



ERIE KENNEL CLUB

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Erie Kennel Club Christmas Party

December 2nd

Fairview Fire Hall

Board Meeting 4pm

Meal 5 pm

Ham, drinks, and table service will be provided.

Please bring a dish to share.

Friends and family welcome!

BYOB welcome.

RSVP by November 21st (EKC Meeting)

Call Andrea at 431-0073 or 774-8633

Or E-Mail Cindy at funpupcls@juno.com

Please bring a cash donation to benefit Superstorm Sandy animal rescue.

Former EKC member Bonnie Gordon (Dogue de Bordeau breeder and now resident of New Jersey) has suggested donations go to the North Shore Animal League. Money for supplies is desperately needed. More information and stories of Sandy are at:

<http://www.animalleague.org/>

We are also, in lieu of a "human" gift exchange doing a "doggie" gift collection to benefit a local dog rescue. A new or gently used dog supply item, food, blankets, and towels (or cash) will be donated to an organization to be decided at the party.



January at the Bayfront One Sweet Show

The show committee has most details for the January event under control.

An exciting addition for 2013 is the new Owner/Handler Classes. This is the first season that AKC has offered this class.

A cash prize, donated by Rob Tuznik (Paws 'n Claws) Sue Eastman and EKC, will be awarded to best owner/handler for each day. Many EKC members are Owner/Handlers and if you are not on the Committee, you are eligible for this coveted award!

Help is needed for set up and tear down and lots of in between stuff for the three days we are presenting the show. Whether you have special talents or have never done anything like this before, we can use YOU. Contact Deb Anthony at dragonpatch@gmail.com



Meet the Breeds Chair has a special interest in EKC members who are also members of local (ie tri state) specialty breed clubs or performance clubs. Please contact Cindy at funpupcls@juno.com

Important Web Site Information Needed

We are in the process of revising our website and will be including a page listing breeders and services. I have attempted to email everyone in the club who appears to be a breeder to find out whether they would like to be listed on the webpage. However, some of the messages did not go through as email addresses may have changed since our last membership list.

If you have not received my email, and if you are a breeder or offer a service such as grooming, boarding or handling, etc., and would like to be listed, please contact me with the following information:

Breed

Your name and kennel name

Contact information (Your phone number and/or email and/or website)

Do you provide:

Puppies

Older dogs

Stud service

Handling service

Training (conformation/obedience/agility/tracking/other?)

Grooming

Boarding

Information only

Other services such as grooming or boarding

Also, please contact me if there has been a change in your address, telephone, email, or if there is any other correction that should be made to the membership list.

Kathy Croft

wolsten@velocity.net

Membership Update

Please provide Kathy Croft with your most current
Address, phone, email

Kathy Croft wolsten@velocity.net

BRAGS



Judge Christie Bowers and Kim Gebhardt with
MACH Ch Benhil's Shipshape Sadie CD RA OF THER

Long time friend of EKC, Kim Gebhardt, had a very scary week beginning October 14 when two-year old Chili (Portugese Water Dog) escaped from the yard. Chili is co-owned by Joan Bendure and sired by member, Julie Parkers' dog. For four long days many EKC members and friends, family, agility folk and neighbors searched the woods, fields and roads in the area. Julie and Joan were Kim's constant companions in the search. Finally, on the 18th a neighbor farmer called Kim and a scared boy was returned home. Chili was scratched and bruised, thin and hungry but home!

To end the week Kim and her PWD girl Sadie finished a **MACH** at the Erie Kennel Club Agility Trial.

CONGRATULATIONS Kim and Sadie
for ending the week well!

Girard Hall Brag

Brenda Griffin of Edinboro has been coming to the handling run thru with her Sussex Spaniel, Remedi Wild Cherry Tango Down. Brenda took a 5 point major at the Butler Shows and a 3 point in Ohio

Girard Hall Waiver

The Girard Hall Committee has a new waiver for persons to sign on their first visit using the Run-thru format. The waiver of risk includes the handler's contact information and intended use of the facility. This will allow EKC to keep track of the nonmembers using our Run-thru format.

