



Canine Chronicle



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ANNUAL AWARDS PRESENTED

KDTC Recognized Members' Achievements at April Banquet

KDTC's Annual Awards Banquet, held on April 7th at the Olive Garden Restaurant, drew about 70 members and guests who gathered to recognize and applaud the services and achievements of KDTC members.

The following members contributed immensely to the success of this year's annual awards' banquet:

Kim Anglemeyer (All Awards & Service Recognition Certificates)

Diane Coles (Banquet Arrangements & Special Prizes and Financial Arrangements & Services)

KDTC proudly recognized the following members at the April banquet, honoring and recognizing their achievements and services during the 2006 club year:

2007 Titles Earned

Andrea Boucher and Katie: UKC Companion Dog Excellent; USDAA Agility Dog; AKC Agility Excellent; AKC Master Agility Jumper; AKC Novice Fast; Nadac Open Agility Regular; NADAC Open Chances

Andrea Boucher and Captain: UKC Companion Dog Excellent; USDAA Agility Dog; AKC Novice Fast; AKC Open Fast; AKC Master Agility Champion

Elly Burke and Icy: AKC Companion Dog

Karen Charleston and Kodi: AKC Rally Advanced Excellent; UKC Started Hunting Retriever

Karen Charleston and Hoss: AKC Rally Excellent; AKC Junior Hunter; UKC Started Hunting Retriever

Karen Charleston and Belle: AKC Rally Advanced Excellent

Jim Croteau and Bell: AKC Companion Dog

Marcia Johnson and Sabre: AKC Utility Dog Excellent; AKC Obedience Trial Champion

Marcia Johnson and Ace: UKC Companion Dog Excellent

Kathy Kass and Switch: AKC Novice Agility; AKC Novice Agility Jumpers; AKC Open Agility; AKC Open Agility Jumpers; AKC Excellent Agility Jumpers; AKC Novice Fast; AKC Open Fast;

USDAA Starters Stand. Agility; USDAA Starters Gamblers; USDAA Agility Dog

Kathy Kass and Rem: AKC Master Agility Champion; AKC Novice Fast

Cindy Kursner and Mikal: AKC Companion Dog; AKC Rally Novice; NCA Water Dog

Cindy Kursner and Bailey: AKC Rally Novice; NCA Draft Dog

Cindy Kursner and Oz: NCA Water Rescue Dog Excellent

Sue Nemedi and Rumor: AKC Tracking Dog; AKC Companion Dog; UKC Companion Dog

Sue Nemedi and Phoebe: AKC Utility Dog

Carole Newkirk and Katie: AKC Companion Dog; UKC Companion Dog

Melissa Olvitt and Hula: UKC Breed Champion

Barb Osborne and Ronnie: AKC Agility Fast Novice Preferred; UKC Agility I; UKC Companion Dog Excellent; AKC Excellent Agility Jumper; AKC Agility Excellent

Lynn Thomas and Desi: AKC Companion Dog Excellent

Becki VanderWeele and Kinsey: UKC Breed Champion

2007 Titles Earned

Barb VanEseltine and Terry: AKC Breed Champion; AKC Novice Agility; CPE Level 1 Agility; CPE Level 2 Agility

Becky Wetzel and Abby: AKC Master Excellent Jumpers; AKC Rally Advanced Excellent

Ellen Wilson and Scully: UKC Companion Dog Excellent; AKC Companion Dog Excellent; ASCA Companion Dog Excellent; AKC Rally Novice; AKC Rally Advanced

Karen Wood and Rip: UKC Breed Champion; AKC Breed Champion

Brenda Zielinski and Rush: UKC Breed Champion; AKC Breed Champion

Special Awards and Recognition

Elly Burke and Icy: HIT, UKC Premier, June 17, 2007, Score 200; HIT, Ann Arbor Dog Training Club, Oct. 6, 2007 (Score 199)

Karen Charleston and Kodi: Temperament Test, May 6, 2007

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Karen Charleston and Belle: Temperament Test, May 6, 2007

