

APOTC

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Regular club meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at the Erie Kennel Club building located at 9457 Wattsburg Road, Erie, PA 16509

President: Lee-Ann Czytuck, Vice-President: Marilyn Flower, Treasurer: Ann Gehrlein, Recording Secretary: Kathy Croft, Corresponding Secretary: Janet Norman

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Club News and Activities

Babies and Dogs

The Babies and Dogs Program will be held at UPMC Hamot Women's Hospital on Tuesday, February 17, April 21, July 21, and October 20, 2015, from 6 – 8pm. The program focuses on ideas and safety issues on how to introduce the baby and plan ahead for all the changes that will occur with the family dog when bringing the baby home. Please contact Sandy Globa if you wish to participate.

Annual Awards Banquet

Save the date! The Annual Awards Banquet will be held on January 13, 2015 at the Erie Maennerchor Club, located at 1607 State Street, Erie, PA. The evening will begin at 6:00 pm. Contact Sandy Globa for more information.



Upcoming Events

January 13

APOTC Annual Awards Banquet at Erie Maennerchor Club

January 16-18

APOTC Agility Trials at Countryside Agility

February 27, 28, March 1

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Important Announcements

General Meetings will be held at the EKC building at 9457 Wattsburg Road, Erie, PA. The next General Meeting will be in February.

Club News and Activities continued

Back to School Time!

The winter APOTC obedience classes will start on January 15, 2015 and the spring classes will start on March 26, 2015 at the Erie Kennel Club building. Contact Janet Norman for registration and more information.

Kibbles and Bits

Baby Its Cold Outside! Top Winter Safety Tips for Your Dog from the AKC

Winter is in full swing, and dog owners need to take special care to keep their four-legged friends safe and warm. With plummeting temperatures and snowfall comes a variety of dangers that can prove harmful and even fatal to your pet.

From what to watch out for during walks to caring for their paws, these five tips will help keep your dog healthy and happy this winter.

- **Steer clear of de-icers such as rock salt when talking your dog for a walk.** They can hurt your dog's paw pads and be toxic if he licks it. Make sure to rinse and dry your pup's paws when you get home.
- **Trim the hair between your dog's toes.** This will help ice balls from forming there. The snow and ice can cause cuts and cracked pads. Try rubbing a small amount of petroleum jelly on your dog's paw pads before you go for a walk to help repel the snow.
- **Never** leave your dog alone in the car on cold days. The same way your car heats up in the summer, it gets extremely cold in the winter. If it's too cold for you, then it's too cold for your dog.
- **Avoid spilled antifreeze in driveways.** It smells and tastes good to dogs, but it is actually lethal. You can also use pet-friendly antifreeze, which contains a much less toxic chemical and doesn't taste as pleasant to animals.
- **Consider putting a sweater** on your dog when you go outside if you have a hairless or smooth-coated breed.



In the Community

Southtowns Dog Training Club

Obedience Run Thru's at the Southtowns DTC, 81 Buffalo St., Hamburg, NY, January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19, and May 24, 2015. For more information go to southtownsdtc.com