



# PUPPY TALES

News & Views From  
Erie Kennel Club



## President's Message~

### SPRING IS HERE?

This winter has been a long and painful one for most of us. The clubhouse has suffered in a number of ways. Snow literally flattened one of the exhaust vents on the roof because the ice/snow acted like a slow moving glacier going down the steel roof. That caused the one heater to stop working. The vent on the other one is bent over and needs replaced but fortunately is still letting the heater work. The vent for the hot water tank is also damaged as well as the PVC vent for the plumbing, which actually broke below the roof line. The holes in the roof where these pass through appear to have been made a little larger. Chuck and I tried to save a few dollars by removing one vent but after getting on the roof and seeing how hard it was to get the one vent off we thought it best to hire an expert for the remainder of the job. There was some water leakage into the building but it doesn't appear there was any damage from that. I'm hopeful the repairs can be made by the time you read this.

The entrance to the front door was badly heaved and we had to remove the cement pads so the door would open wide enough and then a large dip occurred due to settling when we had a small thaw. And you all know the shape the parking lot is in. Hopefully this is all that has happened. All these things and more result in increased costs to the club. We need to do what we can to increase our income so if anyone has any novel ideas on raising funds please bring your ideas to the next meeting. We are planning on having a garage sale at the clubhouse in May as a fundraiser. Start setting your items aside that you have been wanting to get rid of all these years. More details to come on how this will all work out!

Hope to see a bigger number at the April meeting. Set the evening of April 15 aside and come join us.

*Lou*



**Next membership meeting**  
7:30pm, April 15, 2015  
9457 Wattsburg Rd, Erie Pa 16509

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Domenic Gigliotti, International Sales Manager  
TLC Whole Life Pet Food is a privately owned  
Canadian dog food manufacturer. The company  
has been in business for more than 20 years and  
has never had a recall. [www.tlcpetfood.com](http://www.tlcpetfood.com)  
Mr. Gigliotti offers a discussion on canine  
nutrition and will bring product samples.

**Domenic needs to know how much to bring, so  
please let me know if you plan to attend and  
also indicate if you are a breeder. If you do not  
RSVP, you may not get a sample.**  
[cmaxwell1020@verizon.net](mailto:cmaxwell1020@verizon.net) or txt to 384-3670



Is your house cluttered? Do you have things you'd like to get rid of—household items, unwanted gifts, dog items, etc.?

Or maybe you have crafty things you'd like to sell.

If so, you may be interested in participating in a garage sale at the Kennel Club building on Friday and Saturday, May 29 and 30.

At a measly \$10 per day, you could make lots of \$\$\$ selling off your unwanted items!

Anyone interested should contact Kathy Croft: 899-2575 or [wolsten@verizon.net](mailto:wolsten@verizon.net) no later than May 5th

Please welcome new member, Michele Pitonyak, & add her to your membership list.  
399 Middle Rd, Conneaut, Ohio 44030  
Cell: 440-265-9700  
Email: [2pawsup@suite224.net](mailto:2pawsup@suite224.net)  
Breeds: Standard Poodle & Portuguese Water Dog  
Interests: Obedience, Flyball  
Also a member of the Ashtabula Kennel Club

## Speaking From Experience

By Pat Martin



### Upcoming Events

#### Rally Classes

Cindy will be starting Beginner and Advanced Rally Classes Friday, April 24.

Contact Cindy for description and application forms  
[funpupcls@juno.com](mailto:funpupcls@juno.com) 814-774-8633

#### Conformation Stewarding Class

Presented by Judy Withee

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

EKC Building 9457 Wattsburg Rd

6:30PM to about 9:30PM depending on questions

Limited to 15 attendees

No charge

**RSVP:** Janet 866-5609 or

[JLNORMAN52@roadrunner.com](mailto:JLNORMAN52@roadrunner.com)

#### April 10, 11, & 12—Erie Kennel Club Agility Trial

at Countryside Agility Training Center. We can always use more workers, especially Sunday afternoon, No experience necessary. Come run around with us!

Contact Marilyn Flower to volunteer

[wmflower@roadrunner.com](mailto:wmflower@roadrunner.com)

#### April 10, 11, & 12—The Rochester Collie Club is

hosting a Handling Seminar at our club. We really hope “3<sup>rd</sup>-Time’s-the-Charm” holds true. Surely, this event can’t be thwarted by bad weather again!!

Clubhouse clean-up scheduled for Wednesday April 8 at 6pm. Let Janet know if you can help.

#### May 17<sup>th</sup> -Sunday at 2pm— SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Spring Cleaning Day-inside and outside. Will have details at April & May meetings, in May newsletter, and will send email reminders.

Is anyone having difficulty seeing or accessing the Google Calendar? Please let Janet know if you are.

2 items come to mind this month

1) I live in a household of one...plus dogs.

When I decide to train a pup for the breed ring, I have no one to examine this dog for me, until I can get to class. This winter was especially hard for all of us to do that. I have quite a bit of experience with clicker training, but only 2 hands! This is what I do: every day, I touch the dog on top of, or somewhere on, the muzzle and gradually build on that. Of course, I do this in a friendly way, no force, and, I pay the dog to allow me to do it, by treating for each step. I even stick my fingers in the dog’s mouth, not exactly like the judge does, but in a way that gets the dog used to having his muzzle handled. Again, no force, this is a friendly game! I do the same thing for examining the body, step by step, no force, friendly, but thorough and gentle. The actual clicker is not necessary, it only gets in my way, so I use the word, “YES”, and they quickly learn that a treat will follow.

Life is a game, or so my dogs tell me...

2) This issue is on my mind, because it happens to all of us at one time or another. When my dog has diarrhea, I turn to my natural remedy kit first. The homeopathic remedy of choice is: Arsenicum 30c.

This remedy matches the picture of poison. Poison you ask? Yes, when the body believes it has been invaded by a toxin, even if that 'toxin' comes in the form of a meaty raw bone, the body reacts and quickly gets everything out of the body that it does not like. When I give the 3 little white pills, I expect the dogs' body to respond within 30 minutes, maybe less. If I do not get that response, I will go to my kit and choose a different one. When there is a soft stool, not quite diarrhea, I will give them a capsule or 2 of Slippery Elm Bark. I could go on, and, maybe I will, next month!

*Editor’s Note: Pat Martin has been a member since 2001 and has trained and shown her dogs in conformation, obedience, rally & agility for more than 40 years. She retired from her position with The USPS earlier this year so she now has more time and has volunteered to share her experience in this column. If you have question or comments, email Pat at [Dalo488@aol.com](mailto:Dalo488@aol.com)*

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