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Cabin Fever

EKC's awards dinner "Cabin Fever" enjoyed a large number of members. We came together to celebrate Club members and their dogs who earned AKC titles in 2013. Cabin Fever was at the Club House which converted from a training ring to a great spacious banquet facility. Valerio's restaurant catered. (didn't you all think that food was great?!) Roberta gave out many earned awards.



Membership Meeting
Wednesday, March, 19
9457 Wattsburg Road
Erie, PA 16509
Board Meeting 6:30
Membership Meeting 7:30
Guest speaker: Diane Kwiatkowski
presenting information about the
MDR1 gene

<p align="center">March 1 Eye Clinic</p> <p>We had 65 eye exams and 8 microchips at this clinic and it ran smoothly for the most part. Esther</p>	<p align="center">CONFORMATION CLASS</p> <p>David and Deborah Anthony are teaching a Conformation Class. They have a good number of eager students working each Wednesday evening on the fine techniques of handling.</p>		
 <p align="center">Esther Kostelnic</p>	 <p align="center">Patti Herhold</p>	 <p align="center">Deb reviews protocols</p>	 <p align="center">David explains stacking aid</p>
 <p align="center">Chuck Moyer</p>	 <p align="center">Bonnie Kotyuk</p>	 <p align="center">Table stacking Debbie and Katie</p>	 <p align="center">Stacking with an aid. Sam Jagta and Fred.</p>
<p align="center">Rally Class</p> <p>April 4th thru May 9th (6 week course), 6-8pm Members:\$50 Non-Members: \$65 Instructors: Teresa West-Holmes & Pat Martin Participants must pre-register and pre-pay. No exceptions. Registration attached or download from website.</p>	<p align="center">Guest Speaker March Meeting</p> <p>Diane Kwiatkowski will present information about the MDR1 gene. Collies and dogs in some other breeds may possess a mutation of this gene. Information about this drug sensitivity could save your dog's life.</p>		
<p align="center">EKC Welcomes APOTC</p> <p>Admiral Perry Obedience Training Club will begin their puppy and beginner obedience classes at our clubhouse beginning March 27. This partnership is an opportunity for both clubs to recruit new members and serves our obligation to provide service to the community. APOTC will also hold their monthly meeting at the Club house the second Tuesday of each month beginning March 11 at 7pm. Guests are welcome.</p>	<p align="center">Westminster 2014</p> <p>The Erie area was well-represented at the big Westminster Show. Best of Breed winner: GCH Trinity's Tucked Under His Wing, ASCOB Cocker Spaniel owned by Edinboro area's Stacey Dobmeier Siberian Husky Best of Breed: GCH Snowmist's Quicksilver Speigas, Tim Terella Von Hof's Billy the Kid got a good look over in the breed class owned by Frankie and Dennis Von Hof</p>		
<p align="center">Seminars</p> <p>Is there a special speaker you would like to hear? Others would be interested, too. Ask Janet to look into bringing that person in for a seminar! Janet Norman jlnorman52@roadrunner.com</p>	<p align="center">EKC April Agility Trial</p> <p>Be sure to tell Marilyn when you will be available to work for the April 11, 12, 13 Agility Trial Marilyn Flower wmflower@roadrunner.com</p>		
<p align="center"><u>Important Notice</u></p> <p align="center">Monday March 10 Obedience Practice is CANCELLED Conformation Practice Will be held MONDAY MARCH 10, 6:30-8:00pm</p>			

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2	3 Obed practice 6:30-8pm	4 Conformation practice 6:30-8pm	5 Conformation Class 6:30-7:30pm	6	7	8
9	10 Conformation practice 6:30-8pm	11 APOTC Meeting 7:00pm	12 Conformation Class 6:30-7:30pm	13	14	15
16	17 Obed practice 6:30-8pm	18 Conformation practice 6:30-8pm	19 EKC meetings BOD 6:30 Members 7:30	20	21	22
23	24 Obed practice 6:30-8pm	25 Conformation practice 6:30-8pm	26 Conformation Class 6:30-7:30pm	27 APOTC Obedience classes 5pm	28	29
30	31 Obed practice 6:30-8pm					

APRIL 2014 EKC Clubhouse Activities

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Conformation practice 6:30-8pm	2	3 APOTC Obedience classes 5pm	4 Rally Class 6-7pm <i>Registered students only</i>	5 9:30-11am Obed 11-12pm-Puppy Play 12-1:30pm- Conformation
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**ERIE KENNEL CLUB, INC.
RALLY CLASS REGISTRATION FORM**

April 4th thru May 9th, 2014

Fridays 6pm-7pm

Class location: Erie Kennel Club building, 9457 Wattsburg Rd, Erie, PA 16509

Name of owner/trainer: _____

Address of owner/trainer: _____

Phones: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Email Address: _____ @ _____

Dog's (call) name: _____ Breed: _____

Male Female Dog's age: _____ Neutered: Yes No

Name of Veterinarian: _____

How did you hear about our classes? _____

WAIVER, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND AGREEMENT TO HOLD HARMLESS

I understand that attendance at a dog obedience training class is not without risk to myself, members of my family or guests who may attend, or my dog, because some of the dogs to which I/we may be exposed may be difficult to control and may be the cause of family injury even when handled with the greatest amount of care.

