



Admiral Perry Obedience Training Club, Inc.

NEWSLETTER

April 2011

APOTC website www.apotcerie.org.

Regular club meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at the Shriners Hospital, 1645 West 8th Street, Erie, PA

Club Officers:

President:	Lee-Ann Czytuck
Vice-President:	Marilyn Flower
Treasurer:	Ann Gehrlein
Recording Secretary:	Amy Barney
Corresponding Secretary:	Kathy Croft
Board of Directors:	Trish Clark
	Melanie Shufan
	Jim Kwiatkowski
	Betsy Olson
	Sally Shilling
	Janet Norman

Club News

The next meeting will be April 12, 2011 at the Shriners Hospital. Updated membership lists are available from Secretary, Amy Barney at the monthly meetings.

The upcoming obedience classes will be as follows:

Spring session: March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2011

There will be a meeting with the website guru on Wednesday, April 6, 2011, 7 PM, at the home of Janet and Lou Norman to discuss updating the website. Contact Janet Norman if you plan on attending.

Seven club members registered to attend the Brenda Aloff seminar presented by the Cleveland All-Breed Training Club on March 26 & 27. More information on the seminar will appear in a subsequent newsletter.

At the invitation of the Hamot Women's Hospital, APOTC has been invited to present several workshops on "Babies and Dogs -- Staying Safe." The first workshop was on February 15th; with 21 participants. The first program was very well-received and the next workshop is scheduled for April 19, 2011.

Upcoming Events

Dr. W. Jean Dodds, DVM will present a one day seminar on July 10, 2011 in Monroeville, PA, covering the health and behavior problems associated with thyroid and autoimmune disorders in dogs. See the March newsletter for the registration form.

The All Breed Training Club of Akron has their 2011 Run Thru schedule for January to July posted on the website, www.abtca.org. For any questions about the agility, obedience, rally and breed run thru schedule call 330-630-0418 or email info@abtca.org.

Pencil in on your calendar...APOTC Obedience and Rally Trials are scheduled for August 20 and 21, 2011, and will be held at the JMC Ice Arena. Wild card classes will also be offered. More details will be forthcoming as the date gets closer.

FYI

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB INTRODUCES PREFERRED AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

-- New Title to Take Effect July 1, 2011 --

New York, NY - The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) is pleased to introduce the new Preferred Agility Champion title (PACH). Created as a way to recognize the superior performance, speed and consistency of AKC's preferred agility competitors, dogs must achieve a minimum of 750 championship points and 20 double qualifying scores from the Excellent B Preferred Standard class and the Excellent B Preferred Jumpers with Weaves class to obtain this prestigious championship.

"The Agility department is thrilled to be able to implement the Preferred Agility Champion title almost two years ahead of the original scheduled start date," said AKC Director of Agility Carrie DeYoung. "The Preferred Championship is designed to recognize the excellent quality of dogs and handlers that are exhibiting in our Preferred Agility program at the top level."

The PACH title is a prefix title and is retroactive, so any dogs that earned the title prior to July 1, 2011 will be "grandfathered" in and will automatically have PACH added to their AKC name in the AKC computer system. Exhibitors will not need to request this to happen. Owners who wish to obtain a title certificate for dogs that earned the title prior to July 1st will need to order one by calling Customer Service at (919) 233-9767. The dogs that earn the title from July 1, 2011 onward will automatically be mailed a certificate.

The retroactive points will be based on the new point schedule as of July 1, 2011 that will earn all dogs 1 point per second under the Standard Course Time. There will not be any point multipliers applied at any time for the points earned toward the PACH title.

More about the PACH:

- * There are no changes to the PAX title and both the PAX and the PACH will exist. PAX and PACH titles may be earned from the same set of double qualifying scores (although they may not be achieved on the same dates, depending on when the 750 points for the PACH are earned).
- * One point is awarded for each full second under the Standard Course Time. (No partial points are awarded.)
- * Dogs earn points from the Ex B Preferred Agility Class and/or the Ex B Preferred Jumpers With Weaves Class.
- * Qualifying with scores of 100 in both the Ex B Preferred Agility Class and the Ex B Preferred Jumpers With Weaves Class on the same day equals one double qualifying score (2Q).
- * The PACH title points and 2Q's progression will be able to be viewed in the AKC online store reports after the title's implementation.

Requirements General Scoring: A dog does not have to obtain the Master Excellent Preferred title (MXP) or the Master Excellent Jumpers With Weaves Preferred title (MJP) prior to achieving scores that will count toward their Preferred Agility Championship title (PACH). A dog need not be in both "B" classes in order to start accruing PACH points. Any score of 100 (clear round) obtained in the Excellent B Preferred classes will count towards both the dog's Preferred Championship requirements, and the dog's MXP/MJP titling requirements.

Titles: The PACH title initials will be followed by a numeric designation indicating the quantity of times the dog has met the requirements of the PACH title as defined above, e.g., 1500 PACH points and 40 2Q's =PACH2.

For more information, visit www.akc.org/events/agility or download a copy of the Regulations for Agility Trials.