



APOTC

ADMIRAL PERRY OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB

Officers & Board

President: Lee-Ann Czytuck

Vice-President: Marilyn Flower

Recording Secretary: Melanie Shufan

Corresponding Secretary: Janet Norman

Treasurer: Ann Gehrlein

Board: Betsy Olson, Sue Eastman, Kathy Croft, Mary Alice Piotrowski, Aleta Ross, Karen Grettler (training director)

General Meeting

Second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at the Erie Kennel Club, Inc. building, 9457 Wattsburg Road, Erie, PA 16509

No meeting in December, January and July

Club News and Activities

Dogs and Babies Program

The Dogs and Babies Program will be held at UPMC Hamot Woman's Hospital on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, Tuesday, June 20, and September 19, 2017. The program focuses on safety issues with the family dog when bringing home the new baby and addresses how to introduce the baby and plan ahead for all the changes that will occur. Please contact Sandy Globa if you wish to participate.

Obedience Classes

The obedience classes for the Winter session will start February 2, 2017 and run thru March 23, 2017. The Spring session will start April 13, 2017 and run thru June 1, 2017. Classes are held at the Erie Kennel Club building. Contact Janet Norman for registration.



"THIS ONE LOOKS LIKE A CHALLENGE."

Upcoming Events

APOTC Agility Trials at Countryside Agility to be held on March 3, 4 and 5, and April 7, 8, and 9, 2017.

Club News and Activities

Annual Awards Dinner

The APOTC 2016 Awards dinner was held Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at the Erie Maennerchor Club. A listing of the titles earned by members in 2016 appears at the end of this newsletter. A big “Thank You” to Mary Alice Piotrowski for her work assembling the titles list, trophies and patches for this event. Congratulations to Lee-Ann Czytuck for her 15 year Membership Anniversary and to all the members recognized for their accomplishments in 2016 with their dogs.

Kibbles and Bits

Around the Obedience Rings - Canine Training Association Urges “Training in Rain”

by Calvin Pierson, Hyattsville, Md., from the American Kennel Gazette, pg. 109,

January 1951

Does your Fido behave only according to the kind of weather we are having? If so then Canine Training Association believes that something should be done about it.

Nice indeed it is to have indoor quarters for our training work, particularly during the inclement months of fall, winter, and early spring, but on the other hand is there any reason to hold to the philosophy that Fido behaves only when the weather is good? Isn't our job to teach him obedience under all conditions? Since these questions are only editorial you need not answer!

Certain precautions, of course, will have to be observed when we take our house pets out into the inclement out-of-doors for their daily lessons and weekly classes. To twist a not-otherwise-pleasant situation to our advantage a great portion of the sessions might well be spent on the heeling exercise, a point which we have observed as a fundamental weakness in many of the dogs participating in competitive trials. Double-pacing, fast turns, and quick halts — in addition to keeping up good circulation for both handler and dog during the cold and rainy days ahead — will do a great deal towards correcting these heeling faults. Further, experience has pointed the way to the fact that a dog that heels with a considerable degree of efficiency quite often performs the other obedience routines with an equally good degree of efficiency. Many of us know from observation and experience that the heeling exercises are often skipped over too rapidly by the novice or beginner in their anxiety to get on with more advanced routines. That, of course, is a mistake for most dogs.

Proportionate time should also be spent on the “staying” exercises during these inclement-weather training sessions. Prepare yourself and your dog for the rigors of the out-of-door

training by dressing lightly but warmly —using a protective jacket or sweater for your dog if he seems to need it. In any event, once these sessions are over, do not delay too long in returning the dog to his normal household environment and particularly be sure to dry him with a coarse towel if he has managed to get himself good and wet in the training process.

This inclement-weather training may, if you are a show-going enthusiast, someday pay large dividends. The writer recalls one trial held in a downpour which was won by a dog that had trained in pouring rain for over a week previous to the show. My recollection is that that dog was practically the only one that stayed in position and place, so though you may not find it exactly the kind of conditions you would choose for your training, remember that Dame Nature is a fickle thing and sometime you will surely run up against the problem where good behavior regardless of the kind of weather we are having will pay off. Even if you do not show your dog in competition it should still be the aim of we in training work to have companions that will mind us under all conditions...so we can truly say "A TRAINED dog is a BETTER dog."

Here's to inclement-weather-training — A-Choo! One moment while I get the aspirin! May you too have good luck.



APOTC 2016 AWARDS DINNER

January 10, 2017 - Erie Maennerchor Club

AKC Performance Titles

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN (CGC)

Aleta Ross & Baron

COMMUNITY CANINE (CGCA)

Andrea Bubna & Jethro

Beth Rapp & Ice

BEGINNER NOVICE (BN)

Debbie Giewont & Leilee

Mary Alice Piotrowski & Danny Boy

AKC Rally Titles

RALLY NOVICE (RN)

Debbie Giewont & Leilee

Karen Grettler & Wink

RALLY ADVANCE (RA)

Karen Grettler & Wink

Mary Alice Piotrowski & Danny Boy

RALLY EXCELLENT (RE)

Ann Gehrlein & Ryder

AKC Agility Titles

NOVICE STANDARD (NA)

Kathy Croft & Tillie

Marilyn Flower & Breeze

Debbie Giewont & Leilee

Amy McGarvey & Roxy

AKC Agility Titles

NOVICE JUMPER (NAJ)

Kathy Croft & Tillie

Debbie Giewont & Leilee

NOVICE FAST (NF)

Lee-Ann Czytuck & Trip

Marilyn Flower & Stormy

OPEN STANDARD (OA)

Ann Gehrlein & Ryder

Betsy Olson & Bode

OPEN JUMPER (OAJ)

Betsy Olson & Bode

MASTER EXCELLENT STANDARD(MX)

Karen Grettler & Wink

MASTER EXCELLENT JUMPER(MXJ)

Karen Grettler & Wink

MASTER SILVER STANDARD(MXS)

Marilyn Flower & Stormy

MASTER SILVER JUMPER(MJS)

Marilyn Flower & Stormy

MASTER GOLD STANDARD(MXG)

Marilyn Flower & Stormy

MASTER GOLD JUMPER(MJG)

Marilyn Flower & Stormy

AKC Agility Titles

MASTER AGILITY CHAMPION(MACH)

Marilyn Flower & Stormy

MASTER AGILITY CHAMPION (MACH VIII)

Kathy Croft & Beamer

AKC Barn Hunt Association Titles

OPEN BARN HUNT (RATO)

Karen Grettler & Wink

AKC Conformation Titles

GRAND CHAMPION(GCH)

Betsy Olson & Bode

GRAND CHAMPION BRONZE(GCHB)

Betsy Olson & Gracie

AKC Field Titles

SENIOR HUNTER(SH)

Ann Gehrlein & Ryder

Water Titles

JUNIOR WATER DOG(JWD)

Debbie Giewont & Leilee

UKC Rally Titles

RALLY OI (UROI)

Mary Alice Piotrowski & Danny Boy

Beth Rapp & Ice

UKC Conformation Titles

CONFORMATION(U-CH)

Mary Alice Piotrowski & Danny Boy

ALTERED CHAMPION(U-ALCH)

Beth Rapp & Ice

GRAND CHAMPION(U-GCH)

Charlene Cyphert & Laddie