



Admiral Perry Obedience Training Club, Inc.

NEWSLETTER

December 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

Club dues were payable by October 31, 2009. If you are reading this and haven't paid your dues then you are late. Dues are \$10 individual and \$15 family membership. Please see Ann Gehrlein to square away your dues.

Please bring photos and ideas for the club website to the February 2010 meeting so we can update the website.

If you have earned a title this year, please complete the awards form and return it to Mary Alice Piotrowski by December 17, 2009. A copy of the form is attached to the newsletter.

The Annual December Awards Brunch will be Sunday, December 27, 2009 11 AM at the Erie Yacht Club. There will be a \$10 gift exchange for those who would like to participate. Please RSVP Marilyn Flower if you plan to attend.

The upcoming obedience classes will be as follows:

Winter session: January 7,14,21,28, February 4,11,18,25, March 4, 2010

Spring session: March 25, April 1,8,15,22,29, May 6,13,20, 2010

The next meeting will be February 9, 2010 at 7 PM at the Shriners Hospital.

Upcoming Events

Millcreek Mall Holiday Gift Wrap Fundraiser will be the four weekends before Christmas. "Because You Care" is looking for volunteers to participate. Contact Kathy Croft if you would like to join in on the holiday spirit and wrap gifts. This is a great opportunity for everyone to help "Because You Care".

The Canine Good Citizen Test will be offered on June 5, 2010 at Ann Gehrlein's place. More details to follow.

Fred Hulme Obedience Seminar will be presented at the AAKA Building in Altoona, PA on March 13 and 14, 2010. In this seminar, Fred will show you how to progress from starting a new dog to training through Utility with focus on problem solving, handling, and enthusiasm. For more information contact Denise Nickodemus at deninick@verizon.net.

Member contributions this month...

From Barb Cole and the Cleveland Shetland Sheepdog Club:
Winter Care for Canines

Winter's cold air brings many concerns for responsible dog owners. KEEP IN MIND:

- Don't leave your dog outside in the cold for long periods of time. Wind chill makes days colder than actual temperature readings. Be attentive to your dog's body temperature, and limit his time outdoors.
- Adequate shelter is a necessity. Keep your dog warm, dry and away from drafts. Tiles and uncarpeted areas may become extremely cold, so make sure to place blankets and pad on floors in these areas.
- Be extra careful when walking or playing with your dog near frozen lakes, rivers or ponds. Your dog could slip or jump in and get seriously injured.
- Groom your dog regularly. Your dog needs a well-groomed coat to keep properly insulated. Coarse-haired dogs may get extra cold, so consider a sweater or coat. Long-haired dogs should have excess hair around the toes and food pads trimmed to ease snow removal.
- Feed your dog additional calories if he spends a lot of time working outdoors. It takes more energy in the winter to keep body temperatures regulated.
- Towel or blow-dry your dog if he gets wet from rain or snow. It is important to dry and clean paws as well, to avoid tiny cuts and cracked pads. Petroleum jelly is helpful here.

- Don't leave your dog alone in a car. If the car engine is left on, the carbon monoxide will endanger your dog's life, just as it would a human's.

HEALTH TIPS - REMEMBER THESE!

- Antifreeze, which often collects on driveways and roadways, is highly poisonous, and it smells and tastes good to the dog, which makes it especially lethal.
- Rock salt, used to melt ice on sidewalks, may irritate footpads. Be sure to rinse and dry your dog's feet after a walk.



REASONS TO BUY A DOG...instead of getting married

If you want someone who will eat whatever you put in front of him, and never say its not quite as good as his mothers

.... . . then buy a dog.

If you want someone always willing to go out, at any hour, for as long and wherever you want ...

.... . . then buy a dog.

If you want someone who will never touch the remote, doesn't care about football, and can sit next to you as you watch romantic movies

.... . . then buy a dog.

If you want someone who is content to get on your bed just to warm your feet and who you can push off if he snores

.... . . then buy a dog!

If you want someone who never criticizes what you do, doesn't care if you are pretty or ugly, fat or thin, young or old, who acts as if every word you say is especially worthy of listening to, and loves you unconditionally . . .

.... . . then buy a dog.

BUT, on the other hand . . .

If you want someone who will never come when you call, ignores you totally when you come home, leaves hair all over the place, walks all over you, runs around all night and only comes home to eat and sleep, and acts as if your entire existence is solely to ensure his happiness

. . . then buy a cat!

Now be honest, you thought I was gonna' say... marry a man, didn't you?

IF YOU HAVE EARNED TITLES THIS YEAR, PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO MARY ALICE BY 12/17/09. YOU CAN MAIL OR EMAIL Mary Alice Piotrowski

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2009 Titles Earned by Members in Good Standing*

Member's name: _____

Dog's name: _____

Email Address: _____

OBEDIENCE

NAME registry (AKC, UKC, CKC, etc.) title earned and **date completed**.
If you wish to compete for the **traveling trophy, submit scores** and the **3 trial dates**.

AGILITY

OTHER

List all other performance or conformation titles, with registry and date.

*A member in good standing is defined as a member who has (1) paid their dues; (2) attended a majority of the monthly meetings; and (3) served as an instructor for our public classes or worked the trial.