



Admiral Perry Obedience Training Club, Inc.

NEWSLETTER

January 2013

APOTC website www.apotcerie.org.

Regular club meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at the Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, 3520 Perry Street, Erie, PA

Club Officers:

President:	Lee-Ann Czytuck
Vice-President:	Melanie Shufran
Treasurer:	Ann Gehrlein
Recording Secretary:	Betsy Olson
Corresponding Secretary:	Janet Norman
Board of Directors:	Trish Clark
	Mary Alice Piotrowski
	Jim Kwiatkowski
	Jodie Casillo
	Marilyn Flower
	Sandy Globa

Club News

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 12, 2013, at 7 PM at the Emmanuel Presbyterian Church.

The Babies and Dogs program will be held at UPMC Hamot on Tuesday, February 19, 2013. The Babies & Dogs program has a PowerPoint presentation which focuses on ideas and safety issues on how to introduce the baby and plan ahead for all the changes that will occur when bringing the baby home. It is done with our dogs in attendance as well. Please contact Sandy Globa if you wish to participate.

The monthly newsletter will now appear *quarterly* beginning with this January 2013 edition. Please submit items for the newsletter to Betsy Olson.

The APOTC obedience classes are held at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church. The Winter session started January 17, 2013. The Spring session will begin on March 28, 2013.

Upcoming Events

Show and work at the APOTC Agility Trials in Edinboro, PA, at Countryside Agility on January 18, 19, and 20, 2013 and March 1, 2, and 3, 2013. All hands on deck would be appreciated to ensure great agility trials.

The APOTC Annual Awards Dinner was on Tuesday, January 15, 2013, at the Erie Yacht Club. Good food and fun was had by all. Congratulations to all who had success and fun with their dogs in 2012. The awards program is included at the end of the newsletter.

Visit the All Breed Training Club of Akron's website www.abtca.org for the 2013 Run-thru schedule for obedience, rally, beginner novice, agility and conformation.

In the News

American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen Becomes an Official AKC Title

In celebration of dogs with good manners at home and in the community, beginning January 1, 2013, passing the AKC®'s Canine Good Citizen® test can be recognized as an official American Kennel Club® title for all dogs.

Since the program began in 1989, the CGC® has been considered an “award.” Dogs that passed the 10-step test received a certificate, but CGC was not listed on the dog’s title record. Now as a result of frequent requests from dog owners and instructors, owners of dogs registered or listed with AKC will be able to use the CGC suffix after the dog’s name and include Canine Good Citizen on their dog’s official title record.

“We’re pleased to celebrate the accomplishments of the thousands of dogs that pass the Canine Good Citizen test each year by offering CGC as a title,” said Mary Burch, PhD, director of AKC’s Canine Good Citizen program. “The CGC program tests the skills that make dogs a joy to live with and many owners have expressed the desire to officially add this ‘badge of honor’ to the end of their dog’s official AKC name. We hope that CGC is the first of many titles these dogs earn.”

For dogs that pass the test on or after January 1, 2013, owners will be able to choose from two options on the CGC test form: CGC as a title or CGC certificate only.

- CGC as a title: CGC will be listed on the dog’s official AKC title record. The dog must be registered or listed with AKC (via an AKC registration number, PAL listing, or AKC Canine Partners listing). Owners will receive the CGC certificate and may use the suffix “CGC” after the dog’s name.
- CGC certificate only: CGC will not appear on the dog’s official AKC title record.

Owners whose dogs earned the CGC award from January 1, 2001 onward may convert the award into a title by filling out and submitting a form found on the AKC website.

AKC began accepting CGC title applications on Monday, December 17, 2012. The processing of all CGC title application will begin Wednesday, January 2, 2013.

To compete or earn any AKC titles, including the new CGC title, dogs must have an AKC number: an AKC registration number, a Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) number or an AKC Canine PartnersSM number.

The Canine Good Citizen program is a two-part program that stresses responsible pet ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs. Many dog owners choose Canine Good Citizen training as the first step in training their dogs. The program lays the foundation for other AKC activities such as obedience, agility, tracking, and performance events and also serves to enhance the bond between owner and dog, making dogs a pleasure with which to live.

