

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 Shufan, Mary Alice Piotrowski,
Betsy Olson, Jodie Casillo, Sue Eastman, Trish Clark

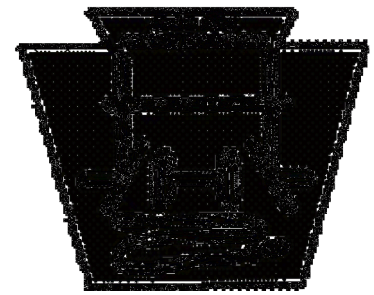
Club News and Activities

Babies and Dogs

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

Get out the vote!

At the general meeting held Tuesday, June 10, 2014, elections for 2014/2015 officers and board members was held. Congratulations to the following newly elected officers and board members:
President: Lee-Ann Czytuck, Vice-President: Marilyn Flower,
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Corresponding Secretary: Janet Norman, Board Members: Betsy Olson, Sue Eastman, Jodie Casillo, Mary Alice Piotrowski, Melanie Shufan, and Trish Clark (training director)



Upcoming Events

September 18

APOTC Obedience classes begin

October 21

Babies and Dogs Program at UPMC Hamot

November 7-9

APOTC Agility Trials at Countryside Agility

Important Announcements

General Meetings will be held at the EKC building at 9457 Wattsburg Road, Erie, PA.

Dues are due! Dues are due September 1, 2014 for the 2014/2015 year.

Club News and Activities continued

Back to School Time!

September is back to school time and APOTC will start obedience classes on September 18, 2014 at the Erie Kennel Club building. Contact Janet Norman for registration and more information.

Dues are Due!

It's that time of year again. Ann Gehrlein is collecting membership dues. Dues must be paid by September 1, 2014.

2014 Obedience and Rally Trials

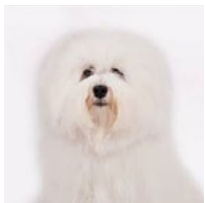
APOTC held the 2014 Obedience and Rally Trials at the Bayfront Convention Center in Erie on August 16 and 17, 2014. The new venue proved to be a plus with the membership, judges and exhibitors. The air conditioning certainly was refreshing and the exhibitors seemed to enjoy the ample crate spacing, large rings, raffle selections and the lovely views that the Bayfront affords when exercising the dogs. Many thanks to all who came out to work and show.

Kibbles and Bits

The Coton de Tulear and Wirehaired Vizsla Gain Full AKC Recognition New York, NY — The pack has expanded!

The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) announced today the Coton de Tulear and Wirehaired Vizsla will be welcomed to its litter of recognized breeds this year, growing AKC's family to 180.

"The AKC is excited to recognize these friendly, outgoing breeds, giving dog lovers everywhere even more choices to fit their lifestyle," said AKC Spokesperson Gina DiNardo. "While they differ in exercise and grooming needs, both are sweet, loyal, loving family companions."



Known as the "Royal dog of Madagascar", the [Coton de Tulear](#) joins the Non-Sporting group. The breed originated on the island of Madagascar and was owned only by nobleman. Cotons are small, sweet dogs with a lot of heart. They thrive on human companionship and make loyal family pets. They get along well with children, as well as other dogs.



In the Community

Paws in the Park

Come to Frontier Park in Erie, PA on September 20, 2014, from 10am to 4pm for Paws in the Park an event to promote responsible dog ownership

Their long, cotton-like coat requires regular brushing. Additional information on the breed can be found on the United States of America Coton de Tulear Club's website at www.usactc.org.



An athletic breed with an excellent nose for hunting and tracking, the [Wirehaired Vizsla](#) joins the Sporting Group. The breed originated in Hungary as a hunting dog that could withstand extreme weather and rough field conditions, which is why they have a long, dense, wiry coat. They are gentle, outgoing, friendly dogs that make wonderful companions. Because of their athletic nature, Wirehaired Vizslas do best with active families. Additional information on the breed can be found on the Wirehaired Vizsla Club of America's website at www.whvca.us.

Both breeds will be eligible to compete in their respective groups beginning July 2nd of this year.

To become an AKC recognized breed there must be a minimum number of dogs geographically distributed throughout the U.S., as well as an established breed club of responsible owners and breeders. Breeds working towards full recognition are recorded in AKC's Foundation Stock Service® (FSS®). More information on the process can be found at akc.org.