Next Membership Meeting:

Wednesday, November 21, 2012 7:30pm
Waterford Boro Building



Nancy Stadler and Carol Maxwell

EKC helped these two lovely ladies celebrate their birthdays at the October meeting. The cake was beautiful and delicious!

Along with our birthday cake we had a presentation given by Patti Herhold and Bonnie Kotyuk. They spoke about Conformation showing and the process of making your dog a champion. It was a great intro for the performance people of our club and a good review for the Conformation crowd.

Brag at the meeting: Megan and Tim Terella had a successful trip to the Siberian National.

Chuck Moyer and Sam got two points at the Butler show.

Coming Events

November 17, 2012

EKC January Agility Trial OPENS

December 2, 2012

EKC Christmas Party

See this issue for more information

January 4, 5, & 6, 2013

EKC Agility Trial at Countryside

January 12 & 13, 2013

EKC sponsors "Control Unleashed" seminar at Countryside
If you have not received a flyer & enrollment form, contact Janet Norman at jlnorman52@roadrunner.com

January 26 & 27, 2013

All Breed Conformation Show and Obedience Trial

April 12, 13, 14 2013

EKC Agility Trial at Countryside

November President's Message:

The October meeting was an exciting surprise—twenty-seven members and two guests were in attendance! I can't remember a better turnout and I hope this is an indicator of increasing participation and member engagement. Our club has been growing over the past few years and we need our very talented members to come together and make it even better.

The Steering Committee has been busy identifying a variety of committees and positions where members can provide service to the club and earn no-fee use of the training facility as well as their Cabin Fever dinner. We hope to have that information in a clear format soon. Of course, if a member does not have time for an on-going commitment, the original requirement of attending two business meetings per year and working two events is still available. Speaking of Cabin Fever—be sure to send your new titles to Roberta.

We will soon have a new website. The club has contracted with TJB Consulting to design and manage our on-line presence. Along with information about our shows, trials, and community activities, we plan to offer breed referral, a list of member services, and a password protected members-only section. Kathy Croft is the liaison to TJB so contact her with your suggestions or requests.

The Property Search Committee believes they have found the nearly perfect site and the proposal to purchase was approved by an overwhelming majority vote. The property is on Wattsburg Rd (PA Route 8) just 3 miles south of I-90. This location is centrally located and easily accessible—10 minutes from Peach & I-90, 20 miles from NY state line and 30 miles from OH state line. The property has an existing 50'X96' building that can accommodate our need for meetings, social events, indoor training, matches, and seminars. It is on a well-maintained 5 acre parcel with out-buildings that offer the perfect place for our summer picnic as well as outdoor training, matches, or trials. Stay tuned for progress reports!

As required by the By-laws, an internal financial audit was done at the end of the fiscal year. The club is in compliance with appropriate reconciliations, reports, and timely filing of federal reports. However, we did see that there is no written procedure for handling cash income. Beth Terella has offered a solution and her proposal is being considered. In addition, the audit revealed that the club did not have a policy for handling member checks that are returned for insufficient funds. The board considered this issue at their October meeting. Understanding that anyone can make a mistake or have a problem, the board decided that, in addition to resubmitting payment for dues, the member will have to reimburse the club for bank fees but no other action would be taken for a one-time returned check. If the same member has a second returned check, they will be required to reimburse the bank fees and future payments must be paid by cash or postal money-order.

With November comes a return to a full schedule of agility trials and I wish all our teams the best of luck. We are also planning the Christmas Party. Please see the details elsewhere in the newsletter and plan to join in the fun.

And the first of many reminders—volunteers will be needed for set-up and tear-down for the January All-Breed Shows and Obedience Trials at the Bayfront Convention Center. Contact Deb Anthony at dragonpatch@gmail.com to let her know you will be available to help. Many hands make light work!