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## September Orientation!

**September 8th**, is the date of KDTC's Orientation at the Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds. Members are encouraged to come with their dogs to participate in our obedience demonstrations at Orientation, arriving about 6:30 p.m. to sign up and help. We need all the help we can get!

**PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND FALL ORIENTATION ON  
TUESDAY, SEPT. 8TH, AT 6:30 P.M.**

**A general meeting of KDTC, open to the public as usual, will  
follow**

## Fall Schedule Set!

### Tuesday

6pm .....Utility  
.....Beginning small dog  
7pm.....Open  
.....Advanced Beginning  
8pm.....Puppy II  
.....Advanced Skill Build

### Wednesday

6pm.....Beginning  
.....Fundamentals  
7pm .....Puppy I  
.....Beginning Big Dog  
8pm .....Rally

### Thursday

6pm.....Beginning  
.....open training  
7pm.....Skill Building  
.....Clicker  
8pm.....Beginning (if  
needed)

## President's Report

-All Members, please take care when moving the jumps during classes. Please have two people to move high jump and be sure to pick up, not drag, the bar and broad jumps. We've already got two tears in our new mats. Let's take good care of our equipment:)

-FYI, KDTC cannot allow any students dogs down at class that are not currently enrolled in classes. We would not be covered for the liability if anything happened unless the dog is signed up for class.

-Next Board meeting will be at 5:30pm on Sept 8th at the fairgrounds, before Orientation. Don't forget we have a general meeting after Orientation.

-Please contact me if there is any questions or if you need anything:) (269)599-5523

Thanks,  
Becki Vander Weele  
KDTC President



### CLASS ASSISTANTS NEEDED

If you are interested in assisting, please contact Scott Munn at 330-0465 to sign up.

## In Memory

### BREA

I am Karen Wood's sister, most of you might not know her BC Brea, but she passed to Rainbow Bridge recently. She was 12 which is not old for a BC, but for us it was way to quick. Her passing has left me with a greater understanding of the breed, and truly respectful of their quick wit, smartness beyond belief, and faithfulness.

We have all had our favorite dogs, those that are special. They might not be the best obedience dog, conformation dog, or just not good at anything, but they are your favorite.

Brea was the dog that was good at everything, she would turn her back on you when offended, or wanted to avoid a hand signal. She would show her teeth to other dogs when they entered her space, but never make contact, I think she really thought she was human, and why bother with the other dogs.

While Karen has 5 BC's Brea was the only female, and she did rule at Karen's house. She kept all boys in line, young or old.

I could write a book about this faithful companion, she was never far from Karen. A few years ago Karen and I were asked to do a Paws for reading program at the Plainwell library, we had many kids who had severe problems. Brea was the favorite with the kids, she would lick their faces and cuddle right down with them. This was her true calling, she loved the kids, and would have become a permanent fixture in the library if Karen would have let her.

This was not met to be a long and emotional story, I hope it is not. But those who knew Brea, knew her for what she was, yes she had a UD. But that was not her passion, her passion was to be with Karen, to please, to work, or whatever she could do to make her world brighter.

Sue Hultquist  
(still having trouble the loss of the fantastic girl)

## EVENT HELP NEEDED!

The City Of Portage has invited KDTC back again this year to participate in their 21st Annual Apple Fest on Saturday, September 26, 2009 from 2pm to 6pm. The event is held at Schrier Park, 850 West Osterhout in Portage, MI.

This popular event attracts approximately 1500 participants. Event set up time is 12:30pm to 1:30pm. Last year we had great weather and a wonderful turn out. We set up a 10x10 Easy Up, table and a 15x20 show ring. We had club info and class sign up sheets on the table along with our business cards. Lots of questions were answered about the club, dog training and classes offered.

Kim Anglemeyer daughter and her dancing border collie performed. The ring set up is also a great place to do OB training with distractions!

We need to let the City know asap if we plan to accept their invitation. Jessica Metzner has volunteered to help coordinate this event, but she needs volunteers.

Please contact Sharri Sibert via email; [sharrisibert@yahoo.com](mailto:sharrisibert@yahoo.com) or by calling 217-3030 or call Jessica at 657-4561 or email to [metzner21@yahoo.com](mailto:metzner21@yahoo.com)

## KDTC GARMET INFO!

Karen Stahr and Sharri Sibert, KDTC Marketing committee, are in the process of putting together a garment order for Fall.

We have to meet a minimum quantity to place the order.

