details on page 8.

## *Applying for Membership:*

- 🐾 Karen Fix is applying for membership with Nisu a Corgi/Poodle mix and Copper a Cocker/Poodle mix. They have taken family manners and CGC Prep. Karen is endorsed by Jen Heid and Suzanne Vighetti.
- 🐾 Meghan Wingard and her Aussies, Bailee, Tucker & Murphy are applying for membership. They have taken Family Manners I, Advanced WCRL rally and Agility teeters & weaves. Meghan is endorsed by Jen Heid and Virginia Weida.





# TRICK DOG CIRCUS

Under the Big Top on July 5 th the atmosphere was electrically charged with excitement.

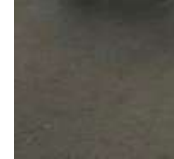
The Session III AKC Trick dogs were entering the rings and taking their places in front of the audience!

Buddy warmed up by going to his place and doing his puppy push-ups, earning his TKN and TKI titles. Rainie, in fine puppy form, rang the bell and captured her TKN and TKI titles. Sweet little GiGI spun on her tub and rolled her barrel right into her TKA Advanced title. Not to be left in the sawdust, Bailey clowned around, jumping onto her handler's back and riding away with her TKI and TKA titles. Gus Gus found the wobble board the perfect place to catch a treat and came down with his TKN and TKI titles. Shy demure Pixie blossomed and flew through the tunnel and lit up her whale, achieving her TKN and TKI titles. Roar-E worked really hard, walking on her hind legs and weaving so close to her TKA title.

This session was full of fun and marked one year of the AKC Tricks class being offered at KCTC with a total of 53 titles being awarded so far.

So proud of all of our Trick Dogs!

-Ringmasters Linda I and Pat W



# Wags and Brags



We are excited to share that Gus Gus earned his very first title in class at KCTC. He earned his Trick Dog Novice Title with Linda Irwin and Pat Warnick! Coach and big brother Le Beau is quite proud of the little guy. Thanks to everyone at Keystone for your help and support!

-Virginia Weida



Mandy Celebrated her 14 th birthday with a little party. We love her so much.

-Linda and Chuck Cornell



I am so excited as I recently received my award from WCRL Rally for being the 3rd place pup internationally in the Rally 1 Championship rankings for 2021! Mom is so proud of me!!!

Love,

Rags

(Linda Irwin)



# A Little "Peek" into Ruby's Adventures

When we visited the shelter (August 31, 2008), we looked at the cutest, sweetest little dog in one of the kennels. She looked up at us and gave us her paw, choosing us to take her home. She was very shy and scared. Her tail was tucked tightly. She wouldn't even take treats in the shelter. They said that she was found wandering on the side of a rural road and a lady picked her up and took her to a shelter. She was skinny and very scared. Her age was estimated at two (2) to three (3) years old.

Once the adoption was finalized, she got a pink collar and leash, and we walked down the hallway to the door. She seemed to get a little bounce in her step along the way, and the shelter caregivers were cheering that "Liz Taylor" (name they gave her) was getting a home. We changed her name to Ruby before we even left the shelter.

Ruby and I started basic training classes at a nearby pet store (September 2008). She did exceptionally well. She had lots of energy and was amazing at learning new things, so a year later we started taking agility classes (September 2009). We never intended to compete; it was just for fun. However, in June 2010 we were talked into our first agility trial and were hooked! She did great! She earned her teacup agility championship title (TACH) in October 2013!

January 2014 started out scary when Ruby was diagnosed with meningitis. Luckily, she recovered with the help of wonderful veterinarians and nurses. Also, we learned that she developed intervertebral disk disease, which is common in long-backed dogs. In 2015 Ruby started physical therapy, which was a tremendous help for her back and, later, arthritis.

Ruby joined Dog Scouts of America in fall of 2012. She earned the title of Dog Scout in January 2013. July 2013 was our first-time attending Dog Scout Camp (Mini-Camp in Maryland). We learned so much! It was one of the best adventures ever! Ruby earned several Merit Badges at camp that year. We were able to attend several more DSA mini-camps and virtual camps (during COVID), and we continued learning and badge-earning for the rest of her life, earning a total of 25 Merit Badges!

