



Admiral Perry Obedience Training Club, Inc.

June 2009 Newsletter

Dates to Remember

June 6, 2009

Doggie Fun Day at Conneaut Lake Park
12810 Foust Rd, Conneaut, PA.
Run thru for Agility, Rally and Obedience
Registration begins at 11AM
Event will be held outdoors
1st run \$5.00, any additional runs (same dog)
\$3.00 scoring and timing (non sanctioned)
Directions from North - go south on I-79
At exit 147B take ramp for US 322 W
For approx, 4 mi, turn right onto N Watson
Rd for 0.5 mi, then turn left on Foust Rd,-
in 1.0 mi arrive at Bark Park

Meeting Date:

Tuesday, June 9, 2009
Shriner's Children's Hospital
1645 West 8th Street, Erie, PA
Board Meeting 6:15pm
Regular Meeting 7:00pm

June 26, 27, 28, 2009

EKC Agility Trial, Albion, PA

July 14, 2009

Picnic at Ann's house

Contact Ann as to the dish you're bringing

Club will supply the meat & pop

Bring your own place setting

August 15, 16, 2009

Admiral Perry Obedience Trial

JMC Ice Arena

423 West 38th

Erie, PA 16508

Guest at our May meeting was Marilyn Eickley who has put her application in for membership in APOTC. Marilyn shares her life with her husband and 3 Shih Tzu's.

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Nominations for Officers and Board as follows:

President - Lou Norman

Vice President - Marilyn Flower

Recording Secretary - Aleta Ross

Corresponding Secretary - Kathy Croft

Treasurer - Ann Gehrlein

Board:

Amy Barney, Elaine Smith, Jim Kwiatkowski, Betsy Olsen, Sally Shilling, and Janet Norman

If any one wants to run for office that was not contacted. Please call Amy at 899-7536

Dr. Ramsdell will be speaking at the EKC meeting **Wednesday, August 19, 2009**. Topic will be on first aid and vaccinations. This is open to the public and will begin at 7:30 at the Waterford Borough Building.

Remember to bring your Frugal Pet items to the meeting for the ANNA Shelter.

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A School Nurse has written the info below -good enough to share - And it really works!!

I had a pediatrician tell me what she believes is the best way to remove a tick. This is great, because it works in those places where it's some times difficult to get to with tweezers: between toes, in the middle of a head full of dark hair, etc.

Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and swab it for a few seconds (15-20), the tick will come out on its own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away. This technique has worked every time I've used it (and that was frequently), and it's much less traumatic for the patient and easier for me.

Unless someone is allergic to soap, I can't see that this would be damaging in any way. I even had my doctor's wife call me for advice because she had one stuck to her back and she couldn't reach it with tweezers. She used this method and immediately called me back to say. "**It worked!**"

What do you think? Does it?

Bow wow WOW!

Nearly 18 months ago in October 2007 Sisters Diane Cook, Carol Ann McLaughlin, Justina Gutowski, Rita Groner, Oblates Nancy Sabol and myself, Jo Clarke, with our five young dogs, *embarked* on an adventure. This journey took us through basic obedience training, passing the American Kennel Club test "The Canine Good Citizen" and successfully completing the Therapy Dogs United test this past December and January.

Therapy Dogs United is the organization in the Erie area providing trained dogs that are ready to visit a wide range of various agencies. Wearing their blue Therapy Dog Vests the dogs "go to work" visiting places such as hospitals, senior centers, hospice facilities, homes for at-risk youth and schools. These loving dogs can help people communicate, providing comfort to the bereaved, put a smile on the face of a hospice patient and help children learn. Studies show that everyone can benefit from this remarkable human - dog relationship. I know that we all have.

I think I can safely speak for the handlers (the human ones) when I say that this continuing journey has taught us a great deal not only about our dogs but perhaps most importantly about ourselves. The fact is that with a great deal of patience, persistence, hard work, mutual respect and unconditional love, learning from our dogs and laughing at ourselves we can accomplish almost anything!



Back row, from left: Diane Cook, OSB& Terra; Carol Ann McLaughlin, OSB & Rusty; Justina Gutowski, OSB& Dixie. Front Row, from left: Jo Clarke, Oblate & Molly; Nancy Sabol, Oblate & Riley.

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The sisters took our pet obedience classes back in 2007 when APOTC had classes at Harding School. APOTC used their building at Camp Glinodo for two of our sessions. The sisters wanted further fun with their furry friends in agility. Kathy Croft started agility with this group and they now have been bitten by the agility bug.

Check out the new breeds...

AKC Breed News

The AKC has announced that two breeds will become eligible for full AKC registration on December 2, 2009. The Bluetick Coonhound is known for intelligence and endurance; the Boykin Spaniel is a compact hunting dog and the official dog of South Carolina.



That's all for now...see you in July