



# Admiral Perry Obedience Training Club, Inc.

## NEWSLETTER

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APOTC website [www.apotcerie.org](http://www.apotcerie.org).

Regular club meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at the Shriners Hospital, 1645 West 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Shufren
	Jim Kwiatkowski
	Betsy Olson
	Sally Shilling
	Janet Norman

### *Club News*

The next meeting will be February 8, 2011 at the Shriners Hospital. There is no regular monthly meeting in January. There will be a Board Meeting on January 11, 2011 at the Shriners Hospital at 7 PM.

The annual Awards Brunch was held at the Erie Yacht Club on December 26, 2010. The list of membership titles for 2010 may be found at the end of this newsletter. Thanks to all who made the brunch possible and a special thanks to Mary Alice Piotrowski for compiling the titles and squaring away the awards.

An updated membership list has been completed and copies are available from Secretary, Amy Barney at the monthly meetings. Also, at the Awards Brunch in December, the following members were recognized for 5 years of membership: Amy Barney, Karen Novotny, Rudy Novotny, Sally Shilling and Elaine Smith. Congratulations!

The upcoming obedience classes will be as follows:

Winter session: January 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3, 10, 2011

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

### *Upcoming Events*

Mark your calendar for the APOTC Agility Trials which are scheduled for January 21, 22, and 23, 2011 at Countryside Agility in Edinboro, PA.

## ***Bits & Pieces***

The following topic is of interest to all but especially those who move around to shows and trials. This is from [www.cdc.gov/flu/canine/](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/canine/)

### **Key Facts about Canine Influenza (Dog Flu)**

#### **What is canine influenza (dog flu)?**

Dog flu is a contagious respiratory disease in dogs caused by a specific Type A influenza virus referred to as a “canine influenza virus.” This is a disease of dogs, not of humans.

#### **What is a canine influenza virus?**

The “canine influenza virus” is an influenza A H3N8 influenza virus (not a human influenza virus) that was originally an equine (horse) influenza virus. This virus has spread to dogs and can now spread between dogs.

#### **How long has canine influenza been around?**

The H3N8 equine influenza virus has been known to exist in horses for more than 40 years. In 2004, however, cases of an unknown respiratory illness in dogs (initially greyhounds) were reported. An investigation showed that this respiratory illness was caused by the equine influenza A H3N8 virus. Scientists believe that this virus jumped species (from horses to dogs) and has now adapted to cause illness in dogs and spread efficiently among dogs. This is now considered a new dog-specific lineage of H3N8. In September of 2005, this virus was identified by experts as “[a newly emerging pathogen in the dog population](#)” in the United States.

#### **What are the symptoms of this infection in dogs?**

The symptoms of this illness in dogs are cough, runny nose and fever, however, a small proportion of dogs can develop severe disease.

#### **How serious is this infection in dogs?**

The number of dogs infected with this disease that die is very small. Some dogs have asymptomatic infections (no symptoms), while some have severe infections. Severe illness is characterized by the onset of pneumonia. Although this is a relatively new cause of disease in dogs and nearly all dogs are susceptible to infection, about 80 percent of dogs will have a mild form of disease.

#### **How does dog flu spread?**

Canine influenza virus can be spread by direct contact with respiratory secretions from infected dogs, by contact with contaminated objects, and by people moving between infected and uninfected dogs. Therefore, dog owners whose dogs are coughing or showing other signs of respiratory disease should not participate in activities or bring their dogs to facilities where other dogs can be exposed to the virus. Clothing, equipment, surfaces, and hands should be cleaned and disinfected after exposure to dogs showing signs of respiratory disease.

#### **Is there a test for canine influenza?**

Testing to confirm canine influenza virus infection is available at veterinary diagnostic centers. The tests can be performed using respiratory secretions collected at the time of disease onset or using two blood samples; the first collected while the animal is sick and the second 2 to 3 weeks later.

### **How is canine influenza treated?**

Treatment largely consists of supportive care. This helps the dog mount an immune response. In the milder form of the disease, this care may include medication to make your dog more comfortable and fluids to ensure that your dog remains well-hydrated. Broad spectrum antibiotics may be prescribed by your veterinarian if a secondary bacterial infection is suspected.

### **Is there a vaccine for canine influenza?**

Yes, an approved vaccine is available.

### **What is the risk to humans from this virus?**

To date, there is no evidence of transmission of canine influenza virus from dogs to people and there has not been a single reported case of human infection with the canine influenza virus. While this virus infects dogs and spreads between dogs, there is no evidence that this virus infects humans.

