



PUPPY TALES

News & Views From
Erie Kennel Club



President's Message~

It looks like spring is on the horizon and we can be relieved winter was a lot more mild that last year.

Although we didn't suffer any building damage we do have a small leak around the rear heating vent that needs checked. I have not checked the wooded area to see if any trees might have fallen onto the neighbor's property or onto the picnic shelter. Depending on the weather we can determine if a work day is possible the Sunday following the meeting, which would be the 24th of April. At that time we can check the property lines for fallen trees and perhaps get mowers running and start some general cleanup and beautification.

Please pay attention to the upcoming events section and plan your schedules so you can devote some time to helping out at the events.

Lou



Next membership meeting

7:30pm, April 20, 2016
9457 Wattsburg Rd, Erie Pa 16509



Upcoming Events:

- **EKC Agility Trial**~April 15-16-17, 2016 at Countryside
- **April Spring Clean-up**~TBA
- **Barn Hunt Match TBA**~June 18, 2016 -
- **Nominating Committee** needs to be appointed- June 15, 2016. Contact Lou if you're interested in being on the committee
- **EKC Picnic** ~July 2016
- **Dues notices** sent out~July, 2016
- **APOTC Obedience & Rally Trials** - Bayfront Convention Center~August 20, 21, 2016 - Closing date 8/3/2016
- **Dues need to be paid** on or before September 1, 2016
- **EKC Agility Trial**~September 30, October 1, 2, 2016
- **Fall Eye Clinic**~ September 17, 2016 at Camboro Veterinary Hospital. Contact Esther Kostelnik for appointments at telme@verizon.net or 814-398-8853
- **EKC Agility Trial**~October 21, 22, 23, 2016
- All Breed Show at the BCC~January 28-29, 2017



New Member Application

The following person(s) 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.

Bonnie Conley
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Breed – Border Collie

Interests – tracking, field work, herding & Rally



The American Kennel Club is pleased to announce the launch of a new event called Fast CATSM.

The Fast CAT test is a timed 100-yard-dash where a dog chases a lure. Dogs are run one at a time. It is a fun and healthy activity for dogs and their owners that answers the intriguing question – how fast can my dog run? The event is open to all dogs that are at least twelve months of age and are individually registered or listed with the AKC (registered purebred, FSS, PAL or AKC Canine Partner).

“The popularity of the coursing ability test demonstrates the enthusiasm of a dog when their inner instinct is awakened,” says Doug Ljungren, Vice President for Sports & Events. “Now that same enthusiasm can be timed to

determine how fast your dog can run. Who knows, you many have a national caliber track star sitting next to you. The national rankings by breed will show how your dog compares.”

All AKC clubs currently licensed to hold lure coursing trials or coursing ability tests are automatically licensed to hold Fast CAT and can begin to hold events immediately. All other AKC member or licensed clubs may apply to the Performance Events Department (PerformanceEvents@akc.org) to become licensed to hold Fast CAT, provided they have the experience, equipment and location to hold a safe event. Another option is for clubs that have a suitable location but may not have the knowledge or manpower to hold Fast CAT to consider partnering with an existing AKC lure coursing club to hold Fast CAT in conjunction with their event. Fast CAT may be held as either a stand-alone event or in conjunction with other AKC events. In all cases the Fast CAT test must be applied for as a separate event with its own event number.

Additional information is posted on the AKC’s [Fast CAT webpage](#)

