



# Admiral Perry Obedience Training Club, Inc.

## NEWSLETTER

June 2013

APOTC website [www.apotcerie.org](http://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, June 11, 2013, at 7 PM at the Emmanuel Presbyterian Church. Voting for new officers and board members will be on the agenda so be sure to attend. The Trial Committee meeting scheduled for 6:00 PM prior to the General Membership meeting on June 11, 2013, has been postponed and will be rescheduled.

The Nominating Committee for 2013/2014 presents the following slate of Officers and Board Members for consideration and vote at the June 11, 2013 General meeting:

President:	Lee-Ann Czytuck
Vice-President:	Marilyn Flower
Treasurer:	Ann Gehrlein (one more year)
Recording Secretary:	Lou Norman or Kathy Croft
Corresponding Secretary:	Janet Norman
Board of Directors:	Melanie Shufran
	Mary Alice Piotrowski
	Betsy Olson (Newsletter quarterly)
	Jodie Casillo
	Sandy Globa
	Sue Eastman

The Babies and Dogs program will be held at UPMC Hamot on Tuesday, July 30, 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 APOTC obedience classes are held at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church. The fall classes will start on September 12, 2013.

The APOTC annual picnic will be July 9, 2013 at Ann Gehrlein's home. The club will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, refreshments and condiments. Please bring a dish to share as well as an individual place setting (plate, utensils). Contact Ann to let her know what dish you wish to bring to share. The picnic will start at 6:00 PM.

### ***Upcoming Events***

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

The Ohio Boxer Club is sponsoring a cardio clinic on Friday, June 21, 2013. It is open to all breeds of dogs. Dr. Kirstin Boddy, DVM, (Cardiologists) will be available to do echo-cardiograms and auscultations. It will be held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Wooster, OH starting at 9:00 AM. Pre-registration is not required and walk-ins will be handled on a time available basis. Contact Linda Gasper, [WhitePinesBoxers@neo.rr.com](mailto:WhitePinesBoxers@neo.rr.com) for more information.

APOTC 2013 Obedience and Rally Trials will be held August 17 and 18, 2013, at the JMC Ice Arena in Erie, PA. There will be two trials on Saturday and one trial on Sunday. The premium list will be available on the website soon.

### ***Tidbits***

**What is K9 Nose Work?** (source [www.k9nosework.com](http://www.k9nosework.com) )

K9 Nose Work is the specific term used to describe the canine scent detection activity developed by Ron Gaunt, Amy Herot and Jill Marie O'Brian. The three founders of the activity wanted to use their extensive experience from working in the professional canine detection world to give pet dogs and their people a fun and easy way to learn and apply scent detection skills, and so they crafted a new activity: K9 Nose work.

In K9 Nose Work, dogs learn how to search for a specific odor or odors and find the source. Dogs start by searching for their favorite food or toy reward hidden in a variety of environments, increasing the challenges and adding new search skills as the dog progresses. Most people will choose to have their dogs learn to find the target odors used in K9 Nose Work: birch, anise, and clove; those looking to keep it fun searching for food or toy can still have fun and progress in the activity. Once target odors are introduced to the dog, he will search for the odor only and find its source, then get rewarded by his handler with his favorite food or toy reward.

K9 Nose Work introduces dogs to four different search elements: container, interior, exterior, and vehicles. Dogs build their hunt drive and learn foundational search skills in all four elements. Later stages of K9 Nose Work introduce advanced detection and handling skills to teams. Dogs are exposed to a myriad of complex search scenarios, while continuing to condition their foundational skills. Handlers sharpen their observational skills and learn when and how to take action during a search. Teams will practice searching to the competition standards set by the National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW), which includes searching for blind hides (location of hide unknown to handler), searching for multiple hides in a single search area, and, at the higher levels of competition, searching for an unknown number of hides in a search area.

K9 Nose Work is an activity that uses real-world environments and can be done almost anywhere. Every search has the potential to be dramatically different and highly stimulating experience for both the dog and handler, just by changing hide placement, or searching under different weather conditions. By participating in K9 Nose Work with your dog, you're giving him the freedom to express and refine his natural talents, and he's giving you a glimpse into how he "sees" the world.

Some of the many benefits of K9 Nose Work are:

- Dogs easily burn lots of mental and physical energy doing searches
- Searches can be done anywhere you can take your dog
- No prior training is required and no obedience is needed
- In classes, dogs work one at a time and rest crated or safely in a vehicle between searches so reactive dogs can enjoy the activity too
- Shy or fearful dogs build confidence and overactive dogs put their energy into fun searches
- Stronger bond between dog and handler as handler learns to observe, understand, and rely upon his dog

For more information about K9 Nose Work, training methodology, workshops and classes, training DVD's, and competition in the sport of K9 Nose Work, please visit [www.k9nosework.com](http://www.k9nosework.com) .

