

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

Board of Directors: Melanie Shufran, Mary Alice Piotrowski, Betsy Olson, Jodie Casillo, Sue Eastman, Karen Grettler

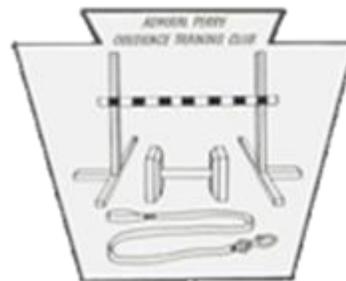
Club News and Activities

Babies and Dogs

The Babies and Dogs Program will be held at UPMC Hamot Women's Hospital on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 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.

APOTC Annual Club Picnic

The club picnic will be held on July 14, 2015 at 6 pm at the EKC building. We will eat at 6:30 pm. Please RSVP to Sandy Globa by July 9, 2015 to tell Sandy what dish you wish to bring to share. The club will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments, pop and paper supplies. Hope to see you there!



Upcoming Events

July 14, 2015

APOTC Annual Club Picnic

August 15 -16, 2015

APOTC Obedience and Rally Trials at the Bayfront Convention Center

Important Announcements

General Meetings will be held at the EKC building at 9457 Wattsburg Road, Erie, PA. The next General Meeting will be held July 14, 2015 following the club picnic

Set up for the APOTC Obedience and Rally Trials will be Friday morning, August 14, 2015

Club News and Activities continued

Election News!

The election of APOTC officers and board members was held on June 9, 2015, at the general membership meeting. Congratulations to the 2015-2016 officers and board members!

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Kibbles and Bits

HAVE FUN WHILE TRAINING YOUR DOG SOME COGNITIVE SKILLS

Penny Leigh, AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
June 01, 2015

Training your dog should be fun and include skill building and relationship building, in addition to teaching basic obedience commands. There are many educational, but also entertaining, games that you can play with your dogs to enhance their "IQ" potential. Here are three fun ones that work on attention, communication and reasoning from the [AKC Good Dog! Helpline](#).

Attention:

Teach your dog to give you eye contact. Hold a treat to your forehead or by your eye and ask your dog to look at you. Gradually fade the food to use a hand signal and a verbal command to ask your dog to look at you. Not only does this basic behavior help you get your dog's attention when he is distracted, eye contact also triggers a release of oxytocin in both you and your dog. Oxytocin is

In the Community

Southtowns Dog Training Club

Obedience and Rally Run Thru's at the Southtowns DTC, Hamburg, NY. For more information go to southtownsdtc.com

Youngstown All Breed Training Club

Obedience, Rally and Agility Run Thru's at the Youngstown All Breed TC, North Jackson, OH. For details visit yabtc.com.

Paws in the Park

The Paws in the Park event is scheduled for Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 10 am to 4 pm.

the hormone for attachment between parent and child. Scientists call these “eye hugs.”

Communication:

The Hot & Cold game uses verbal communication and vocal tone to help your dog find a hidden treat or toy. Hide a treat when your dog is not looking. Use a calm tone for colder if your dog moves away from the hidden treat. Use a more excited tone for “hotter” as your dog gets closer to the hidden treat. This game increases listening skills. It also helps build the special “language” shared by you and your dog.

Reasoning:

Let your dog figure out how to pull a string to get a treat. Tie a ribbon or small rope to a treat and hide it under a small platform or piece of furniture, far enough back he cannot reach the treat with his mouth or paw. Encourage your dog to investigate and see how long it takes for him to tug on the string to retrieve the treat. Reasoning skills are essential for developing puppies and older dogs alike. Successful problem solving is also a big confidence booster.

Mental exercise for your dog is just as important as physical exercise for a well-rounded dog. These games and others strengthen not only your dog's mind, but your bond with your canine companion.