We have sweatshirts and tee shirts in both male and female cuts. The women's cut is shorter in the waist and the sleeve. We also will have zip up sweatshirts available. The vendor has many very nice colors available. The 2 color logo will remain the same.

Please contact Karen Stahr via email [goldenstahr@yahoo.com](mailto:goldenstahr@yahoo.com) or Sharri Sibert via email [sharrisibert@yahoo.com](mailto:sharrisibert@yahoo.com) for more information or to place your order.

## BRAGS!!!



Sharri Sibert and here Lab Buco finished their UCD Title on Saturday, July 18, 2009, at the Wolverine Dog Training Club, UKC Show held at Northview Dog Training Club in Ann Arbor. They also had three 1<sup>st</sup> place wins at this show! It was a wonderful weekend. Sharri is very proud of her big yellow boy.

Sharri and Buco would like to thank Brenda Zielinski for her patience, guidance and fabulous preparation of our novice team! Sharri also wants to send A big thanks to all her training buddies for their help and encouragement!

## Get Well Soon!

Hammer—the Alaskan Malamute—owned by Jennifer DeZwarte celebrated his 11th Birthday by getting his ACL repaired! We wish him a speedy recovery!



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# BABY, IT'S **HOT** OUTSIDE!!!!

## SEVEN DOGS DIE IN HOT VAN

Headlines similar to this are seen each summer-- dogs die while in cars where the temperatures can reach 120 degrees in less than 5 minutes, they die while left out in the yard with no shade or no water, they die while with their owners for exercise, they die while hunting in the early fall, they die while on Charity Pet Walks, they die while out road training to get in show condition, they die while they are under a blow drier which gets too hot, they die while muzzled and left unsupervised.

**WHAT IS HEAT STROKE or HEAT EXHAUSTION?** This is a condition where the environmental temperature is higher than the dog is accustomed to, is stressed or exercising enough that the dog cannot maintain a normal body temperature of less than 103 degrees. Elevated body temperature above 108 degrees becomes life threatening. This is medically referred to as hyperthermia.

Dogs can only regulate their body temperature by panting and perspiration from a small number of sweat glands in the pads of their feet. Dogs with flat faces (such as Boxers, Pugs, Bulldogs, and Pekinese) are at greater risk because of their short narrow airways. Muzzles on any dog may raise the risk because it cannot pant effectively.

**HOW HOT IS TOO HOT?** There is not a definite answer because how the dog adapts to heat depends on many things, such as the physical condition of the dog, if there is enough coat to 'shade the skin' and is well groomed and without mats, has good muscle tone, age, proper weight, nutrition and hydration. Racing sled dogs may be at risk when the temperature reaches 10 degrees, or your dog may be at risk when the temperature suddenly changes from mild to hot. Any temperature over 103 will be a risk as the dogs can no longer pant out hot air and take in cooler air. A dog contained in a small space such as an airline crate may heat the interior much higher than the outside temperature. A dog without an adequate supply of cool water may overheat. Fresh water is necessary to keep the dog well hydrated which allows cooling by evaporation while panting. Puppies and older dogs are not as effective in controlling their body temperature and become overheated more easily than a young healthy adult. A dog in the back of a pickup truck may be subjected to the heat radiating from the sides and bed. A very humid day is more likely to cause the dog to overheat than if it is a dry day.

**WHAT CAN I DO TO PROTECT MY DOG?** First control the environment – like people, air conditioning is as appreciated by some dogs, however, other dogs prefer to be outside or they are working dogs caring for homes or livestock.

Lloyd Sells, DVM of County Line Animal Hospital in Adkins emphasized that a healthy dog can safely be outside as long as adequate shade for the entire day, morning, noon and late afternoon, is available and an adequate supply of fresh water is always in reach. Additionally, the dog should not be asked to exercise during the heat of the day. He said walks or any exercise you choose for your dog should be done before the sun comes up in the morning or at night after the heat has lowered. Dr. Sells also suggested letting the dog choose its own amount of activity during the day unless it gets easily excited and runs or jumps a lot. In that case, you should limit the amount of running by putting it in a place where it will remain calm, yet have adequate protection from the sun and heat.

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# Interesting Story Alert....

Submitted by Joan Hines

The Portage Librarians are poster children for the service oriented librarians. Monday one handed me a couple of pages of the July 11 and 12 Wall Street Journal.

