## October 2013 Newsletter Admiral Perry Obedience Training Club

# APOTC

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

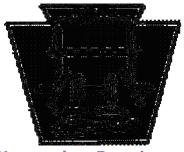
President: Lee-Ann Czytuck, Vice-President: Marilyn Flower, Treasurer: Ann Gehrlein, Recording Secretary: Kathy Croft, Corresponding Secretary: Janet Norman

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

#### **Club News and Activities**

The annual Edinboro University Potter Fest is a weeklong celebration of all things Harry Potter from October12 - 19, 2013. APOTC will get in on the fun with some activities to take place at Countryside Agility on Saturday, October 12, 2013 from 9am – 1pm. In keeping with the theme of "Kindness to all Creatures", APOTC will demonstrate rally, obedience, agility and present a video of safety around dogs. The AKC "Meet the Breeds" will also be featured. Please contact Janet Norman if you and your dog would like to participate.

The Babies and Dogs Program will be held at UPMC Hamot Women's Hospital on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 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.



### **Upcoming Events**

#### October 12

Edinboro University Potter Fest at Countryside Agility

#### October 15

Babies and Dogs Program at UPMC Hamot Women's Hospital

#### October 18 – 20

APOTC Agility Trials at Countryside Agility

## Important Announcements

Membership dues payable to APOTC via Ann Gehrlein by September 30, 2013

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

#### Club News and Activities continued

The next general meeting will be held Tuesday, October 8, 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.

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. The Awards Form will appear in the next newsletter or contact Mary Alice for a copy.

## **Kibbles and Bits**

#### Top 10 Social Breeds

Recently, Yahoo published the top 10 social breeds...the type that make you happy, love to greet people and whose smiling eyes and wagging tails always bring attention their way. Here is the list:

- 1. Beagle Cheerful Companion
- 2. Bichon Frise Clownish and Curious
- 3. Bulldog True People Pleaser
- 4. Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Little Lovebug
- 5. Collie Famously friendly
- 6. Flat-Coated Retriever Carefree and Playful
- 7. French Bulldog Outgoing Attention Seeker
- 8. Irish Setter Affectionate and Active
- 9. Maltese Smart and Charming Chum
- 10. Pug Everybody's Buddy

Did your breed make the list?

#### Trick or Treat!!

Many dog trainers use treats to help the training process along or as a reward/jackpot at the end of a training session. A general recommendation is that the treats should not make up more than 15% to 20% of the dogs total diet. And to keep Fido healthy, avoid toxic pet treats by not overfeeding treats, feed treats with ingredients sourced and assembled in the United States, feed quality treats, offer fresh human foods such as carrots or peas, and/or prepare homemade treats.



## In the Community

#### Erie Kennel Club Open House

EKC will host an Open House on Sunday, October 6, 2013 from 1-6 pm to showcase the new facility

#### **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.