



PUPPY TALES

News & Views From
Erie Kennel Club



President's Message~

Aloha!

Janet and I just returned from ten days on two Hawaiian Islands. Consequently I haven't been thinking too much about club business but we were stress free for at least the time we were there! I have a daughter who lives there or we most likely would not have made this our destination. Why we returned to 40-degree weather makes no sense! It was nice while it lasted.

At our April meeting I did a very rough job of attempting to explain how we hope to manage clubhouse maintenance in the future. I will go into further detail at the next meeting but essentially we need the time and talents of members. We need leaders to organize and call on people to get work done in various categories. Members can choose an area to devote time and many signed up at the last meeting for Grounds, Building Maintenance, Housekeeping or Training. Anyone not participating at all would owe \$5.00 (or the on-going rate for non-members) any time they use club services, and they would not be eligible for reduced costs at classes or events (seminars) or free dinner at Cabin Fever. As a beginning in this new program, please come to our cleanup day on May 17th at 2:00. An example of some tasks to be done or possibly done: finish digging drain in front of the building, mow grass, cut and remove dead trees on the property, clean up area around pavilion, burn brush pile. Bring your favorite pick, axe, chainsaw, wheelbarrow or rake and shovel to the party since the club has few tools. We'll have something to eat and drink so you don't run out of energy.

Lou



Next membership meeting

7:30pm, May 20, 2015

9457 Wattsburg Rd, Erie Pa 16509

GUEST SPEAKER

Ruth Prest, CPL Prison Puppy Liaison for SCI-Albion and SCI-Cambridge Springs will present information about Canine Partners for Life and discuss what the service dogs do for their recipients.



New Member Application

The following person has applied for election to membership and has fulfilled the requirements as stated in Article II, Section 3, paragraph a of the EKC By-laws. Any objections must be filed with the Corresponding Secretary in writing within two (2) weeks after the publication in the newsletter.

Sara Hollabaugh

6361 Old State Rd

Edinboro, PA 16412

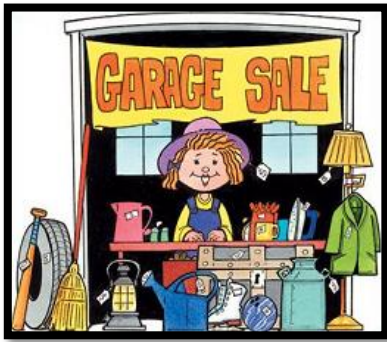
Phone: 814-504-7855

Breed: Pyrenean Shepherd

Sara would like a mentor

Note: no email





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 no later than May 5th



Conformation Stewarding Class

Planned for April 22 was cancelled because the presenter, Judy Withee, had car trouble and was unable to get to Erie. We will let you know when it is rescheduled.



After two cancellations, The Collie Club of Rochester successfully hosted a Winslow Way Handling Seminar with Rose Chandless at our clubhouse last month. Many who participated were pleased and our own Charlene Cyphert won an award for Most Improved Handler.



Annual Spring Cleaning Day May 17th - Sunday at 2pm

Since we have cleaned the interior several times over the winter—before Christmas Party, before Cabin Fever, and three times in preparation for the Handling Seminar, the inside should not be difficult. Lou and Chuck are planning on taking down some dying or unstable trees. We will need people to clear brush, move and stack the wood in a central location and also to pick up winter debris to protect the mowers.



BARN HUNT SEMINAR

Discussions underway—watch for more info

Speaking From Experience

By Pat Martin

Quote from *Dog Training for Dummies*, by Jack and Wendy Volhard

The 'Pack Drive' consists of behaviors associated with reproduction, being part of a group or pack, and being able to live by the rules. Dogs are social animals that evolved from the wolf. To hunt prey, that is mostly larger than themselves, wolves have to live in a pack. To assure order, they have to adhere to a social hierarchy governed by strict rules of behavior. An ability to be part of a group and to fit in is important, and, in the dog, is translated into a willingness to work with us as part of a team. We can all apply this directly to our 'pack'.