Under the headline” Sit! Stay! Snuggle!; A retriever helps Iraq Vet Get Back on His Feet” is an article about a new kind of service dog called psychiatric-service dogs. There follows a story about an Iraq vet with PTSD who has been paired with a Golden Retriever, named Tuesday, who backs up his wrist watch alarm reminder to take his medications, understand his sign of stress and blocks him in crowds until he is calm enough to function and snuggles when he needs it.

The dog was pre-trained in the Puppies Behind Bars program in up state New York prisons. Further training took place on Lu Picard’s farm. Gloria Gilbert Stoga, the charity’s president said it is difficult to raise the \$26,000 needed to train each dog.

Whelped on the farm of Ms. Picard, who runs East Coast Assistance Dog, Inc. this Golden was returned to the farm for 18 mo. after the Puppies Behind Bars program before being matched with Luis Carlos Montalvan, the vet in the story for 2 weeks bonding and training last November.

To see a video of Mr. Montalvan and Tuesday go to [WSJ.com/Video](http://WSJ.com/Video).

## A Bunch of Brags from Jan West

If I was a kid going back to school and had to write the annual “What did you do this Spring – Summer” assignment, I would have a hard time creating it without a lot of notes. My fuzzy threesome and I have been very busy. On March 27<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> we competed in KKC’s Rally trials. This was Lizzie’s first time showing in the Novice level and the boys in Advanced & Excellent working on their RAE titles. Liz earned a 100/100 and a 1<sup>st</sup> place and at the end of the day was the only dog to have earned a 100. In Advanced Charlie had a 99 and 2<sup>nd</sup> place & Willie a 96. In Excellent Charlie again had a 99 & 2<sup>nd</sup> and Willie a 98 & 4<sup>th</sup> place.

On Saturday Liz again had the only 100 in the show and, of course, 1<sup>st</sup> place. In Advanced Charlie had a 99 and 2<sup>nd</sup> place Willie also had a 99 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. In Excellent I totally goofed up 1 exercise and lost all 10 points and paused slightly when I should have been moving so Charlie earned a 100 but our total score was only 89. Willie was doing a bit of lagging and he earned a 94. So over the two days both boys each earned 2 more RAE legs.....continues on page 7

**WHAT IF MY DOG GETS TOO HOT?** If you notice heavy panting, a dry nose, or any distress but the dog is still alert, move the dog to a cooler environment. Bring it inside to the air conditioning or to a shady place and encourage it to drink cool water. You may also wet the dog down with cool, not cold, water making sure the dog does not get chilled. If the dog is drinking some water and panting is slowing and the dog is still alert, call your Vet to find out if an exam is needed.

If the dog is down or very lethargic, or unresponsive - **THIS IS AN EMERGENCY**. Take your dog to the **NEAREST** vet. **DO NOT DELAY**. While transporting, wet the dog down with cool water or place cold towels in the 'armpits' and in the groin – but only if there is someone to reposition the towels often so a cool surface is always against the dog's body. You are working at removing body heat and if the towels get to body temperature, this may stop cooling and become a 'blanket' holding in the heat. Do not force water or other fluids into a dog that is not willing to lap at it, but have water available during the trip. A safe, controlled reduction of body temperature is required; do NOT pack the dog in ice.

**PREVENTION IS THE BEST CURE.** Hyperthermia or heat stroke can come on quickly and brain damage and injury to internal organs is rapid.

Make sure your dog is in good physical condition, has a coat which can protect it from the sun and is not matted into a 'blanket'. Provide shade from the sun at all times. Have cool water always available. Provide a safe environment – and monitor exercise.

Provide good air circulation and ventilation, a fan blowing hot air does not cool a dog – fans work on us because we perspire and the moving air evaporates the moisture on our skin, cooling us – dogs don't perspire so a fan only blows more hot air. You can place ice in front of the fan to cool the air or you can set up misters in kennels, as long as the humidity is low enough the misted water evaporates.

Enjoy being with your dog, play and exercise, but do it when it is cooler. And make sure your dog has water and shade from the sun, even if he just goes outside for a little while to go potty. A little while could always turn in to too long should you get distracted.

**Remember, your dog may mean the world to you, but you are the world to your dog.**

This is dedicated to the Missouri Seven:

"Jersey" CH Mystik's Jersey Had-Ta-Go To Gekko, AOM. Akita

"Fancy" Wild Winds Fancy That Pearl Of Snowhawk. Alaskan Malamute

"Sky" AM/INT CH BBBIS RBIS UKC CH MBIS RBIS Dreamworks Been Around The World.

