



# ERIE KENNEL CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

## FEBRUARY

### 2013

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## Erie Kennel Club

## One Sweet Show

## Success!

January 2013 is in the books. We had a record 930+ dogs entered at our All Breed Conformation/Obedience show each day. Both the general public and the exhibitors enjoyed the large variety of vendors.

Everyone involved in Meet the Breeds thoroughly enjoyed getting up close and personal with many different breeds of dogs. The weather held to a frigid roar for our three days, with the week before and after being very stormy. As one out of town exhibitor said when leaving, "It's Erie in January, what do you expect? But you guys have a great show here!"

Hope you have all recovered from the weekend of hard work.

A HUGE THANK YOU to the NWPA K9 SAR group who was our wonderful clean up patrol.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone that helped with the show, from set-up to tear-down, many hands make for light work.

**Great Show! Great Organization! Great Spectators!**

**Thank You Erie!**

Cabin Fever Dinner

February 16, 2013

Venango Valley Inn

21217 U.S. 19 Venango, PA 16440

(814) 398-4330

Located off 1-79 Exit 154. Take Route 198 East (3 mi.) then Route 19 North (4 mi). Use 21217 Church Street Extension, Venango, PA for GPS and Mapquest

Get together and drinks @ 5:30

meal served @ 6 pm.

**There is NO membership meeting February.**  
**2013**

## EKC Web site Members Only

Our website has been revamped and we now have a "members only" section. There, you will find a copy of the member list and archived newsletters.

Everyone will use the same username and password. Navigate to the members only page and enter the following:

Username: EKCmember This is case sensitive.

Uppercase "EKC" and lowercase "member"

Password: EKC2012

Again, this is case sensitive. Uppercase EKC followed by digits 2012....the second digit is a zero, not a letter.

<http://www.NAIAOnline.org>

NAIA

## Staying Connected with NAIA

Dear Friends,

Here is a listing of how you can receive NAIA and NAIA Trust alerts, articles, blogs and other resources:

Sign up here for the NAIA Trust Lobby Center (Capwiz Online Lobby Tool): This tool will enable you to locate and contact your lawmakers – federal, state, and local, from the President down to your local representative.

To download informative brochures and flyers go to this link, and for legislative resources, including NAIA's valuable model legislation, click here!

Finally, you can use this link to subscribe to the NAIA Blog, and this link to follow us on Twitter!

Vann Richie's new address  
Evanna Richie  
10246 NE Sherman Rd  
Ripley, NY 14775  
**Welcome!**  
Cathy Palovcisk  
ladysojourner@hotmail.com  
Dalmatian

Corrections on the 2013 membership list:

Teresa West-Holmes should be: [LuvakisRR@yahoo.com](mailto:LuvakisRR@yahoo.com)

PLEASE PROOF YOUR ADDRESS ON THE MEMBERSHIP LIST!

## Vaccination Seminar

The Pets Perspective is hosting a vaccine seminar, What everyone Needs to Know About Canine/Feline Vaccines & Vaccination Programs, with Dr. Ronald Schultz to benefit The Rabies Challenge Fund

<https://www.facebook.com/events/393094014095162/>  
(please copy & paste link into browser if it doesn't work by clicking on it).

When: Saturday, April 20, 2013, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST

Where: Creekside Banquet Facility Cheektowaga, NY

Cost: \$75 includes lunch, seminar & program book.

Contact: Kelly Ann Bebak ([kelly@thepetsperspective.com](mailto:kelly@thepetsperspective.com))

## Luvakis Rhodesian Ridgebacks Presents Dual Champion Bititi!

While the rest of us EKC members were working on the big show, Teresa and Bititi were on the hunt to finish Bititi's Dual Championship in St Charles KS.

"Yes!!! Despite having the flu (or some other horrible stomach virus), we managed to survive the ring last Sunday & brought home that last elusive single we needed to finish Bititi's DC. She is now DC Luvakis Thomas' Bititi By Ekundu, SC! DC is Dual Champion... for her, it was her Field Championship (lure coursing) and conformation Championship. SC is her Senior Courser title (means she finished 2 solo courses successfully, followed by 4 more successful runs as part of a group of either 2 or 3 hounds)."