I hereby waive and release Erie Kennel Club, Inc., and its members from **any all liability of any nature for injury or damage which I/we or my dog suffer, including** specifically, but not limited to, any injury or damage resulting from the action of any dog, and I/we expressly assume the risk of any such damage or injury while attending the training session or other function of the school, or while on the training grounds or the surrounding area thereto.

In consideration of an as inducement to the acceptance of my application for training membership in this obedience training class, I/we hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless this school, its employees, owners and agents from any and all claims by any member of my family or other person accompanying me to any training session or function of the school or while on the grounds or the surrounding area thereto as a result of any action by any dog, including my own.

Signature of owner or authorized agent: _____ Date: _____

Registration Fees:

\$50.00 - EKC Members

\$65.00 - Non-Members

Registration form and payment must be received prior to the first night of class.

Please include a copy of the dog's current immunization record from your veterinarian (home records not accepted) along with a check made payable to Erie Kennel Club, Inc. with your completed registration form.

Registration Form, Vaccination Record and Payment for Rally Class should be mailed to:

Teresa West-Holmes
6153 Webster Rd.
Brocton, NY 14716
Questions, please contact Teresa:
716-792-2055 or LuvakisRR@yahoo.com

FOR CLUB USE ONLY

Conformation

Rally

Shot Record

Paid \$ _____ Check # _____

EKC Rally Novice Class

Friday evenings from 6-7PM (Please arrive 10-15 minutes early.)

Classes start April 4th and will run for 6 consecutive weeks.

Rally (also known as Rally-O or Rally Obedience) is a fun, low-pressure companion dog sport for you and your dog to enjoy. It is a great way to ease into the world of competitive dog obedience or just simply create a stronger bond between you and your canine companion. At the judge's command of "forward", the dog/handler team heels throughout a course of "stations", each with a different challenge, many of which are relatable to real-life heeling experiences. Unlimited communication from handler to dog is encouraged and not penalized. AKC offers three levels of Rally competition: Novice, Advanced and Excellent, and 4 levels of titling: RN, RA, RE and RAE. This foundation class is designed for those who have not competed in AKC Rally and wish to begin; although more advanced signs may be discussed, focus will primarily fall to the AKC Rally Novice station signs (#1-31).

This class is limited to 8 participants and is by pre-registration only. (Please see registration form for details.) This limitation is to allow each dog/handler team adequate working space when on the floor as an entire class and minimal down-time when entire courses are being run during class.

You will learn:

- where to get information on finding and entering AKC Rally events
- how to enter a trial
- what to wear at a trial
- how to get the Rally rules and regulations
- how to walk a Rally course
- what the Novice Rally signs are and how to perform them
- how you are scored, what deductions are taken for, causes for an NQ score
- what titles you may obtain and how to obtain them

Prerequisite:

- you and your dog must be able to heel on a loose lead and understand sit and down commands
- ideally, your dog can also perform a 6' recall (on-lead), as well as have at least one finish
- this course does NOT teach you the obedience exercises. You must work on your own to teach your dog whatever exercise you need
- you must be able to arrive 15 minutes prior to the class to set up the equipment, and you must participate in putting the equipment away at the end of class
- your dog must be crated in the building or in your car during set up and tear down
- dogs crated in the building must NOT be allowed to bark excessively either while crated or while working.

Please bring with you:

- your registration form and payment if not yet submitted (space is limited, therefore, those who choose to bring registration and payment to the first night of class cannot be guaranteed a spot; participants will receive confirmation of their spot in class once these items have been received by the instructor)
- a tired, hungry dog (a tired dog is easier for you to work with and learns more quickly; a hungry dog sees more value in the treats you offer them)
- a crate (for use while setting up and tearing down)

small, high-value treats (small bits of chicken or steak, cut-up pieces of Pup-Peroni or any of the "small dog" treats made by Bil-Jac, such as Little-Jacs, Breakfast Jacs or Little Gooberlicious); treats should be cut down to the size of an eraser head

4' or 6' lead (leather is preferable, chain or metal leads are NOT allowed), an additional short lead, such as a traffic lead is acceptable (no tab leads, please)

training collar (this can be a standard "street" collar, traditional training collar, martingale or martingale hybrid collar; it is preferable for your dog not to work on a headcollar, as these are not allowed in competition. The use of a body harness or prong collar will NOT be allowed; if this is your only collar brought to class, you will be asked to observe class that week but not participate.)

a water dish and fresh water

your Rally bag and all contents (provided the first week of class, please be sure to note your name or your dog's name on your bag)