



## Admiral Perry Obedience Training Club, Inc.

### NEWSLETTER

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

September 2009

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:	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 club website, [www.apotcerie.org](http://www.apotcerie.org), will be updated in the near future. We need some new photos and fresh ideas. Please submit your photos and comments to Janet Norman at the September meeting.

The September meeting is Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 7 PM at the Shriners Hospital.

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

#### *Upcoming Events*

Eye Clinic, DNA profile and AVID microchip Clinic will be sponsored by the Erie Kennel Club on Saturday, September 12, 2009 at Camboro Veterinary Hospital, Edinboro, PA. Appointments are required and may be made by contacting Esther Kostelnick at 814-398-8853 and [telme@verizon.net](mailto:telme@verizon.net).

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.

## ***Upcoming Events (continued)***

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 scheduled practice is September 3, 2009 at 6:30 PM at Grover Cleveland School, 38<sup>th</sup> and Greengarden.

Doggie Fun Day is set for Sunday, September 13, 2009 at Alameda Park, Butler, PA. You'll find obedience, rally, conformation, agility fun ring, CGC/TDI test, earth dog tunnel fun, an AKC sanctioned match and an AVID microchip clinic. For more fun info visit [www.butlerdogtraining.com](http://www.butlerdogtraining.com)

The popular Pat Hastings seminar "Structure In Action" will be hosted by the Southeastern Ohio Kennel Club on November 21, 2009 in Marietta, OH. The information that is presented will be of interest to breeders looking to produce the most structurally sound animals possible, as well as agility/obedience/performance competitors, and individuals who wish to evaluate their adult dog for potential structural issues. A vet who specializes in canine athletes will also be discussing how to prevent and deal with injuries. For additional info or questions contact Anne Morrison [www.greatoakshepherds.com](http://www.greatoakshepherds.com) or [amorrison50@hotmail.com](mailto:amorrison50@hotmail.com)

The All Breed Training Club of Akron has published the Run-thru schedule through December for agility, obedience, rally and conformation. Questions call 330-630-0418 or email [info@abtca.org](mailto:info@abtca.org) or to see the schedule visit [www.abtca.org](http://www.abtca.org).

Connie Cleveland Dog Training Workshop will be hosted by the Youngstown All Breed Training Club on September 12 and 13, 2009 in North Jackson, OH. Visit [www.YABTC.com](http://www.YABTC.com) for more information.

In the spirit of responsible dog ownership days in September, the Therapy Dogs United group will host the second annual Responsible Dog Ownership Day in Frontier Park in Erie, PA on Saturday, September 19, 2009 from 11 AM – 4 PM. Visit the website [www.therapydogsunited.org](http://www.therapydogsunited.org) for details.

The Golden Triangle Obedience Training Club will hold obedience and rally trials on October 10 and 11, 2009. They will also hold an obedience "c" match on October 10 after the trials. Contact trial secretary Cathy Konkoleski at [skypuppy123@yahoo.com](mailto:skypuppy123@yahoo.com) for premiums

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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. Reservations are necessary and can be secured with a credit card by calling the Humane Society at 814-835-8331. Please see a copy of the invitation at the end of the newsletter for details.  
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***And now, a word from the President:***

Hi everyone,

I want to say thanks to all of you that helped put on another great show this year. Both members and non members helped with set up that I think took place in record time. We're getting this down to a science and with the heat it helped to have so many on hand to set up the rings and do the cleaning.

As usual the stewards were helpful and pleasant all weekend and the judges remarked how much they enjoyed working with them. One judge even remarked she "forgot what a classy show this was." I think the stewarding at our show has always been one of our strong points. Thanks to all of you that volunteered and did such a fine job.

The food was great! It was especially appreciated when some could have lunch as early as 10:30 when that was the only time they could eat.

Did you ever see so many items on a raffle table? A really good job and a lot of time spent for the club.

The only rough spot was on Saturday evening when we had only two or three to help with the match and cleanup.

I heard a number of favorable compliments from exhibitors and I think the only complaints were in reference to the heat. I don't think any number of fans would have made a significant difference but perhaps we can come up with some ideas on what we might do in the future if we expect it to be that hot again.

Tear down was pretty quick and easy, again due to a number of people who came Sunday afternoon just for that.

