



Admiral Perry Obedience Training Club, Inc.

NEWSLETTER

April 2012

APOTC website 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 Shufan
Treasurer:	Ann Gehrlein
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Club News

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10, 2012, at the Emmanuel Presbyterian Church.

The Babies and Dogs program will be held at UPMC Hamot on the third Tuesday of April, July and October, 2012. 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. APOTC trainers and dogs show the importance of having a positive relationship and bond with your dog; keeping in mind the need for good management and a plan for a safe zone for the dog and baby. Also, the need to continue working on obedience is encouraged. Please contact Sandy Globa if you wish to participate.

The APOTC classes will be held at Emmanuel Presbyterian and are scheduled as follows:
Spring class will start March 29, 2012 and Fall class will start September 13, 2012.

Upcoming Events

Bridget Carlsen will conduct an obedience training seminar on June 2, 3 and 4, 2012 in Rochester, NY. The areas to be covered are Training Fundamentals and Motivational Techniques, Heeling with Enthusiasm, and Problem Solving. The Dog Obedience Training Club of Rochester NY is sponsoring the seminar. For more information contact Gail Binder at GEB3679@rit.edu or 585-265-4036.

APOTC will sponsor the CGC test on Saturday, June 2, 2012, at Ann Gehrlein's training building. The fee is \$7 per dog and registration will begin at 10 am. A flyer will be forthcoming.

Looking for an obedience run-thru or fun match? Well, look no farther than Sunday, May 20, 2012, when APOTC will hold an Obedience and Rally Run-Thru at Countryside Agility in Edinboro, PA. Registration starts at 8:30 am for Open and Utility with judging beginning at 9:00 am and registration for Beginner

Novice, Novice and Rally starts at 10:30 am with judging to start after Open and Utility are finished. The cost is \$5.00 per dog per run. Club members are encouraged to come and work and show! See you there!

After you are warmed up at the run-thru in May, come to the APOTC 2012 Rally and Obedience Trials on Saturday and Sunday, August 18 and 19, 2012 at the JMC Ice Arena in Erie, PA. Closing date is August 1, 2012. Premium will be available in June on the website.

The Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs will be holding an informational meeting for all responsible dog owners who have been interested in comparing notes on matters of concern to them on Thursday, May 24, 2012, at the New Castle dog show cluster at 6:00 pm on the show grounds. For many years, people living in Western PA have been asking why the PFDC has little direct contact with clubs in their area. The hope is that this informal meeting will bridge that gap in communication.

Kibbles n Bits

At the end of this newsletter is a chart to grade out the food you feed your dog. This is included as a guide for consumer awareness. The source is from the Elkhart County Humane Society in Elkhart, IN.



	HOW TO GRADE YOUR DOG'S FOOD		
	START WITH A GRADE OF 100	ADD	SUBTRACT
1	For every listing of "by-product", subtract 10 points		
2	For every non-specific animal source (I.e. meat/poultry meal or fat), subtract 10 points		
3	If the food contains BHA, BHT, or ethoxyquin, subtract 10 points		
4	For every grain "mill run" or non-specific grain source, subtract 5 points		
5	If the same grain ingredient is used 2 or more times in the first 5 ingredients (i.e. ground brown rice, brewers rice, rice flour) subtract 5 points		
6	If the protein sources are not meat meal and there are less than 2 meats in the top 3 ingredients, subtract 3 points		
7	If it contains any artificial colorants, subtract 3 points		
8	If it contains ground corn or whole grain corn, subtract 3 points		
9	If corn is listed in the top 5 ingredients, subtract 2 more points		
10	If the food contains any animal fat other than fish oil, subtract 2 points		
11	If lamb is the only animal protein source (unless your dog is allergic to other protein sources), subtract 2 points		
12	If it contains soy or soybeans, subtract 2 points		
13	If it contains wheat (unless you know that your dog is not allergic to wheat), subtract 2 points		
14	If it contains beef (unless you know that your dog is not allergic to beef), subtract 1 point		
15	If it contains salt, subtract 1 point		
EXTRA CREDIT			
1	If any of the meat sources are organic, add 5 points		
2	If the food is endorsed by any major breed group or nutritionist, add 5 points		
3	If the food is baked and not extruded, add 5 points		
4	If the food contains probiotics, add 3 points		
5	If the food contains fruit, add 3 points		
6	If the food contains vegetables (NOT corn or other grains), add 3 points		
7	If the animal sources are hormone-free and anti-biotic free, add 2 points		
8	If the food contains barley, add 2 points		
9	If the food contains flax seed oil (not just the seeds) add 2 points		
9	If the food contains oats or oatmeal, add 1 point		
9	If the food contains sunflower oil, add 1 point		
10	For every different specific animal protein source (other than the 1 st one; count "chicken" and "chicken meal" as only one protein source, but "chicken" and "any other meat source" as 2 different sources), add 1 point		
11	If it contains glucosamine and chondroitin, add 1 point		
12	If the vegetables have been tested for pesticides and are pesticide-free, add 1 point		
SCORE		94-100=A 86-93=B 78-85=C 70-77=D 69 and below=F	
TOTAL			
This exercise is intended only as a guide for consumer ingredient awareness.			