Ruby earned her Trick Dog Championship Title (TDCh) through Do More With Your Dog in 2016.

Ruby had started to learn nosework/scentwork in 2012, but we didn't really pursue it much. When we were re-introduced to it later, Ruby loved it! In 2018 we started taking classes and competing in Scent Work trials. Ruby did great! She earned the title of Super Sleuth (C-WAGS) in March 2020, which is a very appropriate title for her.

Ruby was diagnosed with hemangiosarcoma (blood vessel cancer) in May 2019. She had major surgery to remove the tumor and reconstruct the area where the tumor was removed. She had chemotherapy from June through September 2019. We slowly started doing more activities as her health improved.

When the COVID pandemic closed everything, we weren't able to attend classes or trials, but we continued to play scentwork at home. She loved it. We also worked on her tricks, dog scout activities, physical therapy, and went on short hikes. We started playing scentwork almost every day, sometimes she'd ask to play scentwork several times a day!

Unfortunately, the cancer returned, unexpectedly, and grew rapidly. Her exams and tests in March 2022 showed no signs of cancer. She collapsed in May 2022, the veterinarians were able to remove fluid from the sack around her heart and tests showed a tumor on her heart. She was with us for 11 more days. We were able to spoil her as much as she could handle.

Ruby would try anything, especially if treats were involved! She was the most amazing little girl. She wanted to keep going, learning, and doing fun things with us. I wish she could have.

-Stacy Damm



Ruby's First Day Home - August 31, 2008



Just Being Her Cute Self - November 2021



In her Dog Scout Uniform - July 2020

# AGILITY WORKSHOPS AT KEYSTONE

Donna Rohaus is coming to Keystone on Thursday, July 28 th . Donna has been teaching agility in the Pittsburgh area for 23 years. She has trained 9 of her own dogs to the highest titles in many agility organizations. Although she has many accolades and many top national finals finishes, she is always learning about dog training – taking many seminars, classes and online courses. Donna loves to teach, focuses on foundations and will gently push you out of your comfort zone to take you training to the next level.

Donna will be offering workshops in small groups (4-5 handler & dog teams). The fee will be \$55 per 2 hour session.

5-7 PM – Improve your front cross skills!

7-9 PM- Handling skills for the Novice/Open level (including jumps, tunnels and weaves).

The workshops will be tailored to the level of experience of the students in the group.

Private lessons will also be available prior to the workshops. The prices for private lessons are \$70/hour or \$35/half hour. Share the cost & split an hour with a friend!

For more information or to get a spot in the workshops or private lessons contact

Dan Goldberg at [dangoldberg444@gmail.com](mailto:dangoldberg444@gmail.com) or 412-831-1042.





# ***FUN WITH HEELING***

Presented by  
***Keystone Canine Training Club***  
Saturday, July 30, 2022  
11:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Workshop Leader: Phyllis Huber



## ***What's this Heeling stuff?***

***This workshop is all about having fun with your dog while heeling***

***Areas of focus will include:***

- ***Attention***
- ***Attitude is everything***
- ***Principles of heeling***
- ***Heel position – the best place in the world to be***
- ***Motivating your dog to want to heel with you***
- ***Heeling games***

**KEYSTONE CANINE TRAINING CLUB**  
**FUN WITH HEELING**  
**REGISTRATION FORM** *For more information*  
*contact:* [info@keystonecanine.com](mailto:info@keystonecanine.com)

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Mail this registration form with payment to:

Pam Lewis

342 Middlegate Dr.

Bethel Park Pa 15102

Cost: \$30.00 for Working Spots \$10.00 Auditors.

KCTC Obedience, FM, Rally Instructors Audit \$0.00 (must complete  
the form to reserve a spot)

Make checks payable to: KCTC

**Select One:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Working Spot** \_\_\_\_\_ **Audit Spot** \_\_\_\_\_

All Attendees	Working Spots Only
<b>Name:</b>	<b>Dog's Name:</b>
<b>Email:</b> <b>Phone:</b>	<b>Breed:</b>
<b>Address:</b>	<b>Level of Training:</b>

**WORKING TEAMS:** Please explain what issues you have when heeling with your dog.

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***Working Teams: Please bring plenty of High Value, small size treats, toys, a crate for your dog, smiles and a positive attitude!***