



PUPPY TALES

News & Views From
Erie Kennel Club



All-Breed Shows and Obedience Trials

January 24 & 25, 2015

The January 2015 All-Breed Dog Shows & Obedience Trials are now in EKC's history book of "sweet success". We can all take pride in this accomplishment as our entries remained stable while other clubs across the country are showing a decline. We had exhibitors from 26 states showcasing their purebred dogs along with the District of Columbia and our neighbor country to the north with entries from Canada. The Erie community supported our club this year with increased enthusiasm as we realized an increase in spectator gate sales over last year. While there were a few bumps in the road with the new construction at the Bayfront Convention Center, many positive comments by exhibitors and spectators were shared with the committee and how they look forward to this event every January during the season of the doldrums.



The huge success of a show of this magnitude hinges on our teamwork and your volunteer efforts. All jobs are equally important and you are deeply appreciated for all that you did on behalf of the club.

A special note of thankfulness to the event committee for their countless hours of preparation that went into planning for this year's annual show and to Romolo Chocolates and all members who contributed trophies

I salute you all and thank you for your role in continuing to make our show one of the best in the country. We have already begun writing the chapter for January 2016.

With heartfelt appreciation and God bless,

Jeanne Stiner

EKC Show Chair

From the Obedience Chair:

This year there were 40 entries on Saturday and 37 on Sunday and we are striving to increase entries for next year.

Each exhibitor I spoke with loved our venue and stated they will be back next year. One person even stated she will spread the word about our trial, especially the room where we held the trial.

This year's High in Trial on Saturday went to Ann Marie Tomazic and her Great Dane out of the Open B class with a 194.

Sunday High in Trial went to Ann Spiegel and her German Shorthaired Pointer out of the Novice A class with a 190.5. We always have to wait until the end of the day to find out who wins HIT. You never know who will earn the award!

I want to thank my stewards, who always do a great job!

Janet



President's Message~

Members of the Erie Kennel Club have a lot to be proud of when they look at the successful show we just completed—successful in ways more than dollars when you consider the number of those who helped, especially newer members. For the first time, we had ambassadors to help exhibitors with their equipment and to find their grooming areas. Our first ambassadors, John Maginaw, Betsy Olson, Martha and Michael Campbell, graciously and effectively represented our club and many exhibitors expressed their appreciation. Nicole Diley assisted with vendors and was a great help to me. People showed up early and got to work laying plastic, helping vendors unload and marking the grooming areas. Likewise, cleanup went pretty smoothly even though our numbers had dwindled.

I never fail to hear a number of great comments from vendors on the help our members provide in setting up and moving them out. We seem to be a singular club that offers such a benefit. I don't know who to thank for that idea, but it is has been so beneficial that it had me turning some vendors away due to lack of space. In addition, nearly all vendors were pleased with the successful weekend they had. Spectators add a lot to the success of our show because they support the vendors and help defray the big cost of the convention center rental. So keep talking up the show through the year to potential exhibitors and spectators. We can't put on a show without all of us having a contribution in some way, even if it's only attracting new exhibitors and the public to come and watch.

Thanks to all who put forth so much effort to make the show a crowd-pleaser and genuine success.

I hope this trend of members helping and being active continues as we go along because it has been disappointing to see attendance drop at our monthly meetings. I know holidays and weather keep some people away but I don't think those are the only reasons. When the bylaws were being revised and elections were taking place, we had a number of members attend that we had not seen in some time. Seems as though some attend only when they feel their own interests may be impacted. That's really unfortunate though not uncommon. When I speak to members of other clubs it is not unusual to hear that a very few of the total membership do most of the work

and attend the meetings on a regular basis. I wonder why people belong to a club and take no active interest in it. We all lead busy lives but a club can only exist **successfully** if a majority of the members take an **ACTIVE** interest in its purpose and continuance. We belong to clubs because we have a common interest, enjoy the camaraderie, help each other grow, share ideas and promote our ideals to others outside the club. I have to admit the meetings may not be the most entertaining or exciting happening in a month, but there is a need for members to meet and know what is going on and present their own thoughts and enjoy each other's company. There is little benefit to a club whose members only pay dues for the benefits they derive. I encourage everyone to make a greater effort to attend meetings and pitch in when the request is made for help. The club will become much stronger and better if we will give just a little more to **help each other** because that's what a club is, helping one another as well as the community when we are able. Realize with a club our size that only members can create benefits for the membership.

Lou



CABIN FEVER 2015

Sunday February 22

If you plan to participate, send your list of titles earned in 2014 to

Roberta at

poltergeist@windstream.net

or 814-789-3232

Include Registered Name and titles

Dinner will be catered

Social hour at 2pm (BYOB) Dinner at 3pm

RSVP by February 13, 2015

to Andrea

Text or call 431-0073

Lou Norman, President ♦ Andrea Bubna, Vice president ♦ Roberta Cutshall, Rec Secretary ♦ Kathy Croft, Cor. Secretary ♦ Janet Norman, Treasurer
Board members: Marilyn Flower ♦ Anthony Stefanelli, ♦ Jeanne Stiner ♦ Dennis von Hof
Breed Referral: Cindy Stubenhofer ♦ Training & Education Coordinator: Janet Norman ♦ Sunshine Chair: Melanie Shufan

Spring Eye Clinic OFA Eye, microchip, & DNA

February 28, 2015 at Camboro
Veterinary Hospital
Contact Esther Kostelnik for
appointments and information.
telme@verizon.net

HELP

We need help cleaning the
building for **two events** this
month.

The **first** is for the RCC Handling
Seminar starting at 4:30PM on
Friday, February 13th. Help is
needed to clean before they arrive.
We are calling all members who are
available to clean the building at
10AM on the 13th.

Our **second** event is our Cabin
Fever Dinner. Set up and cleaning
will be on Saturday, February 21st
at 10:00AM.

Please contact Janet at 866- 5609
or jlnorman52@roadrunner.com if
you are able to help.

Reminder:

When leaving the building,
please lower thermostat to 55,
turn off right and left ceiling
lights (leave center lights on),
and unplug all appliances. Last
month a coffee pot was left on
and the carafe was scorched.
This is an obvious fire hazard so
please be vigilant and do your
part to protect our club.



Next membership meeting
7:30pm, March 18, 2015
9457 Wattsburg Rd, Erie Pa 16509