I'm not mentioning names of all those that helped because someone will be left out or slighted. A HUGE THANK YOU to all that volunteered! This takes a lot of work to be done successfully. If someone wasn't able to help this year I hope you'll be able to next year since there will be others that will have conflicts and won't be able to be there. It is a pleasure to work with such a great group of people. I'm sure many of you have heard how some clubs, regardless of size, can't get enough people to work at their own shows. It's a tribute to all of us that we're able to do this so well and enjoy it at the same time.

Bring your thoughts and suggestions for improvements to the next meeting since there must be something we can do better.

Gratefully,

Lou

## **AKC Featured Breed of the Month:**

### **AKC MEET THE BREEDS®: Collie**

Although a large, active dog, the Collie is both elegant and graceful, appearing to float over the ground as it runs. Loyal and affectionate, the breed is naturally responsive to humans. Marked characteristics include the beautiful coat of the rough variety and the breed's lean wedge-shaped head. The coat can be rough or smooth and the four accepted colors are sable and white, tri-color, blue merle and white. The best-known Collie is, of course, the famous Lassie.

### **A Look Back**

The exact origin of the Collie is uncertain, but they have existed for centuries as herding dogs of Scotland and England. They were used primarily as a drover dog, guiding cows and sheep to market. The true popularity of the breed came about during the 1860's when Queen Victoria visited the Scottish Highlands and fell in love with the breed - from that point on Collies became very fashionable.

### **Right Breed for You?**

The Collie is a devoted family dog, especially with children. Although they require daily walks, they can also be couch potatoes. Despite the Rough Collie's immense coat, they only need to be brushed about once a week, although the need for brushing may increase in shedding season. Collies are also a very clean breed and are noted for not having a doggie odor.

- Herding Group; AKC recognized in 1885.
- Ranging in size from 22 to 26 inches tall at the shoulder and 50 to 75 pounds.
- Herder; drover.

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### ***Members Corner:***

Last month the question of the month was:

*What do you do with all those qualifying and placement ribbons?*

Some dog show enthusiasts place the ribbons in a 3 ring binder with all the accompanying armbands, catalog pages and photos for each dog. Others keep a file system in a cabinet with the ribbons and associated stuff for each dog. Recently, I did find a website ([www.showthrow.com](http://www.showthrow.com)) that will create a "quilt" wall hanging with the ribbons.

# Paws for a Cause...



'Til they all have a home.

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

5 to 8 p.m.



Erie Yacht Club

Benefitting the Humane Society of Northwestern Pennsylvania

The Erie region has regarded the Humane Society as caretaker and steward over its companion animals for well over 100 years. We have a long history of excellent care that has evolved and adapted to community standards and needs. Today, we incorporate the best practices and most advanced working philosophies of the shelter industry. The Humane Society is committed to continual improvement.

Northwestern Pennsylvania enjoys the distinction of having one of the finest animal shelters in the nation. The new shelter opened in early 2004; it is a modern, efficient design equipped for increased capacity, improved animal care and customer service.

Our shelter operations are funded solely with the generous support of friends and supporters, as well as revenue generated from adoption and service fees. Many volunteers aid in animal care and socialization.

A grant from the County of Erie does fund a portion of our Cruelty Investigation Division. The Humane Society maintains a team of cruelty officers to enforce the Pennsylvania Cruelty Law that prohibits and protects the abuse, neglect and cruel and inhumane treatment of domesticated animals. Our sworn cruelty investigation officers provide intervention, education and enforcement at great cost savings to law enforcement agencies and the public.



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You are cordially invited to attend  
**Paws for a Cause...**  
**'Til they all have a Home.**

A Cocktail and Hors d'oeuvre Reception  
 benefitting  
 the Humane Society of Northwestern Pennsylvania.

**Tuesday, September 22, 2009**  
 5 to 8 p.m. (Program at 6:30 p.m.)  
 Erie Yacht Club, Ravine Drive, Erie, PA

Come and enjoy a beautiful fall evening on the waterfront  
 while listening to jazz musician Derf Hopsecger.  
 The 2010 Pet Calendar will be unveiled and available for purchase  
 along with an assortment of raffle and silent auction items .

Tickets are \$25 per person.  
 Calendar Sponsor tickets are \$20 per person.  
 Additional sponsorship opportunities are described on the RSVP card.



Please respond by September 16, 2009.

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