Nancy Dage and Harvey: CGC, May 2, 2007

Courtney Ferrell and Skyler: High Scoring Junior: April 29, 2007, Trial 1 & 2, Score 195; June 17, 2007, UKC Premier, Score 198; Aug. 19, 2007, Trail Creek Dog Training Club, Score 194;

Top Junior Handler, UKC National Junior Invitational, June 15, 2007, Score 198

Marcia Johnson and Ace: 2nd Place, UKC Novice All-Stars, June 14, 2007

Marcia Johnson and Sabre: HIT & HC, Ft. Wayne, May 6, 2007, Score 199; HC, Ft. Wayne, May 5, 2007; HIT & HC, Jaxon Kennel Club, Score 198-1/2; HC, Livonia Kennel, Aug. 31, 2007; HIT & HC, Livonia Kennel Club, Sept. 1, 2007; HC, Ann Arbor Dog Training Club, Oct. 6, 2007

Cindy Kursner and Mikal: CGC, Jan. 22, 2007

Sue Nemedi and Rumor: HIT, UKC Great Lakes Obedience Club, Score 198; HIT, ABTC National Speciality, Novice B, Score 198-1/2; HIT, AKC Mt. Pleasant Kennel Club, Score 197;

HIT, All 4 Trials, ECHO Club, Scores 197, 197-1/2; 198; 199; HIT Battle Creek Kennel Club, Novice B, Score 196

Carole Newkirk and Katie: HIT, ECHO Club, Apr. 28, 2007, Novice A

Melissa Olvitt and Hula: Ranked 5th in Bullmastiffs, UKC

Melissa Olvitt and Maizee: 4th Place, UKC Premier, June 17, 2007, Score 198-1/2

Karen Stahr and Poker: HIT, Grand Rapids Kennel Club, Nov. 11, 2007, Score 198

Grace Stevens and Joker: Temperament Test, June 30, 2007

Ellen Wilson and Scully: HIT, ECHO Club, Apr. 2007; HIT, April 2007; Temperament Test, May, 2007; Rally Novice, Three Perfect 100s, Three 1st Places



President's Choice Award

Mabel Jorgensen

Committee's Choice Award

Mary Law

Founders' Award

Barb Osborne



High Scoring Groups

Sporting: Marcia Johnson, Score 199

Herding: Elly Burke, Score 200

Highest Scoring Dog

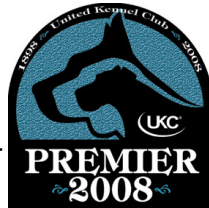
Elly Burke and Icy, Score 200

Service certificates were presented to all of KDTC's 2007 instructors and class assistants.



UKC PREMIER: LESS THAN TWO MONTHS AWAY!

Isn't it great to see things starting to green up and feeling sure that spring really is on her way? That means summer isn't that far behind and it will be mid-June and Premier time



before you know it. Please mark your calendars, if you haven't already done so, for June 12, 13, 14 and 15. We are really going to need all your help to steward and make this a very good experience for all of those coming to Kalamazoo to show. To date I have received calls from Pennsylvania, Canada and Arizona (met this very interesting lady who traveled to Canada last weekend where she was showing her Rottweiler in Open; she finished her CDX with a HIT, and then moved to Utility and is looking forward to coming to Kalamazoo). All of these folks, plus a couple of others, are interested in the "Show 'N Go" on Thursday afternoon (June 12th).

Please plan on being able to help.

