



Admiral Perry Obedience Training Club, Inc.

NEWSLETTER

June 2010

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

The next meeting will be June 8, 2010 at 7 PM at the Shriners Hospital.

APOTC will participate in the Humane Society Calendar fundraiser again this year. The APOTC group photo for the 2011 calendar will be taken Saturday, June 26, 2010. The time and place will be announced later. Rain date is Tuesday, June 29, 2010.

Need a new APOTC sweat shirt, jacket, fleece or T? Lee-Ann Czytuck will be taking orders at the next meeting just in time for the August obedience/rally trials.

Our August 21 and 22, 2010 obedience and rally trials will be held at the JMC Memorial Ice Arena. Renovation work at the facility may put a damper on the trial so an alternate show location is needed. If you have any information on potential alternate locations please contact Lou Norman.

The upcoming obedience classes will be as follows:

Fall session: September 16, 23,30, October 7,14,21,28, November 4,11, 2010

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

It's that time of year...time for the APOTC annual summer picnic! Ann Gehrlein has graciously offered her place again this year for the picnic. So save the date, Tuesday, July 13, 2010, at 6 PM. The club will provide the buns, meat and beverages. Please bring a place setting and a dish to share. Contact Ann via email or phone to let her know what dish you would like to bring.

In September the Board will appoint a new Training Director and Assistant Training Director. A committee was formed to explore and define the requirements for the positions.

The nominating committee chair, Amy Barney, announced at the May meeting the following slate for officers and board members for election. Nominees are as follows:

President:	Lee Ann Czytuck
Vice-President:	Marilyn Flower
Treasurer:	Ann Gehrlein
Recording Secretary: (vote one)	Aleta Ross
	Amy Barney
Corresponding Secretary:	Kathy Croft
Board of Directors: (vote six)	Trish Clark
	Lou Norman
	Melanie Shufron
	Elaine Smith
	Jim Kwiatkowski
	Betsy Olson
	Sally Shilling
	Janet Norman

Good luck to the nominees. The membership will vote at the June meeting. Any write-in candidates must be present at the meeting to accept nominations.

Upcoming Events

The Canine Good Citizen Test will be offered on June 5, 2010 at Ann Gehrlein's place. Sign in is at 10:00 AM and testing begins at 10:30 AM. The fee is \$6.00 per dog. Deadline for pre-registration is Saturday, May 29, 2010. Both purebred and mixed-breed dogs of any age are welcome. The registration form can be found on the APOTC website, www.apotcerie.org.

Mark your calendar for the American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Walk which will be held on Saturday, October 2, 2010 in Erie. Come out and walk with your dog on the APOTC team.

2010 Run-thru Schedule from January to July held by the All Breed Training Club of Akron is available on line at www.abtca.org. Obedience, rally, agility and conformation are offered. Questions call 330-630-0418 or email info@abtca.org. ABTCA's building is located on the Summit County Fairgrounds property in Tallmadge, OH.

Laura Romanik "Bridging the Gap" Seminar will be held in Medina, OH, on July 30 to August 1, 2010. Get an answer to the question, "How do I get in the ring what I get in training?" The seminar is limited to 15 working teams and cost is \$200 (includes lunch and breakfast). It will be held at the Medina Kennel Club, 6162 Wooster Pike Road, Medina, OH. For more info contact Bonnie Burman at burmantervs@aol.com or 330-668-2590.

There will be an AKC Sanctioned B Conformation Matches on Wednesday evenings, June 16, 30, July 14 and 28, 2010, at 6 PM at the Lorain County Kennel Club Park in Oberlin, OH. For more information visit the website at www.loraincountykc.org.

The Western Reserve Kennel club will hold an AKC Sanctioned B-OB Match on Sunday, May 23, 2010 at the Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field in Moreland Hills, OH. Conformation, handling, obedience and rally entries will be taken from 9 to 11 AM. Judging begins at noon. Our own *Janet Norman* will be one of the distinguished judges for the match. For more information contact the match chair Georgianne Doyle 216-598-8605.

