



Admiral Perry Obedience Training Club, Inc.

NEWSLETTER

August 2009

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:	Lou Norman
Vice-President:	Marilyn Flower
Treasurer:	Ann Gehrlein
Recording Secretary:	Aleta Ross
Corresponding Secretary:	Kathy Croft
Board of Directors:	Amy Barney
	Elaine Smith
	Jim Kwiatkowski
	Betsy Olson
	Sally Shilling
	Janet Norman

Club News

Amy Barney has agreed to be the OC Match Chairperson for the match on August 15, 2009 following the obedience trial. Thank you Amy!

Welcome new member Marilyn Eickley. Marilyn shares her life with three Shih Tzu and her husband.

Please send any items for the newsletter to Betsy Olson by the 20th of the month.

Upcoming Events

Paws for a Cause... 'til they all have a Home is a cocktail and hors d'oeuvre reception hosted by the Humane Society of Northwestern PA on September 22, 2009 at the Erie Yacht Club. The 2010 Pet Calendar will be unveiled and available for purchase. The evening will include music, food, cash bar and many great silent auction items and basket raffles.

Please mark your calendar and come and enjoy a beautiful fall evening on the waterfront. Tickets are only \$25 each with the proceeds benefiting the shelter operations.

Reservations are necessary and can be made by calling the Humane Society at 814-835-8345 or e-mailing Joe Grisanti with credit card information at

joe@choiceonemail.com

APOTC Obedience Trial is set for August 15 and 16, 2009 at the JMC Ice Arena, 423 West 38th, Erie, PA. ***Set up is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11 at 5 PM.*** Dinner to follow set up. *The August club meeting will follow dinner.*

Also, APOTC will donate a basket to be auctioned at the Humane Society Paws for a Cause charity event. The club will provide a gift certificate for training classes. *Members are asked to bring something dog training related to the meeting for the auction basket.*

The Erie Kennel Club will hold an Agility Trial on October 3 and 4, 2009 in Edinboro, PA at Countryside Agility.

APOTC will hold Agility Trials on November 6, 7, and 8, 2009 and January 22, 23, and 24, 2010 in Edinboro, PA at Countryside Agility.

Dr. Ramsdell will speak at the Erie Kennel Club meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2009. Topic will be first aid and vaccinations. This is open to the public and will begin at 7:30 PM at the Waterford Borough Building.

Wintergreen Veterinary Hospital will have a function at the Howlabaloo Dog Park in Edinboro, PA on Saturday, August 29, 2009. All proceeds go to the Morris Foundation and K9 Cancer. APOTC has been asked to perform agility, obedience and rally demonstrations and have a booth set up to discuss dog care and training. The deadline has passed to notify Janet Norman if you are interested in participating but contact her anyway just in case more club members are needed.

Lazy Days of Summer Practice nights continue on Thursday evenings at various locations around the county. Come and practice in new places with lots of distractions. Bring your equipment (jumps, etc.) if you have it. No RSVP required...just show up and train! Contact Ann Gehrlein for directions or questions. The next two scheduled practices are July 30 at the Vo-Tech School (in the back) and August 6 at Belle Valley School (enter the driveway and bear left around the side and back of the school).

Members Corner

Question of the month...

What do you do with those qualifying and placement ribbons?

Send your answers in and we'll check them out next month.

The following item, "First Dogs" appeared in the Cleveland Shetland Sheepdog Club July Newsletter and was provided by Barb Cole. Thank you Barb.

FIRST DOGS

From Washington's Foxhounds to Bush's "Barney" and "Miss Beazley," presidential purebreds are as traditional as baseball and apple pie. Twenty-two U.S. Presidents have owned purebred dogs and most shared the White House with them. While some dogs had jobs ("Millie" authored a book, "Him" and "Her" modeled for LIFE magazine, and "Laddie Boy" oversaw high-level meetings from his hand-carved cabinet chair), all were well loved not only by their devoted owners but also by the country.

Scottish Terriers have been a favorite White House breed. The most famous presidential Scottie was "Murray" of Fala Hills, Franklin D. Roosevelt's constant companion who was photographed with dignitaries, heads of state and royalty, and he became a celebrity in his own right. George Washington (1789-1797), the father of our nation, is also the father of American Foxhounds. In 1770, Washington imported a number of hounds from England and in 1785, he received a number of French Foxhounds from the Marquis de Lafayette. These hounds, carefully bred and maintained by Washington, are the founders of today's American Foxhound. More than 30 hounds were listed in Washington's journals, including "Drunkard," "Tipler" and "Topsy." Thomas Jefferson (1801-1809) became interested in Briards while serving as Minister to France. He purchased a pregnant female named "Buzzy" and started his breeding program. Lafayette also sent Jefferson purebred dogs – two Briards to help protect his sheep.

John Tyler (1841-1845) bought his wife an Italian Greyhound named "Le Beau."

James Buchanan's (1857-1861) large Newfoundland, "Lara," was a celebrity around the White House because she would lie motionless for hours with one eye opened and one eye closed, always sure to keep an eye on her owner.

Ulysses Grant's (1869-1861) son, Jesse, owned a Newfoundland named "Faithful." President Grant, having observed his son's heartbreak over the untimely deaths of several of his previous dogs, told his White House staff, "If this dog dies, every employee in the White House will be at once fired."

Rutherford B. Hayes (1877-1881) owned a Cocker Spaniel named "Dot," a Newfoundland named "Hector," a Greyhound named "Grim," and an English Mastiff named "Deke."

Grover Cleveland (1893-1897) owned a Poodle (although some reports say it was a Peke).

Benjamin Harrison (1889-1893) owned a Collie named "Dash."

Theodore Roosevelt (1901-1909) owned a St. Bernard named "Rollo," a Pekingese named "Manchu," a Chesapeake Bay Retriever named "Sailor Boy," a Manchester Terrier named "Blackjack" and a Bull Terrier named "Pete," who ripped the pants of a French Ambassador.

Warren Harding (1921-1923) owned a Bulldog named "Oh Boy" and an Airedale Terrier named "Laddie Boy." "Laddie Boy" not only had his own hand-carved cabinet chair to oversee high-level meetings, but also invited all the neighborhood dogs to the White House for his birthday party, where they dined on dog biscuit birthday cake. "Laddie Boy" is even immortalized with a state in the Smithsonian.

Calvin Coolidge (1923-1929) owned three Collies, "Prudence Prim," "Rob Roy" and "Ruby Rough," an Airedale Terrier named "Paul Pry," two Chow-Chows named "Blackberry" and "Tiny Tim," a Bulldog named "Boston Beans," an Old English Sheepdog named "Calamity Jane" and a Wire Fox Terrier named "Peter Pan."

Herbert Hoover (1929-1933) owned two Fox Terriers named "Big Ben" and "Sonnie," an Elk-hound named "Weeje," an Irish Wolfhound named "Patrick" and a German Shepherd named "King Tut." And, as you all know, our White House now owns a Portuguese Water Dog named "Bo."

Well, dear readers, it is now official. We now know why the government is in such turmoil

THERE HAVE BEEN NO SHETLAND SHEEPDOGS IN THE WHITE HOUSE!!