We will be getting back to you soon with more information.

~~~Jan West



**We're Sorry...**

...that Steve Stahr had to have back surgery recently, but glad that he is recovering and again able to work part-time.

...that Beth Schroeder, in April, lost her wonderful Labrador, Eisner.

...that Grace Stevens' heart went all a-flutter in April but was back to normal after a brief hospitalization.

**KDTC SUMMER CLASS SCHEDULE & ORIENTATION SET**

Orientation for KDTC's summer classes will be held on Wed., May 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., at the County Fairgrounds. Due to a scheduling conflict, Orientation will be held in the Hazel Gray Building. Members and their dogs are encouraged to attend and participate in the demonstration program at Orientation.

The summer 2008 schedule is as follows:

**Tuesdays:**

6:00 pm: Beginning, Russ Holroyd

UDX Proofing, Marcia Johnson

7:00 pm: Beginning Clicker, Jim Croteau &

Melissa Olivitt

Fundamentals, Andrea Boucher

8:00 pm: Open Ring Ready, Lynn Thomas

**Wednesdays:**

6:00 pm: Advanced Beginning, Diane Coles

& Russ Holroyd

Skill Building, Brenda Zielinski

7:00 pm: Puppy 1, Joan Hines

Advanced Skill Building/Beginning

Open, Marcia Johnson

8:00 pm: Puppy 2, Cheri Cline

Beginning, Grace Stevens

**Thursdays:**

No Thursday classes are offered in the summer session.

Class assistants may still be needed for one or more of our summer classes. Please contact Scott Munn (269-341-9550) to volunteer as a class assistant.

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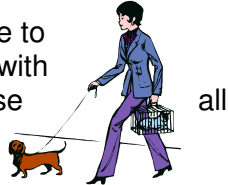
**DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE ISSUE OF THE CANINE CHRONICLE IS THURS., MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>. SEND YOUR BRAGS & NEWS TO [graceace@aol.com](mailto:graceace@aol.com) SOON.**

## KDTC'S MAY MEETING

The May meetings of KDTC will be held on Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at King-Westwood School. The Board meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. and the General meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m.

### May Program: Sharing Training Perspectives: First Round

At the March meeting of KDTC, an idea was floated for trainers to use our monthly meeting program time to share some of their methods with others. The idea was to expose all of us to a variety of training methods. Several folks volunteered to share and are in the process of pulling together our May program.



At the May meeting, Jim Croteau, Becki VanderWeele and Sue Hultquist will be presenting a mini-seminar, using their dogs to demonstrate some training techniques.

Please plan to attend this meeting and program to gain some practical information regarding training and instruction.

Guests are always welcome at KDTC meetings.



### On the Receiving End of Pet Therapy: A Happy Experience

During my most recent hospitalization in the Cardiac Unit at Bronson Hospital, I was in a room identified for "Pet Therapy." I gave no thought to that sign, mostly because nobody asked me if I wanted to receive such therapy. Triscuit and I in years past had been on the "giving end" of pet therapy, but never the receiving end.



What a wonderful lift it was for me when Rufus, a cute and friendly little Yorkie, and his equally friendly handler visited me during my hospitalization. I got to pet and hold Rufus and

talk with his handler – and that was such a pleasant, happy experience!! During the brief visit by this pet therapy dog, all I thought about was how cute he was and how nice it was to hold him. I learned first hand the value of a Therapy Dog! So I thank all of you who do Pet Therapy. G.Stevens

## Some coming events near you!

In May and June, Kalamazoo will be the site of some major dog events of interest to both competitive and non-competitive dog people. Class instructors will want to notify their students of these local events.

### Kalamazoo Humane Society Annual Dog Walkathon

The KHS Walkathon will be held on Sat., May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Prairie View Park from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. KDTC will be doing an obedience demonstration (see **Walkathon Help Needed**, next page) and providing an information booth at the walkathon.

### The AKC Appleblossom Cluster Show

The annual AKC Appleblossom Cluster of dog shows and trials will be held at the Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds, May 23-26. Many of our KDTC members will be competing in various venues at these trials (e.g., obedience, rally, conformation, etc.).