Bits and Pieces

From **Karen F. Martin, VMD**, Veterinary Medical Field Officer, Region 1 Office BAHDS, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, 814-332-6890, kfmartin@state.pa.us :

In Pennsylvania it is illegal to possess wild animals without a permit, even if your intention is to try to help them. The best advice from the Pennsylvania Game Commission is to leave wildlife alone. This is their News Release titled **SPRINGTIME ALERT: DO NOT DISTURB YOUNG WILDLIFE**.

http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=12775&PageID=648010&mode=2&contentid=http://pubcontent.state.pa.us/publishedcontent/publish/marketing/sites/game_commission/content/resources/newsreleases/newsrelease/articles/release_043_10.html

If a truly orphaned animal is found, there is a network of wildlife rehabilitators in Pennsylvania. At this website of the Pennsylvania Association of Wildlife Rehabilitators there is an interactive map where you can find the nearest wildlife rehabilitator to your location:

<http://www.pawr.com/>

Urge Congress to Crack Down on Crush Videos

Subject: Congresswoman Kathy Dahlkemper, representing the 11th District of Pennsylvania
If you are interested in sending Congresswoman Kathy Dahlkemper an email, asking her to support H.R.5092, please click this link and fill out the format.

<https://forms.house.gov/dahlkemper/contact-form.shtml>

As you may know, H.R. 5092 was introduced immediately in response to the April 21, 2010 Supreme Court ruling in *U.S. v. Stevens*. The Court ruled that a law introduced by Rep. Gallegly and signed into law by President Bill Clinton in 1999, the Depiction of Animal Cruelty Act, was "overbroad" and might capture depictions protected by the First Amendment. The Court acknowledged the long history of animal protection laws in the United States and left open a pathway for Congress to pass a more targeted law aimed at "extreme animal cruelty." Before the 1999 law was enacted, there were approximately 3,000 of these horrific videos available in the marketplace, selling for up to \$300 apiece. That market all but disappeared soon after the law was passed, but since a federal appellate court declared the law unconstitutional in July 2008, "crush" videos have again proliferated on the Internet.

For those of you who are not aware of what "crush" videos are, they are actual videotaped acts of cruelty against animals, primarily puppies and kittens and other small animals, showing a woman in high heels impaling, stepping on and "crushing" the animal to death or leaving it to suffer. Videos of other acts of animal cruelty, including but not limited to dog fights, also came under this ruling issued by the U.S. Supreme Court, making it okay for people to videotape and then sell these videos for profit.

I know, it sounds too horrible to be true, but it is true. Here is a copy of the Humane Society of the United States' press release on the issue:
http://www.humanesociety.org/news/press_releases/2010/04/cruelty_depiction_law_introdu

Here is a copy of the article from the ASPCA's web site:

<http://www.asPCA.org/blog/us-supreme-court-upholds.html>

If you want Congresswoman Dahlkemper to support H.R. 5092, then please click on the first link in this email.

If you would like to forward this email to others who are outside of our local Congresswoman Dahlkemper's region and they would like to email or contact their own representative in Congress to ask them to support H.R. 5092, here is a link to all of the web sites for every member in Congress, which includes all of their contact information:

<http://www.contactingthecongress.org/>

And...

A Few Thoughts

I've presided over my last meeting as president of our club and the first thing that comes to mind is to say thanks to all of you for your support. Without so many working together we would not be as successful as we are nor would there have been as much growth in membership in the last two years. Everyone has stepped up to the plate when the call goes out for help. I encourage everyone to continue to volunteer because participating members are the ones who stay and the ones who keep the club alive. For the newer members, do not hesitate to join in or ask questions. We need everyone and we want everyone to feel welcome.

I wondered in the past week or so if the club is what our new members had expected when they joined. I know the business of the meetings gets somewhat long and there is limited time for other discussion that some might like to do. But we are primarily a training club and that's where much of our time needs to be spent. But again, when there are ideas on guest speakers or other topics of discussion bring them to someone's attention so we can be as diverse as time permits.

A special note of thanks to all the trainers and assistants for the great job they have done over the years and for being so faithful to show up week after week hardly ever missing a Thursday night training session.

Without them the club could not meet its most important objective of "training". When the next session of classes start in September you may want to go and watch and consider being an assistant at some point. I think you'll find it worthwhile and interesting if you go.

Thank you again for your support and the confidence you placed in me over the past years. Please continue to do the same for my successor.

Lou Norman