

APOTC

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Regular club meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at the Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, 3520 Perry Street, Erie, PA

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

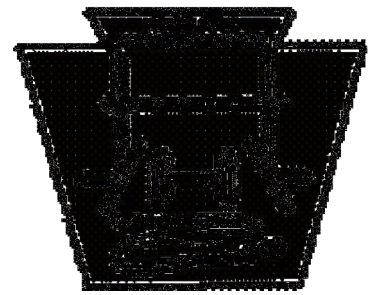
Board of Directors: Melanie Shufan, Mary Alice Piotrowski, Betsy Olson, Jodie Casillo, Sue Eastman, Sandy Globa

Club News and Activities

The annual Edinboro University Potter Fest kicked off on October 12, 2013, at Countryside Agility with the theme of "Kindness to all Creatures". APOTC members demonstrated rally, obedience, agility and presented a video of safety around dogs to a small, but interested crowd. Thank you members who turned out.

The next Babies and Dogs Program will be held at UPMC Hamot Women's Hospital on Tuesday, February 15, 2014 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.

The next general meeting will be held Tuesday, November 12, 2013, at 7pm. Please remember to square away your membership dues payable to APOTC via Ann Gehrlein at the meeting if you have not yet paid them.



Upcoming Events

November 30

Trial Committee meeting
10:00am at Ann Gehrlein's home

November 8-10, 15

APOTC Agility Trials at
Countryside Agility

Important Announcements

Membership dues payable to APOTC via Ann Gehrlein as soon as possible

Annual awards information to Mary Alice Piotrowski no later than December 17, 2013

Club News and Activities continued

It's that time of year again to look back at our accomplishments with our dogs. Please submit your annual awards information to Mary Alice Piotrowski no later than Tuesday, December 17, 2013.

Kibbles and Bits

Thanksgiving is a time for reflection of all that we are thankful for this past year. Regarding our canine companions, if you have an opportunity to donate your time or resources to the local shelters and rescues please consider it.

Health Threat Alert!! Since 2007, the FDA has become aware of an increasing number of illnesses in pets associated with the consumption of jerky pet treats. As of September 24, 2013, the FDA has received approximately 3000 reports of pet illnesses which may be related to the consumption of jerky treats. Most of the reports involve jerky products sourced from China. (Be aware that manufacturers do not need to list the country of origin for each ingredient used in their products, so packages that do not state on the label that they are made in another country may still contain ingredients sourced in China or other countries that export to the U. S.) The treats are sold as jerky tenders or strips and are made with chicken, duck, sweet potato, dried fruit, and in combinations of these ingredients. The majority of the complaints involve dogs, but cats also have been affected. There have been reported more than 3600 dogs, 10 cats and include more than 580 deaths. FDA reports about 60% are for gastrointestinal illnesses (with or without elevated liver enzymes), and about 30% relate to kidney or urinary signs. Despite extensive testing, to date, none of the tests have revealed the cause of the illnesses. Some of the signs to watch for within hours to days of feeding the products are: decreased appetite, decreased activity, vomiting, diarrhea (sometimes with blood), increased water consumption, increased urination. If your dog shows any of the signs, stop feeding the jerky treats and consult your veterinarian. Blood tests may indicate kidney failure (increased urea nitrogen and creatinine). Urine tests may indicate Fanconi-like syndrome (increased glucose). If possible, save the jerky treats and original packaging for FDA testing.



In the Community

Pix for Pets

Pet photo sittings sponsored by Glenwood Pet Hospital to raise funds for Therapy Dogs United on November 16 and 17, 2013. Call 814-864-3019 for more info.

IF YOU HAVE EARNED TITLES THIS YEAR, PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO MARY ALICE BY 12/17/13.
YOU CAN MAIL OR EMAIL

Mary Alice Piotrowski

860 East Street, Waterford, Pa. 16441

Or thepioz@verizon.net

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2013 Titles Earned by Members in Good Standing*

Member's name: _____

Dog's name: _____

Email Address: _____

OBEDIENCE

NAME registry (AKC, UKC, CKC, etc.) title earned and date completed.

If you wish to compete for the traveling trophy, submit scores and the 3 trial dates.

AGILITY

OTHER

List all other performance or conformation titles, with registry and date.

*A member in good standing is defined as a member who has (1) paid their dues;

(2) attended a majority of the monthly meetings; and (3) served as an instructor for our public classes or worked the trial.