Dalmatian

"Ringo" CH Nalyn's Private Stash Golden Retriever

"Ditto" CH Anncy's Good Girls Go To Heaven Golden Retriever

"Dino" Xanthos Bad To The Bone. Golden Retriever

(Name pending verification) Siberian Husky

And the lone survivor, Siberian Husky, "**Cinder**" TOPAZ HOT WYRED.

On Easter weekend we went to Chatham Ontario for Kent Kennel Klub's [Yup that's the way they spell it.] trials. In Obedience Willie was entered in Open & Utility all 3 days trying to finish is O.T. Ch X title. He only needed to pass both classes at one show. He finished his title on Friday and went on to earn 2 extra legs. with 2 2nds 2 3rds and a 4<sup>th</sup> and to finish it off, his last Utility placing was a 1<sup>st</sup> place with a score of only 176 ½! [Other folks were having a less successful day.] It was kind of nostalgic as this was probably the last time he will show in Obedience. Now he will enjoy earning cookies in Rally.

Also in Obedience, Charlie earned his 1<sup>st</sup> UD leg with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place & Lizzie earned 2 Novice B legs with a 1<sup>st</sup> and a 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The 9 times we were in the Rally ring we earned 4 1<sup>st</sup> places, 4 2<sup>nd</sup> places and 1 4<sup>th</sup> place good for the boys each earning an RA title and Lizzie her RN title. All together we were in the ring 21 times and passed/placed 18 times.

With a weekend in between we pretended to be Aussies, only with tails, and went to ASC of MI's trial at KKC. Lizzie had 3 first places with scores of 196, 196 ½ & 195 ½, the latter two good for HITS.

We then switched to UKC & entered our 1<sup>st</sup> Rally Trials on May 1<sup>st</sup>. at Trail Creek Dog Training Club. Willie & Charlie each earned a 100 & Liz, because she wanted to hurry thru the slow so we could get back to the x-pen and 'cookies'. earned a 99. For the first time I went back in the ring for awards with 3 dogs. Charlie was 1<sup>st</sup> and Willie 2<sup>nd</sup> & when the judge called out 3<sup>rd</sup> place it took me a moment to realize it was Lizzie's number. I almost felt greedy and a bit embarrassed saying, "uh, that's us too". When Liz and I came back on Sunday I found out that Charlie had also gone HIT for his 1<sup>st</sup> URO1 leg!

On Sunday Lizzie earned her 1<sup>st</sup> 2 UCD legs with scores of 194 ½ & 196 ½ for 2<sup>nd</sup> places.

At the Apple Blossom Cluster in May in Kazoo we showed in Rally for 3 days. The boys again working on their RAE titles. In Excellent they earned:

Willie 95 [2<sup>nd</sup> place], 98 [3<sup>rd</sup>], 100 [3<sup>rd</sup>]

Charlie 89 [4<sup>th</sup> place], 99 [2<sup>nd</sup>], 100 [1<sup>st</sup>]

In Advanced

Willie 95 98 [2<sup>nd</sup>], 99 [2<sup>nd</sup>]

Charlie 100 [1<sup>st</sup>] 97 [3<sup>rd</sup>], 100 [2<sup>nd</sup>]

Lizzie was finishing up her RN [Rally Novice] title and completed it with a 96 1<sup>st</sup> place on Friday and on Sunday & Monday added on 2 more 1<sup>st</sup> places with 100 scores,

We took one day to go to Centerville for an ASC of MI trial. All the advanced dogs, including Charlie had an unsuccessful morning. When we got to Novice Lizzie earned a 194 ½ for 1<sup>st</sup> place. Since she was the first dog of the day to pass she was also HIT. In the afternoon Charlie was more comfortable with the ring and passed Utility with a 189 ½ and Open with a 194, both for 1<sup>st</sup> places. Lizzie earned a 195, again 1<sup>st</sup> place and HIT. Lizzie's HITS were very nice, but I was especially pleased that Charlie could pull things together and earn his 1<sup>st</sup> High Combined title.

On June 11<sup>th</sup> Charlie and I got back into Agility at Trail Creek's pre Premier Trial. He earned our first 2 U AG II legs with a clean run 200 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place and a 197 for 1<sup>st</sup> place.