Teresa also reports that they have a new arrival as of Jan 1, to help restore the lines we lost when Beans went missing, we purchased a closely related pup (from her Aunt), Tajamani Kindoro at Luvakis ("Kin-dah" for short). She'll be in tow on Tuesdays for class.



DC Bititi in pink lure coursing 2

## PA House Bill 82

### Detrimental to Rights of Animal Owners

In the very near future, the Pennsylvania House is expected to consider House Bill 82 – a bill that would be detrimental to the rights of animal owners. This bill, which is identical to a bill introduced in the General Assembly in 2012, could force owners to relinquish their animals when they are accused of cruelty, regardless of whether the charges are ultimately dismissed. This bill is moving very quickly, so responsible dog owners in Pennsylvania are strongly urged to contact both their State Representative AND their State Senator, and ask them to not support House Bill 82 as currently written.

#### Summary:

House Bill 82, which is identical to HB 2409 from 2012, addresses the procedures and costs associated with impounding an animal when its owner is accused of animal cruelty as defined in current state law. The AKC strongly supports the humane treatment of dogs and believes that no dog should be kept in circumstances where its needs cannot be adequately fulfilled. The AKC also agrees that those convicted of animal cruelty should be held accountable, including paying for the costs of caring for the animals they mistreated.

As currently written, however, several provisions in this bill would have detrimental impacts on animal owners ultimately found “not guilty” or released of charges, including:

- **Possibility of losing all ownership rights before a verdict is reached** – If the person accused of animal cruelty fails to pay the amount mandated by the court *at any time* during the trial, they will permanently forfeit all ownership rights for their animals – even if they are eventually found not guilty, or charges are dismissed.
- **Potential for extensive costs of care during a lengthy trial** – The bill limits “reasonable costs of care” to \$15/day per animal, in addition to “necessary medical care” as determined by a licensed veterinarian and documented by invoices. However, depending on the length of the trial and the costs of veterinary care, this could still prove to be a significant cost to animal owners. If the owner is found not guilty or released from the charges, they will only be reimbursed for the amounts not used.

Responsible Pennsylvania dog owners are strongly encouraged to contact their State Representative and Senator and ask them to not support House Bill 2409 as currently written.

. For questions or more information, contact the Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs at [pennfedlaw@verizon.net](mailto:pennfedlaw@verizon.net) or AKC GR at (919) 816-3720 or [doglaw@akc.org](mailto:doglaw@akc.org) .

## EKC Calendar:

**THERE IS NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING FEBRUARY 2013**

February 16, Cabin Fever

February 23, Eye Clinic Contact: Esther Kostelnic  
[telme@verizon.com](mailto:telme@verizon.com)

February 28, NW PA K9 SAR Fund raiser at JR's Last Laugh  
<http://www.nwpak9sar.org/> Advanced reservations required see attached flyer

The ABC's of Dog Breeding and Practical Canine Anatomy and Movement

by

Claudia Waller Orlandi, PhD

Who: Claudia Waller Orlandi, PhD

What: ABC's of Dog Breeding Seminar and Practical Canine Anatomy and Movement Seminar

When: Saturday, October 26, 2013 ABC's at 8:30AM PCAM at 2:00PM

Where: Westmoreland County Obedience Training Club, Delmont North Industrial Park, Potter Lane, Delmont, PA ([www.wcotc-dogs.com](http://www.wcotc-dogs.com) for more information and directions)

## Elmira Kennel Club Match

Sunday March 10, 2013

Southside High School, Elmira, NY

For more information contact

Barb Hastings

[Baruhast3@verison.net](mailto:Baruhast3@verison.net)

## Grieving the Loss of Your Pet.

Rebecca Cagle has just released her newest Print and Kindle book “Grieving the Loss of Your Pet: How to Survive Your Journey” and Answers the Questions: “What Should I be Feeling When I Lose My Pet?” and “How Long after I Lose My Pet Should I Grieve?”

Contact: Rebecca Cagle, BS, CAPLC

Web Site: [www.EmpowermentLifeCoach.com](http://www.EmpowermentLifeCoach.com)