### The UKC Premier

UKC's annual Premier, in which KDTC participates by stewarding and sponsoring a "Show 'N Go" (see **UKC**, p. 3) will be held at the Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds, June 12-15. Members will be needed to help with stewarding and handling the Show 'N Go.

### AKC Agility Trial

The Kalamazoo Kennel Club, D Avenue, is holding an AKC Agility Trial on June 20-22. Check out their web page for more information. The editor would like to receive information regarding matches, trials, seminars, etc. for publication in future issues of the *Canine Chronicle*. Please forward such information to Grace Stevens at [kazoodog@aol.com](mailto:kazoodog@aol.com) or 1223 Bretton Dr., Kalamazoo, MI 49006-2115.

**HAPPINESS IS NOT SO MUCH IN  
HAVING AS SHARING.  
WE MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT WE  
GET, BUT WE MAKE A LIFE BY  
WHAT WE GIVE.  
~~NORMAN MACEWAN**

## Walkathon Help Needed

KDTC is scheduled to have an information table and to do a dog obedience demonstration at the 2008 KHS Dog Walkathon on Sat., May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Prairie View Park.



Members are needed to help with the following:

- Greet the public at our information table (any time from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.);
- Participate with dogs in a 10:00 a.m. obedience demonstration.

Please contact Karen Stahr (665-7232) to volunteer to help. We need all the help we can get for this important event.

### Look Who's Walking!

She has to do it at least one more time, so Grace Stevens, Triscuit (at nearly 14 years of age, Triscuit may not manage to walk the full 2 miles) and Joker are planning to walk in the KHS Dog Walkathon, hoping to once again be the top adult fund raiser in this event. Joan Hines and a couple of other friends have already volunteered to walk with Grace and even help her carry the small oxygen tank the doctor said she should have "...just in case..." she needs it.

Grace welcomes donations to her fundraising efforts. You can send your donation, made to Kalamazoo Humane Society to her at 1223 Bretton Dr., Kalamazoo, MI, 49006, or through her web site:

<http://firstgiving.com/gracetriscuitjokerstevens>.

Your help will be appreciated!



## DIRECTORY UPDATE

Sharri Sibert's e-mail address was incorrectly listed in the last *Chronicle*. It should read: [sharri@ctstelecom.net](mailto:sharri@ctstelecom.net). Please make this change in your KDTC Directory.

**DON'T FORGET THAT KDTC  
ORIENTATION FOR OUR SUMMER  
CASSES IS WED., MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>. BE  
THERE WITH YOUR DOG BY 7:00  
P.M. !**

## Just A Few Brags

Nancy Dage wrote: Well, I finally have an obedience brag! Harvey and I showed at the Obedience Trial held at the Kalamazoo KC. We got our very first ever legs! Saturday we were 1<sup>st</sup> in Novice A with a 188 and Sunday we were 1<sup>st</sup> with a 197! – just shows how “experience” can improve your performance: D. We were high scoring Sheltie in Novice A both days for an additional prize and a year's subscription to *Front and Finish* magazine. It was beyond my hopes for the weekend and I'm still not walking with my feet on the ground! I hope we can do well when we go for the third leg. The greatest thing for me was that the club members at the trial were lined up at the ring to support our efforts and cheer our achievements! What a great club we have! So many of them were responsible for getting us there with their instruction, tips, help and support. I am so grateful for the talent in our club.

Charlie surprised his mom, Jan West, by completing his first two legs in AKC Utility, the first time he was in a Utility class, at the St. Joe Valley Agility Club's trials at Planet Canine with scores of 192-1/2 and 193. He took first place both days. Three weeks later at the Kalamazoo Kennel Club Trial he finished his UD title with a score of 194 and again 1<sup>st</sup> place. Congrats to Jan and Charlie!

At the Kent Kennel Klub (yes, they spell it that way) trials in Chatham, Ontario, Jan West's Willie passed Open with scores of 189 and 193-1/2 and earned a 3<sup>rd</sup> place. In Utility he also earned a 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a score of 189 and his 4<sup>th</sup> O.T.Ch.X leg. Way to go!!

Both Willie and Charlie finished their Rally Novice titles, Willie with a perfect score of 100 and 4<sup>th</sup> place and Charlie with a 195. Jan can be very proud of her boys.



**We need members' brags and news as well as photographs to go with news and brags. We also need original essays and articles of interest to our readers. Please send your material to the Editor at 1223 Bretton Dr., Kalamazoo, MI 49006 OR at [kazoodog@aol.com](mailto:kazoodog@aol.com) OR fax it to 344-0434.**