On June 19, 20, and 21 Charlie and I went to KKC's Agility Trials and were entered in both Open Standard and Jumpers each day. We managed to pass Jumpers once with a 91 and 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Over July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend we went back to Canada, eh, to Sarnia. Charlie earned his 2<sup>nd</sup> UD leg with a score of 189 and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Liz earned her 3<sup>rd</sup> CD leg and her title with 195 ½ [3<sup>rd</sup> place], and went on to earn a 193+ [can't believe we won the runoff - a figure 8 - it's a Canadian thing] for 3<sup>rd</sup> place and a 195 [2<sup>nd</sup> place]. Willie was entered in Rally Excellent and earned his title with an 84 [2<sup>nd</sup>] 95 [4<sup>th</sup>] and a 95 [2<sup>nd</sup>]. Liz earned her Advanced title with a 99 [2<sup>nd</sup>], 94 [3<sup>rd</sup>] and a 90 [3<sup>rd</sup>].

Switching gears we went to a UKC trial hosted by Muskegon's Lakeshore DTC on July 12<sup>th</sup>. All 3 were in Rally, URO1. The boys each got their 2<sup>nd</sup> leg with a score of 94 and Liz her 2<sup>nd</sup> leg with 97. Liz earned her 3<sup>rd</sup> U CD leg and her title with a 195 that was also good for HIT. Mom was guessed to be the Highest scoring Senior Handler, they graciously didn't ask, and was given a copy of Temple Grandin and Catherine Johnson's "Animals in Translation" which looks like it will be a lovely 'read'.

The next weekend, on July 19<sup>th</sup>, my gang and I showed at the UKC trial hosted by the Wolverine DTC in Ann Arbor. In the first Rally trial all three finished their URO1 titles: Lizzie with a 96, Willie with a 97 and Charlie with a perfect 100. There were 29 dogs showing and only 3 had a 100 and Charlie had 1<sup>st</sup> place which was also good for a HIT! In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Rally trial Willie had a 90, Charlie a 97 4<sup>th</sup> place and Liz a 94. Liz was also entered in Novice B and earned a 190 ½ & a 194. ....

On July 26<sup>th</sup> we stayed closer to home and Liz and I went to ECHO Club's Obedience Trials in Buchanan. In the 1<sup>st</sup> trial in Novice she earned a 196 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place [A friend with a Border Collie she though she would never be able to show earned a beautiful 200! So glad I was there to see it!] and in the 2<sup>nd</sup> trial again a 196 and 1<sup>st</sup> place.

Oooooof! Looking at what we have accomplished in a little over 4 months written down all in one place – no wonder we are so far behind in so many things, but we are grateful for having had so many 'good' weekends.



**Membership Update Form**

We are in the process of updating the KDTC Membership Directory. Unfortunately, we do not have all of Grace’s past information and need your help. We ask that all members fill out a membership update form and email it or mail it to Jessica. metzner21@yahoo.com 32598 42nd ave paw paw 49079

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Dogs (Indicate Breed, Call Name for Each)\_\_\_\_\_

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List Canine Activities & Interests\_\_\_\_\_

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**Meet The Breeds - 160 BREEDS OF DOG, 41 BREEDS OF CAT,  
1 PLACE.  
2 DAYS TO MEET THEM ALL.**

Join the American Kennel Club and the Cat Fanciers' Association to Meet The Breeds—the world's largest showcase of dogs and cats – on October 17-18, 2009, at the Javits Center in New York City. With 160 dog breeds and 41 cat breeds, plus demonstrations, shopping and children's activities, no pet lover will want to miss this unique and fun-filled event. Each breed will be presented in its own designated space, decorated to reflect its heritage, characteristics and unique attributes as a pet, while allowing attendees to literally "Meet the Breeds" by petting the dogs, cats, puppies and kittens and learning about them directly from the experts.

The event is proudly presented by **PetPartners, Inc.**, a leading pet healthcare provider, and will feature over 115,000 square feet of dog and cat festivities, including dozens of retailers, ongoing demonstrations (such as law enforcement K9s, grooming, agility, obedience, dog/cat breed showcases and an educational cat show), plus booths where the public can come talk to trainers, groomers, vets and other pet experts, one-on-one. A display of children's art depicting cats and dogs, the culmination of a contest for local schoolchildren, will be exhibited and many of the artists will receive recognition for their work during the event.

**Don't miss these two full days of festivities and fun. Mark your calendar and purchase your tickets now to lock in a special pre-event price of \$10 for adults, \$6 for kids 12 and under.**

[http://www.akc.org/meet\\_the\\_breeds/](http://www.akc.org/meet_the_breeds/)

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