



Admiral Perry Obedience Training Club, Inc.

NEWSLETTER

July 2012

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, August 14, 2012, at the JMC Ice Arena following set up for the August obedience and rally trials. Set up is scheduled for 5 PM. A nice buffet dinner will be served with the meeting to satisfy hungry appetites after setting up for the trials.

The Babies and Dogs program will be held at UPMC Hamot on the third Tuesday of July and October, 2012. 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. APOTC trainers and dogs show the importance of having a positive relationship and bond with your dog; keeping in mind the need for good management and a plan for a safe zone for the dog and baby. Also, the need to continue working on obedience is encouraged. Please contact Sandy Globa if you wish to participate.

The APOTC obedience classes will be held at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church. The Fall classes will start September 13, 2012.

The election for new officers and board members for 2012/2013 was held at the June general membership meeting. Congratulations to the new officers and board members!

Upcoming Events

The APOTC annual picnic will be held at the home of Ann Gehrlein on Tuesday, July 24, 2012, at 6 PM. The club will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, buns refreshments and condiments. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to share as well as an individual place setting (plate, utensils). Please contact Ann to let her know what dish you wish to share.

Save the date for the APOTC Obedience and Rally Trials set for Saturday and Sunday, August 18 and 19, 2012, at the JMC Ice Arena in Erie, PA. We will need all hands on deck for set up on Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at 5 PM to make the trials a success! Come out for the trial to support APOTC by working and showing your dog.

Join Therapy Dogs United for “Paws in the Park” in recognition of Responsible Dog Ownership Month on Saturday, September 15, 2012 from 10 AM to 4 PM in Frontier Park, Erie, PA. There will be vendors, health and wellness clinics, CGC testing, a dog blessing at 1 PM, plenty of food and a dog wedding. For more information visit www.therapydogsunited.org.

Breed Spotlight

American Kennel Club Welcomes a New Terrier to the Family

Date of Article: June 27, 2012

–The Russell Terrier Gains Full AKC Recognition While Three Other Breeds Move into the Miscellaneous Class –

The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) expanded its litter of registered breeds on June 27 to welcome the Russell Terrier to the Terrier Group, growing AKC’s family to 175 breeds. Also moving up the ranks to the Miscellaneous class on the same day are the Coton de Tulear, Spanish Water Dog, and Miniature American Shepherd.

“The AKC is excited to welcome this adventurous terrier to the registry,” said AKC Spokesperson Lisa Peterson. “Energetic and full of life, the Russell Terrier will make a wonderful companion for active people.”

The Russell Terrier is feisty and playful with an enormous amount of energy and a strong instinct for hunting. Originating in England and developed in Australia, the breed was used for fox hunting as well as finding vermin below ground. They are small, confident, and highly intelligent dogs that are devoted and loving family companions. Because of their energy and intensity, Russell Terriers do best in a family with an active lifestyle. Their weatherproof coat requires minimal grooming beyond brushing and occasional bathing.

To become an AKC recognized breed there needs to be a certain number of dogs geographically distributed throughout the U.S. and an established breed club to watch over them. Breeds waiting to gain full recognition are recorded in AKC’s Foundation Stock Service® (FSS®). More information on the process can be found at the AKC’s [Web site](#). For more information about this breed, visit the [American Russell Terrier Club](#) website.