However, human infections with new influenza viruses (against which the human population has little immunity) would be concerning if they occurred. Influenza viruses are constantly changing and it is possible for a virus to change so that it could infect humans and spread easily between humans. Such a virus could represent a pandemic influenza threat. For this reason, CDC and its partners are monitoring the H3N8 influenza virus (as well as other animal influenza viruses) along with instances of possible human exposure to these viruses very closely. In general, however, canine influenza viruses are considered to pose a low threat to humans. As mentioned earlier, while these viruses are well established in horse and dog populations, there is no evidence of infection among humans with this virus.

### **My dog has a cough what should I do?**

Schedule an appointment with your veterinarian so that they can evaluate your dog and recommend an appropriate course of treatment.

### **Where can I find more information on canine influenza virus?**

More information on canine influenza in pet dogs can be found in this article: [Influenza A Virus \(H3N8\) in Dogs with Respiratory Disease, Florida](#) in Emerging Infectious Diseases journal.

### **Related Links**

The following websites may provide additional information about particular animal diseases or conditions, or infection control practices:

- [CDC Healthy Pets Healthy People](#)
- [American Veterinary Medical Association](#) 
- [Association of Shelter Veterinarians](#) 

**APOTC 2010 AWARDS BRUNCH**  
**December 26, 2010 – Erie Yacht Club**

**AKC Performance Titles**

**NOVICE (CD)**

Brenda Cole & Cody  
Marilyn Flower & Sunny

**OPEN (CDX)**

Trish Clark & Keeper  
Janet Norman & Nicki  
Aleta Ross & Shadow

**UTILITY (UD)**

Karen Novotny & Bandit

**Utility Excellent (UDX)**

Janet Norman & Pepper

**AKC Rally Titles**

**RALLY NOVICE (RN)**

Mary Beth Hartley & Hannah  
Aleta Ross & Roscoe  
Melanie Shufraan & Cait

**RALLY ADVANCED (RA)**

Brenda Cole & Cody  
Marilyn Flower & Sunny  
Betsy Olson & Jet

**RALLY EXCELLENT (RE)**

Brenda Cole & Cody

**Other titles**

**JUNIOR HUNTER**

Ann Gehrlein & Disco

**GRAND CHAMPION**

Melanie Shufraan & Cait

**AKC AGILITY TITLES**

**NOVICE STANDARD (NA)**

Jim Globa & Arona  
Debbie Hill & Lucy

**NOVICE STANDARD PREFERRED (NAP)**

Betsy Olson & Jet

**NOVICE JUMPERS (NAJ)**

Jim Globa & Arona  
Debbie Hill & Lucy

**NOVICE JUMPERS PREFERRED (NJP)**

Betsy Olson & Jet

OPEN STANDARD (OA)

Jim Globa & Arona  
Debbie Hill & Lucy

OPEN JUMPERS (OAJ)

Jim Globa & Arona  
Debbie Hill & Lucy

EXCELLENT JUMPERS (AXJ)

Lee-Ann Czytuck & Jynx

OPEN FAST (OF)

Lee-Ann Czytuck & Jynx

MASTER EXCELLENT (MX)

Trish Clark & Keeper

MASTER JUMPERS (MXJ)

Trish Clark & Keeper  
Ann Gehrlein & Cheers

MACH II

Kathy Croft & Beamer

MACH III

Kathy Croft & Beamer

AKC Performance Titles

Trish Clark	Keeper	CDX, MX, MXJ
Brenda Cole	Cody	CD, RA, RE
Kathy Croft	Beamer	MACH II, MACH III
Lee-Ann Czytuck	Jynx	AXJ, OF
Marilyn Flower	Sunny	CD, RA
Ann Gehrlein	Disco	JH
Ann Gehrlein	Cheers	MXJ
Jim Globa	Arona	NA, NAJ, OA, OAJ
Mary Beth Hartley	Hannah	RN
Debbie Hill	Lucy	NA, NAJ, OA, OAJ
Janet Norman	Nicki	CDX
Janet Norman	Pepper	UDX
Karen Novotny	Bandit	UD
Betsy Olson	Jet	RA, NAP, NJP
Aleta Ross	Shadow	CDX
Aleta Ross	Roscoe	RN
Melanie Shufan	Cait	RN, Grand Champion

Total number of Titles - 33

Agility 17 Obedience 7 Rally 7 Field 1 Grand Champion 1

Traveling Trophy – CD, CDX, UD

2009 Jim Kwiatkowski & Max CD

Traveling Trophy – CD, CDX, UD

2010 Janet Norman & Nicki CDX