Chinook and Portuguese Podengo Pequeno Join AKC Family

The American Kennel Club® expanded its litter of recognized breeds on January 1 to welcome the Portuguese Podengo Pequeno and Chinook, growing AKC's family to 177 breeds.

An American breed joining the Working Group, the [Chinook](#) was bred as a sled dog for drafting and sled dog racing in New Hampshire. The breed was later named the state dog of New Hampshire in 2009. Chinooks enjoy activities such as backpacking, skijoring, sledding, jogging, and hiking with their families.

They are especially fond of children and get along well with other dogs. They are playful, highly trainable, and adaptable. Their tawny-colored double coat requires occasional bathing and brushing.

The [Portuguese Podengo Pequeno](#) joins the Hound Group. The breed is known for its small size, erect ears and wedge shaped head. Bred to hunt in harsh terrains, they use sight, scent and sound to catch their prey — typically rabbits. They have two coat types, smooth and wire. This breed is active, intelligent and easy to train. They require regular exercise but should be kept on a leash or in a fenced yard due to their instinct to chase.

The AKC also welcomed the [Lagotto Romagnolo](#) and [Berger Picard](#) into the Miscellaneous Class.



Highlights from the 2012 APOTC Obedience and Rally Trials held in August 2012 at the JMC Ice Arena in Erie, PA.

APOTC 2012 AWARDS DINNER

January 15, 2013 – Erie Yacht Club

AKC Performance Titles

BEGINNER NOVICE (BN)

Mary Alice Piotrowski & Rusty
Aleta Ross & Roscoe

NOVICE (CD)

Trish Clark & Katch
Debbie Giewont & Inde

OPEN (CDX)

Sue Eastman & Izzy

UTILITY (UD)

Amy Barney & Sampson

AKC Rally Titles

RALLY NOVICE (RN)

Jodi Casillo & Monte
Sue Eastman & Birdie

RALLY ADVANCED (RA)

Trish Clark & Katch
Debbie Giewont & Inde

RALLY EXCELLENT (RE)

Trish Clark & Katch

AKC AGILITY TITLES

NOVICE STANDARD (NA)

Trish Clark & Katch
Marilyn Flower & Stormy
Ann Gehrlein & Disco

NOVICE JUMPERS (NAJ)

Trish Clark & Katch
Marilyn Flower & Stormy
Ann Gehrlein & Disco

OPEN STANDARD (OA)

Trish Clark & Katch
Ann Gehrlein & Disco
Mary Alice Piotrowski & Rusty

OPEN JUMPERS (OAJ)

Trish Clark & Katch
Ann Gehrlein & Disco
Mary Alice Piotrowski & Rusty

EXCELLENT STANDARD (AX)

Trish Clark & Katch

MASTER JUMPERS GOLD (MJG)

Marilyn Flower & Cappy

MACH

Marilyn Flower & Cappy

MACH V

Kathy Croft & Beamer

BREED CHAMPIONSHIP (CH)

Sue Eastman & Birdie

AKC Performance Titles

Amy Barney	Sampson	UD
Jodi Casillo	Monte	RN
Trish Clark	Katch	CD, RA, RE, NA, NAJ, OA, OAJ, AX
Kathy Croft	Beamer	MACH V
Sue Eastman	Birdie	RN, CH
Sue Eastman	Izzy	CDX
Marilyn Flower	Cappy	MJG, MACH
Marilyn Flower	Stormy	NA, NAJ
Ann Gehrlein	Disco	NA, NAJ, OA, OAJ
Debbie Giewont	Inde	CD, RA
Mary Alice Piotrowski	Rusty	BN, OA, OAJ
Aleta Ross	Roscoe	BN

Total number of Titles - 28

Agility 16 Obedience 6 Rally 5 Champion 1

Traveling Trophy – CD, CDX, UD

2011 Kathy Croft & Beamer CD

Traveling Trophy – CD, CDX, UD

2012 Debbie Giewont & Inde CD

Member Anniversaries

5 Years

Sue Eastman
James Kwiatkowski
Kathleen Kwiatkowski
Betsy Olson

20 Years

Debbie Giewont

25 Years

Melanie Shufra

